

Dartmouth Fire District 2 Minutes

Dec 11, 2023 At District Fire Station

Start at 19:02

Board members present: Paul Abranties, John Sousa, Ralph Medeiros, and members of the Fire District.

1/First item of discussion reorganazation of thePC board. A motion was made at the last PC meeting to appoint Paul Chairman and was tabled because Paul wanted to think on it. The motion was restated and voited on. Ralph and Paul voited in favor John abstained.

2/ Vendor Warrant, motion to approve was made by John second by Ralph and approved, the vote was unanimous.

3/ Payroll Warrent, motion to approve was made by John second by Ralph and approved, the vote was unanimous.

4/ Approval of Meeting Minutes for Nov 6, 2023, motion to approve was made by John second by Ralph and approved, the vote was unanimous.

5/ District accountant sent a letter to approve doing an audit for the fiscal 2022/2023 year. John made a motion to sign the letter second by Ralph and approved, the vote was unanimous.

6/ Chief's report, 12 calls for Nov. Three training drills for Nov including one with Westport FD. Upgraded monitors in the communications room. Fire Fighters helmets ID tags have been upgraded for better identification. Informed the air boat trailer has to be replaced or have major repairs. Motion to accept Chiefs report was unanimous.

7/ Treasures report, Cheryl made the PC aware of the increase cost of FD health insurence due to personnal additions. Motion to accept Treasures report was made by John second by Ralph the vote was unanimous.

8/ Discussion ensued on the meeting with the Assessor's board attended by John and Ralph setting the new tax rate at \$00.93 per thousand dollar assessment. A substantial drop from the previous year.

9/Discussion on legal council: letter sent to Atty Anthony Savastano thanking him for his service. The letter was prepared by Paul. Motion to approve sending the letter was made by John second by Ralph the vote was unanimous.

10/ Continued discussion on selecting new legal council. John presented several names of Boston area attorneys. Discussion ensued after Ralph made a motion to appoint Margret Ishihara for council till the end of the current fiscal year. The motion was amended by Paul to appoint her but to continue to look around. John was in opposition to Atty Ishihara, saying it was a conflict of interest because she represented a citizens committee to recall a previous board member. Voting In favor of motion to approve was Ralph and Paul opposed John.

11/ Discussion on creating a by law committee ensued. John picked Joseph Souza his brother, Ralph picked Bernie Giroux, the Chief picked Greg Edgecoln and Paul picked Margo Hann. PC member Ralph volunteered to represent the PC committee after a brief discussion. John expressed opposition to Greg being on the committee because he is a Captain at the FD. The Chief defended his decision saying the FD needed a representative involved in the bylaws being updated. A long discussion ensued.

Motion to approve the above names to the by law review committee was passed with Paul and Ralph in favor, John abstained.

12/ Discussion on the 2023/24 was started. The Chief and Treasure will submit recommendations to the PC.

13/ Public comment/discussion,

14/ Tentative date of next meeting: Jan 15, 2024.

Prepared by:
Ralph Medeiros

