

Warehouse Point Fire Commission
Special Meeting
9/26/2016
89 Bridge Street East Windsor, CT 06078
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Attendance: Zack Farrah, Dean Saucier, Mike Balf, John Burnham, Lou Flynn, absent Vic DeCapua.

Added: N/A

New Business:

Incentive Program:

Dean- The incentive is flawed with the structure of pay and who gets what.

James Barton- We should look at the program and see if we can change it to get more guys to a call.

John- We can look at budget and see what would work

James- We have had extra money when it was under the town in the past

Mike- We hit 300 calls for the year today

Lou- We must to take a look the entire program to increase guys coming to a call. We need to make a plan to make this all work in the future.

James- We will look at this and make a plan. We should adopt what we have for 2016-2017.

Motion to adopt the incentive program as currently presented for 2016-2017 Dean Saucier, Zack Farrah second. All in favor

Motion to go out of order to the 105 with Carl Landolina present John Burnham, Zack Farrah second. All in favor

105//DISTRICT EXPANSION:

We need to adopt the 105 for the purpose of expansion per the Town Attorney. Carl feel it is a good idea but not mandatory. Chapter 105 allows 9 members on the commission. Special act limited borrowing money to only 5000.00, 105 you can borrow money with not limited, just the votes of the tax payer. To become a 105 you would need a town vote, 2/3 vote with 15 people.

Dean- Downside?

Lou- It is an idea ahead of its time. Merging the two sides of town is not going to have local control. The problem is some people want a town wide fire department. This whole plan is not taught out. We have our money for this year. I do not support this. Why are we doing all this?

Dean- I agree we should wait, we need a better plan to go to Broad Brook. It would give them for incentive to join the district.

Mike- The district is doing all this to equalize the tax.

Lou- The town is giving us this problem, sticking it to us.

John- Last year we asked the tax payer to approve the budget which they did, next year it won't be the same. We can't keep waiting.

Dean- We need to fix our problems, then show BB what we can do.

Lou- Everyone around this table should be protecting the district, we are moving in the direction of one town fire department.

John- It will be 9 people from the town of East Windsor running the fire protection.

Rich- I don't understand, the budget will not get passed again. Then we will have no money. My way of thinking the town is sitting waiting for us to fix the problem.

James Barton- The people of the district are paying for fire service on both sides of town. I do not want to pay for paid people on BB on top of my fire tax.

Dale- Local control of money would be better.

Zack- What has to be done before the expansion?

Dean- We need more man power; we need to show the rest of the town what we can do with taxes.

Carl- You don't need the town attorney to come to the meeting and state you don't have right to enlarge the district.

Mike- Lou do you agree the with the town attorney?

Lou- No

Dean- We can't vote on this tonight.

Carl- This is part of the process, if you go to a 105 you are stuck with it.

James- We already expanded the district in 1987.

Mike- If we move forward with any of this, the town attorney will say you can't do this, the BOS will not go against the town attorney.

Carl- The town attorney will say a vote is void if done under the special act.

Motion to adopt the 105 for the WHPFD Zack Farrah, Mike Balf second

Lou- I object to the 105 giving more control to the president.

Carl- Incorporate some language to keep the current structure.

Lou- what about the number of directors?

Carl- You can change that or stay with 6 until more is needed.

Zack withdrew his motion, Mike Balf Second. All in favor

Roof-

Dean do the patch job, with the 5 year guaranty.

James- Is he on state contract?

John- Call C&M and have them come out with 3 members to discuss the repair.

Public Session- NA

Adjournment: 8:30

Minutes taken by Jill Caron

