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***Watch Hill Fire District  
Watch Hill, RI 02891***

PARK COMMISSION MEETING

Friday, May 22, 2015

2:30 p.m.

Fire Station

222 Watch Hill Road

Watch Hill, RI

A meeting of the Park Commission of the Watch Hill Fire District was held at the Watch Hill Fire Station at 2:30 p.m., Friday, May 22, 2015.

The following members were present:

Grant G. Simmons III, Chairman

Elizabeth Bean

John Felber

District Council Members present:

Charles S. Whitman III, Deputy Moderator

Paul Verbinnen, Finance Committee Chairman

Andrew Parsons, Member-at-Large

Robert Peacock, Fire Chief

Also present were:

Judy Kelley, Fire District Office Manager

Proper notice having been given, the Chairman, Grant G. Simmons III, called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m.

Mr. Simmons called for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2014 meeting, which were a subsection of the Finance Committee meeting minutes of that day. The motion was made, seconded and approved.

Mr. Simmons reported that the stainless steel posts at Ft. Mansfield had been vandalized. However, there is money from a grant to replace them.

For the 2015-2016 budget year, the Park Commission is requesting \$45,000 for repair of the bathhouses. Mr. Verbinnen stated that the amount had been increased to \$55,000, which Mr. Simmons gratefully accepted. After Columbus Day weekend, they will begin to dismantle a portion of the changing rooms, leaving an open deck with a view. The entire renovation will be done in stages over several years.

The Fire District's share of the budget for Napatree remains \$25,000.

Mr. Simmons reported that the strengthening of the sea wall along Fort Road has been completed. He also advised that there was no money in the budget for carving more horses for the Merry-Go-Round and would not be for a few years as they have enough new horses for now.

Mr. Simmons stated that the docks are in good shape. He noted that the comments about the Westerly Harbor Commission report had been sent to CRMC and expected there would be a workshop related to this over the summer.

Mr. Simmons reported that the Bay Street Park is in excellent shape. He also advised that the summer concert series had been changed to every other week and the location within the park moved.

Mr. Simmons also reported that the underground utility project was just about finished. All the wires and transformers are off the poles. The remainder of the work is in the hands of the Town of Westerly.

A motion was made that the budget as presented be recommended to the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded and carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:07 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Judith H. Kelley  
Office Manager