

Dartmouth Fire District 2 Minutes

Jan 16, 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, vote: unanimous. Discussion on air boat repairs and firefighter gear brought up by John. 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/ Approval of Meeting Minutes for Dec 11, 2023, motion to approve was made by John second by Ralph with one correction to be made [done], minutes approved, the vote was unanimous.

4/ Discussion on by law committee use and need of legal counsel for first meeting, John was against it second by Ralph.

5/ Letter of ageement on doing business with new legal counsel: Margaret A. Ishihara. John expressed disapproval of her as legal counsel for the district. Ralph made a motion to approve a letter of agreement second by Paul, motion passed with John in opposition.

6/ Discussion on transcriptionists brought up by Paul on whether to hire someone or use AI software to take minutes. Ralph was in approval of making the change, John was in disagreement on spending any money on hiring a person for the service. Issue was tabled for future discussion.

7/ Chief's report on calls and mutual aid for Dec. A Discussion on water rescue took place, and on FD equipment maintenance. Motion to accept the Chiefs report was unanimous.

8/ Treasures report was made by Cheryl. Ralph made a motion to accept the report second by John, vote was unanimous.

9/ Discussion ensued on the 2024/25 budget. Motion was made by Ralph to accept the proposed budget second by John, vote was unanimous.

10/ next meeting Feb 5, 2024. 11/ Public comment/discussion

Prepared by: Ralph Medeiros

