

APPROVED

MINUTES
of the
Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District
Finance & Budget Committee
July 21, 2018

Location: Charlestown Police Station, 4901 Old Post Road, Charlestown, RI

Members in attendance: Charles Freedgood, Roberta Peet, John Pinkos, Barry Okun, Al Bartosic

Members absent: Nancy Farrell, James Blair

Other participants: Julia Matthews

Call to Order: Charles Freedgood called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

- I. Approval of Minutes: A **Motion** was made to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2018 Finance & Budget Committee meeting. The **Motion** was seconded and approved unanimously.
- II. Mr. Freedgood presented a preliminary draft of the 2019 budget. He reported that he had reached out to all the committee chairs and managers seeking feedback on their 2019 operating and capital needs. Most of the information received to date had been incorporated in the draft, though some was still undelivered and others still being discussed. Preliminary numbers showed total operating expenses of \$263.7k, reserve funding of \$33.5k and capital needs of \$23k. There was a discussion of the various line items. At the request of Julia Mathews, the operating expenses were increased \$500 to provide for replacement pads for the defibrillators, which addition is included in the total above. To fund the budget, tax collections would be \$304.1k, a 3.4% increase over 2018.
- III. A **Motion** was made to recommend approval of the budget to the BoG and voters, subject to a cap \$5,000 in additional costs/expenses to be funded by a like increase in taxes to reflect feedback from the other departments. The **Motion** was seconded and approved unanimously.
- IV. Adjournment: A **Motion** was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m. The **Motion** was seconded and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles O. Freedgood, Chairman
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