

# Dartmouth Fire District 2 Minutes

Feb 5, 2024 At District Fire Station

Start at 19:00

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

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

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

3/ Meeting Minutes for Jan 16, 2023 a work in progress by Ralph.

4/ Update on by the law committee. They have met twice Greg Edgecolm elected chair and Bernie Giroux co-chair.

5/ Ruling was received on open meeting law violation complaint submitted Feb 26, 2023 to the AG office. Greg Edgecolm spoke on the letter received from the AG's office as well as John and Ralph during the discussion, John asked that the board members receive a copy of the letter. A motion to file the letter was made by John and second by Ralph and approved, the vote was unanimous.

6/ Discussion on transcriptionists brought up by Paul on whether to hire someone or use AI software to take minutes. Paul had contacted the AG's office for guidance on using this technology. Paul will be sending information on Firefly software to the board members. John complained about people being allowed to speak during the meeting, Paul expressed it adds for lively meetings to have orderly exchange. A motion was made to continue to investigate the software and move forward testing, second by John, vote was unanimous.

7/ Discussion to allow only the Law Review Committee to use Zoom for a member unable to physically attend. A motion was made by Ralph second by John, vote was unanimous

8/ Chief's report on calls and mutual aid, training and equipment maintenance and problems with fire engines. Discussion took place on potential frivolous calls and the need to respond to them. Motion to accept the Chiefs report by Ralph second by John, was unanimous.

9/ Treasures report was made by Cheryl. Discussion took place on the budget for the new year. John made a motion: that every line item be populated second by Paul, vote was unanimous. John made a motion to accept the report second by Ralph, vote was unanimous.

10/ Discussion ensued on the 2024/25 budget. To be continued and finalized at the March meeting.

11/ Vote to adjourn at 9:21pm next meeting March 4, 2024.

11/ Public comment/discussion

Prepared by: Ralph Medeiros