

Annual District Meeting of the  
Board of TFD Fire Commissioners

**DRAFT** -- Meeting Minutes – May 4, 2016  
Thompsonville Fire Station, 35 N. Main Street, Enfield, CT

Call to Order: by Chairperson Reidy at 8:31pm.

**1. Election of Moderator:**

**MOTION to appoint Erline Provencher as Moderator for the annual meeting** made by Jeff Cross, seconded by Mike Helechu. Discussion: none. All in favor by voice vote. None opposed.

**2. Discussion and action on a resolution for the District adopting the budget for fiscal year 2016-2017:**

Erline Provencher said there are developments that have transpired on the motor vehicle portion of the 2015 Grand List. Ms. Provencher asked Mark Magistri to explain.

Mark Magistri said the Town set the motor vehicle mil rate at 28.8 for the 2015 Grand List. This mil rate is against the State's 32.2 mil rate cap. That leaves a mil rate of 3.2 available for our district. This motor vehicle tax will help equitably distribute the tax burden within the district. As the budget was originally prepared, the entire tax burden would fall upon real estate and personal property owners. The district would receive \$134,000 additional revenue from the motor vehicle tax. The proposed total expenses would decrease by a couple hundred dollars.

**MOTION to amend the proposed budget as follows: to apply the 3.2 mil rate to motor vehicles and then reduce the transfers in of \$482,000 by the corresponding increase in revenue from the proposed annual 3.2 mil rate** made by Jeff Cross, seconded by a member of the audience. Discussion: A member of the audience asked about the costs associated with the motor vehicle tax. Mark Magistri said there will be a 3% charge on the supplemental check we receive in February. Last year we received \$56,000. This year we expect the check to be for \$22,000. The 3% fee would be about \$650. Mike Helechu asked would that correspondingly reduce the mil rate for the budget. Mr. Magistri said it has nothing to do with the budget as proposed because that is against real estate and business property. We had left out motor vehicles entirely. The 8.34 mil rate applies to real estate and business property. Mr. Helechu said so the mil rate will not change for those two. Mr. Magistri said it will not change. The mil rate for motor vehicles is reduced because it is capped. Mr. Helechu said you weren't expecting any money from motor vehicles. Mr. Magistri said originally no because we didn't know what the Town or the State was going to do. Mr. Helechu said we will

receive \$134,000 more than expected but there is no relief to the tax payers. Mr. Magistri said there is an offset for the transfers in money of the amount received from motor vehicles. Steve Cogtella said so this money could be used as a cushion. Mr. Magistri said it will end up being in the cash reserves. A member of the audience asked to repeat the motion. Mr. Cross explained the motion.

Ms. Provencher called for a voice vote: all those present voted aye except for 2 nays.

Ms. Provencher called for a voice vote on the budget as amended: all those present voted aye except for 2 nays.

### **3. Adoption of the proposed Charter:**

Ms. Provencher read the results for the vote on the proposed Charter: Yes – 26 and No – 9.

Ms. Provencher thanked the Charter Commission for all the hard work they did.

Comm. Reidy said technically the Charter does not go into effect until next year.

### **4. Conduction of any other business that may legally come before the District:**

None

### **5. Adjourn:**

**MOTION to adjourn** made by Erlene Provencher, seconded by a member of the audience. All in favor by ayes.

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