

East Windsor Fire Protection Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 25, 2016
7:00 PM
Park Hill
1A Park Hill Road, Broad Brook CT 06016

Opening

The special meeting of the, East Windsor Fire Protection Committee is called to order at 7:00pm on 10/25/2016 by John Burnham.

Present

John Burnham (Warehouse Point Fire Commission), Mike Balf (Warehouse Point Fire Commission), Bob Maynard (Board of Selectman), Charlie Miller (at large for District), Steve Smith (Board of Finance), Dale Nelson (Board of Selectman), Thomas Arcari (Broad Brook Fire Department), Peter Larese, Absent Nick Macsata (Broad Brook Fire Department)

Add-on: Steve Smith made a motion to review memorandum of July 5, 2016 Tom Arcari second. All in favor

Correspondence: None

Public Comment:

N/A

Approval of minutes from last meeting

Motion to approve the minutes from last meeting Tom Arcari, Peter Larese second. All in favor

Old Business:

2016-2017- Steve Smith stated this was beyond the scope of this committee, if there is no line item given to the BOF they cannot take any action on it.

John- This committee is responsible to give a recommendation for a solution to the current tax problem.

John made a motion that this committee makes a recommendation to the BOS to rectify the tax problem from 2016-2017 Peter Larese second.

Bob read the charge stated in the BOS minutes. He thinks that is part of this committee to look at 2016-2017 unequal tax. In the formal report it should be mentioned.

Dale is in agreement to have both current and future tax problems discussed.

7 Yes 1-NO

John has a draft letter for a written report from his presentation to the BOS at the last meeting. I want to have one more meeting to approve the meeting minutes from this meeting and finalize the committee.

Discussion of the written report

Steve Smith stated this is a memorandum not a report.

John- Keep it simple.

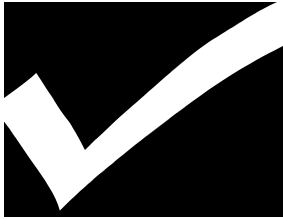
Public Comment: James Barton, we need to fix 2016-2017, one fire district and 2017-2018. Three different issues are on the table. We need to add the money back into the budget for next year.

Steve- You are making recommendations for a budget that is already written.

John- I am thinking we will have one district by Jan 2017

Steve- You always need a backup plan

John made motion approve the report as written and mortified, which will be presented to the BOS on November 1, 2016 Charlie Miller Second. 7 in favor 1 abstained



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Public Comment:

Bob Lyke: Commissioners will be elected at large, the concern is if they set a tax rate and does not get approved. This will bring the town together. I believe they will set the tax rate at a respectable rate.

Dale: The fire district needs to approve the budget

Steve: If it goes to a referendum the district is responsible for the cost.

Bob- If we do create one fire district, I would like to see a district town charter. I would like to see a mechanism in the charter to cover the event of the budget not passing.

Dale- I believe the adoption of the 105 is what the district will go by

Bob- I don't think the BOS can do much with this.

Dale- We are just giving a recommendation. We need a good way to market this and have some good answers.

Jim Barton- This was all a waste of time if they are just going to say thank you.

Bob- The BOS can't tell the WHPFD what to do

Rich- This committee was supposed to make a recommendation on the best solution, then the BOS would give it their blessing and move forward with the recommendation.

Steve- I think I was going to a vote by the BOS, I the district does not need this. The district can do whatever they want.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:39 by John Burnham.

Minutes submitted by: Jill Caron/ Deb Nordell