



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE WAREHOUSE POINT FIRE DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes

Monday January 6, 2020

Station 138, 89 Bridge Street East Windsor

Time: 7pm

Call to Order: 7PM

Attendance: Charlie Nordell, Kevin Clynch, Charlie Miller, Louis Flynn, Rachel Safford, Kirk Montstream absent

Added Agenda Items: NA

**Treasurers Report: Motion to approve the treasurer as presented on Jan6, 2020
Charlie Nordell, Kevin Clynch second. All in favor**

Budget was broken down to show more detail with money coming into the district. Lawn care is over spent for the year, this needs to be discussed. Natural gas line is down from last year, only at 31% spent for this fiscal year. I believe this is because of the new boiler. Apparatus is 72% due to some major repairs on the fire trucks. The total budget is at 53.9% for this fiscal year.

Clerks Report:

-Review meeting minutes from December 9, 2019 as presented Charlie Nordell, Rachel Safford second. All in favor

Chairperson's Report

-Town Communication: Sara from the BOS has written some emails to our state reps. The law prohibits special districts from getting pilot money from the state, you would need to talk to the town. He offered his help with this, he talked about a hospital fund. He also will help with grants. On Thursday the Chief, treasurer Barton, Chairman Flynn are meeting with the new selectman. Carol Hall and Senator Anwar is here at our meeting tonight. The email from Senator Anwar will be included in the minutes of the meeting. Discussion of the current status of the fire district as of January 2020. We are in need; we are going into budget season. We are looking for funds to help defer the cost of replacement equipment. We respond to calls on I91 on a regular basis. Last year we did 738 call, 49 of the call are on I91. Senator Anwar, I think you need a short-term strategy and a long-term strategy. You need to come together to meet the needs. Chairman Flynn, the town has been divided for a long time, we are into this problem. Discussion of the expansion of the district. BBFD get \$432,000.00 plus the costs not broken out by the

town and the WHPFD was not part of the town budget. The BOS is talking about making BB a special service district to tax for fire protection. I am very proud of this group, they are doing a fantastic job, the response times are great. Rep. Hall, I serve on the public safety at the state, let us do some research to were the funds went and if there are funds available.

New Business:

-Budget workshops: 1/20/20 7pm budget workshop

Old Business:

-District Bid Procedures: NA

-Casino: NA

-Expansion of District: NA

-Other sources of funds: NA

Fire Marshal Report: Roadway Inn continues to be a problem. I gave a copy of the new fee schedule, I made modifications, I have enclosed both of the fee schedules. Before we charged by the square feet and now, I would like to charge by the cost of the project. Motion to approve the fire marshals report as presented Kevin Clync, Rachel Safford second. All in favor

Fire Chief's Report: response time 5-7 m min, 738 call for the 2019 year. The cost of a new fire truck is about 1.8 million. The bay doors are to low for the new fire trucks. I am looking into making the bay doors taller or adding new bays. We are still working on lighting, painting, camera, key system. The department voted to name this fire station after Tony D, we would like to call it the Anthony DiMastrantonio Fire Station. Motion to approve the chiefs report as presented Charlie Nordell, Rachel Safford second. All in favor

Correspondence:NA

Public Session: J Barton, I would support the change in the name of the fire station. Bob Leach, I think you should consider contracting with the town, I think a special service district will take a long time.

J Barton, as part of the presentation that the chief gave to the BOS there were five solutions, the BOS went with this option first. In this town we really have one department with 2 companies, we work together on a regular basis. We need one administration, like one fire district.

Executive Session: NA

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn 8:05 Rachel Safford, Charlie Nordell second. All in favor

From: Sen. Anwar, Saud Saud.Anwar@cga.ct.gov
Subject: Warehouse Point Fire District
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Hi Sarah

I wanted to send you a formal reply to your dated December 10th regarding PILOT payments to the Warehouse Point Fire District, a special taxing district in the town of East Windsor.

Do the statutes allow for PILOT payments to be made to special taxing districts?

According to the Office of Policy and Management, the law is written so that PILOT funds are given to the municipality.

Can special legislation be enacted to allow a special taxing district to receive PILOT located inside that district? Yes, however, this would result in two major issues,

- 1) the loss of the vast majority of PILOT from the town of East Windsor's budget (nearly \$500k of a total \$548k) and,
- 2) the setting of a poor statewide precedent for over 300 plus special tax districts to request that PILOT goes directly to them.

A possible alternative that we look at would be attempting to earmark the Hospital and Colleges PILOT grant to set aside a specific amount of funding for the Warehouse Point Fire District.

This will not negatively affect the Town of East Windsor's budget and would potentially provide needed funds to the Fire District.

Additionally I would like to work with you and the Fire District further to identify any potential grant programs that the District could benefit from.

Below please find an approximation of the line by line breakdown of each property receiving PILOT in the Town of East Windsor.

Please note that the PILOT value column was calculated as a proportion of the total PILOT to the town over the total assessment of state property and may not reflect the actual formula used by OPM.

| Fire District | Address | Assessment | PILOT (4% of Assessment) |
|-----------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Warehouse Point | 00000 GARDNER ST | \$ 45,790.00 | \$ 1,627.65 |
| Warehouse Point | 00036 GARDNER ST | \$ 8,788,740.00 | \$ 312,404.44 |
| Broad Brook | 00000 MELROSE RD | \$ 51,450.00 | \$ 1,828.84 |
| Broad Brook | 00000 MELROSE RD | \$ 245,550.00 | \$ 8,728.32 |
| Broad Brook | 00000 MELROSE RD | \$ 84,240.00 | \$ 2,994.39 |
| Warehouse Point | 00000 NEW PARK RD | \$ 322,960.00 | \$ 11,479.93 |
| Warehouse Point | 00000 NORTH RD | \$ 125,770.00 | \$ 4,470.62 |
| Warehouse Point | 00000 TROMLEY RD | \$ 377,420.00 | \$ 13,415.77 |
| Warehouse Point | 00000 TROMLEY RD | \$ 3,326,250.00 | \$ 118,234.84 |
| Broad Brook | 00000 WELLS RD | \$ 187,850.00 | \$ 6,677.31 |
| SPLIT | 00090 SCANTIC RD | \$ 95,910.00 | \$ 3,409.22 |
| Broad Brook | 00000 OLD ELLINGTON RD | \$ 44,800.00 | \$ 1,592.46 |
| Broad Brook | 00000 RAILROAD LINE | \$ 664,650.00 | \$ 23,625.64 |
| Warehouse Point | 00000 SOUTH WATER ST | \$ 710.00 | \$ 25.24 |
| Warehouse Point | 00075 SOUTH WATER ST | \$ 29,400.00 | \$ 1,045.05 |
| Warehouse Point | 00157 PROSPECT HILL RD | \$ 1,037,340.00 | \$ 36,873.27 |
| EAST WINDSOR | TOTAL | \$ 15,428,830.00 | \$ 548,433.00 |
| Warehouse Point | | Approximation | \$ 499,576.82 |
| Broad Brook | | Approximation | \$ 45,446.97 |