POUND RIDGE FIRE DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 11, 2023 REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Chairman Peter Gallagher, Vice Chairman Joe Roemer, Commissioners David Ekholm, Edward Trail, and Frank Tavolacci,

ALSO PRESENT: Secretary/Treasurer Justin Friedland

ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Gallagher called the regular meeting of the Pound Rid g e Fir e District to order at 7:02 P.M.

APPROVAL OF M INUTES:

Vice Chairman Roemer’s motion to accept the March minutes was seconded by Commissioner Tavolacci and was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Vice Chairman Roemer’s motion to approve payment of the bills was seconded by Commissioner Tavolacci and was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT:

Vice Chairman Roemer’s motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was seconded by Commissioner Ekholm and was unanimously approved.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

No report. Calls for the month are attached.

M EM BERSHIP:

No Report

CHIEF'S PURCHASES

No report.

LONG TERM PLANNING UPDATE:

 Chairman Gallagher reported that steps are being taken to move the building project along as planned. Commissioner Tavolacci has met with the construction management company ARRIS Contracting Company, Inc., who oversaw the Bedford Fire House construction, and manager Paul Tagi (sp?) Details to come on contract, costs, etc.

Building committee has decided on most issues and fittings for the new spaces. There is still a question about the exhaust system, but most other issues have been considered and tentative plans have been made to be included in the design drawings.

Still trying to speak to Mark Miller about moving his trucks from the parking behind the fire house to avoid conflict with the construction. He has been hard to reach. Chairman Gallagher suggests that if he continues to be hard to reach, the district should send a registered letter after next meeting

Commissioner Ekholm has an initial estimate for moving the Elm tree in front of the fire house of $32,000. This is from a company in Georgia who eyeballed the project via Google Earth and has not been here in person. This estimate probably does not take into account costs of moving wires, repairing the street and sidewalks, etc. It also does not guarantee that, once moved, the tree will survive. More info needed and being sought.

WATER SUPPLY:

Elementary school is still dragging their feet as to work on their pond. The Assistant Superintendent promised Comm. Ekholm an answer by Friday, April 14th.

If there is no action by the school, Comm. Ekholm suggests sending a registered letter.

General agreement that the pond on Hemlock Hill is a good water source in an otherwise dry area. Commissioner Ekholm has sent a letter to the homeowner.

Vice Chairman Roemer and Chief Zafonte have spoken to owners of White Birch pond and hydrant who now want to move or replace existing, non-working, dry hydrant with a mat that would allow a truck to drive right up to the pond. Question about what to put down to make it accessible to our trucks, but the homeowner is amenable to our building access and getting it done.

INSURANCE: NR

COM PUTER: NR

TOWN & PLANNING BOARD M EETINGS: NR

MEDICAL: Medical exams scheduled for Mid-May.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

Croton Falls Inspection on May 5th. Invite on file.

Vista inspection on June 3rd.

Executive session for personnel issue at 7:31p, out of executive session at 7:39.

Motion to approve contract with architect first phase at a cost of $489,600 made by Commissioner Trail, seconded by Vice Chairman Roemer. Unanimous agreement.

There being no additional business to come before the Board Vice Chairman Roemer’s motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Commissioner Tavolacci and unanimously agreed to by all the attending Commissioners. Accordingly, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M .

Respectfully submitted,

 Justin Friedland

Secretary/Treasurer