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SHAKER PINES FIRE DISTRICT # 5

A special meeting of the Shaker Pines Fire District and Hazardville Fire Department was held on Tuesday November 8, 2022 at the fire station.

Those present from Shaker Pines were President Peter Burk, Vice President Guy Beck and Clerk Margaret Guyette. Attending from Hazardville were Commissioner Mark Zarcaro, Fire Chief Jack Flanagan and Deputy Fire Chief Jamie Hurley. Also present were Attorney Robert DeCrescenzo and Attorney Bonnie Kumiega from Updike, Kelly & Spellacy.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

The attorneys presented Resolutions for each Department to formalize the process of consolidation. These Resolutions need to be ratified by each District Board members and placed in the minutes. They will be signed by the Chiefs of each department.

Then the Consolidation committee will develop a plan to be adopted by both Districts. The Consolidation committee should have no less than five members and no more than fifteen. The plan is the details of what is going to be done about all the details; contracts, facilities, employee hours, etc. The Shoreline Associates study has documented this.

In a letter to both Districts, dated August 17, 2022, the attorneys have stated the required steps to Consolidate.

- a. Adoption of a proposal based on the Study (the “Proposal”) to consolidate the Fire Districts by a majority vote of the entire membership of both of the District Boards.
- b. After adoption, each District sends a copy of the adopted Proposal to the other District.
- c. The legislative body of both districts accepts or rejects the adopted Proposal within 30 days.
- d. Acceptance shall be by Resolution adopted by a majority vote of the entire membership of each District’s legislative body.
- e. A copy of the adopted Consolidation Resolution is then filed with the Enfield Town Clerk.
- f. After the adoption of the Proposal, the presiding officer of the districts shall call a joint meeting by joint resolution of both districts.
- g. The joint meeting shall appoint a Consolidation Committee according to the procedures outlined in the Statute regarding required membership from both Districts.
- h. The Consolidation Committee drafts a Consolidation Ordinance to be considered for ratification.
- i. Not less than 90 days nor more than 18 months such Consolidation Ordinance shall be submitted to the Town Clerk.
- j. The Consolidation Ordinance is then submitted to the Electors of the Town

for approval at referendum.

Everything that is done by the Committee needs to be documented and reviewed by the attorneys.

The meeting for the taxpayers does not necessarily need to be the same night for both Districts. It must be warned and be a ballot vote. The vote should be counted by someone not from either district, possibility the Town Clerk or Register of voters.

There are specific rules for the procedures during the meeting, which the attorneys will sent in a template. The attorneys will verify that we only need 15 voters for the meeting to be legal.

Next meeting will be December 6, 2022 at the Hazardville station at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Guyette
Clerk