

**UNION FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF WARDENS
MEETING MINUTES
131 ASA POND ROAD, WAKEFIELD, RI 02879
February 17th, 2026
7:00 p.m.**

Wardens: Present: Mark Nelson (Chairman), Anthony Manzo, Richard Collinson and Kathleen Mack

Others Present: Chief Steven Pinch, Legal Counsel Tim Bliss, Treasurer Richard DeSista
District Administrator Brian Mahoney

Not Present: Joseph Mason

CALL TO ORDER: Warden Nelson calls the meeting to order and confirms the presence of the Board of Wardens for the Union Fire District of South Kingstown (UFD) at 7:00 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE WARDENS MEETING:

District Administrator Mahoney asks the Wardens to table the minutes from the February 02, 2026 meeting due to needing some edits. Warden Nelson makes a motion to table the minutes. Warden Manzo seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chief's Report

- Chief Pinch started by thanking the fire fighters for their work in the cold weather and elements.
- The Chief reports contacting RI Imaging to look into a physical program for calcium cardiac scans for firefighters.
- He speaks about a mobile gear washing and repair company noting that they can complete the whole process on site from a mobile trailer.
- He updates that Fire Marshal Bernier and Chief Bradley worked with the SK high school students this week and the students continue to move forward in training.

Building Committee Report

- District Administrator Mahoney speaks about requesting an approval from the board of Wardens last month for reports which he confirms was not standard practice and an error on his part.
- He reports that the building committee has station 9, station 2, station 1, and capital projects in the works and the committee will be meeting next week with the architect to look at all projects and get an update on the Forestry Station work.

Training Report

- Chief Bradley reports that there are currently a few members enrolled in firefighter 2 and hazmat ops class is coming up in the next couple of months. He also spoke about a guest speaker on who came to the UFD to speak about electric vehicles and 40-45 people attended.

Recruitment and Retention Report

- TJ Lee reported that there are 8 new applicants and that 5 have been placed. He also spoke about working with Captain Parks on a new system to expedite applications, which would add more notifications for a smoother process.
- Chief Pinch reported that he met with the SK Police Chief about the fingerprinting process for background checks and state vs federal checks. He spoke about the \$50 dollar cost of the fingerprinting but that it would allow the UFD to have more information on applicants.

Truck Report

- Chief Cinquegrana reports that all trucks are in service.

IT Report

- Captain Parks reports that the team is working with Verizon on the new Admin phone system with a tentative date of March 17th to meet and go over the new hardware.
- Warden Nelson asks about a TV for meetings in the library and Captain Parks says he will look into it.

Grant Report

- Warden Nelson notes he has read Kevin Quinn's grant report and DA Mahoney confirms that there are no change from last month's report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Updates on old business

- District Admin Mahoney started old business with agenda item payment to Tower Construction. He reports that AI from Tower Construction still has not provided pricing for the siding work. Warden Manzo makes a motion to take this item off of Old Business until there is an update from Tower Construction. Warden Nelson seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Purchases and funding of equipment, services, and events

- Warden Mack makes a motion to approve the purchase of a hydro ram entry tool for \$2,700. Warden Manzo seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.
- Warden Manzo makes a motion to approve the purchase of an Ariens 24 inch snow blower from All Outdoors Power Equipment for \$1,440.00. Warden Nelson seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.
- DA Mahoney presents that the admin building ice maker needs replacement and he currently has one quote with two more pending. Warden Collinson makes a motion to approve the purchase of the ice maker not to exceed \$5,186.57. Warden Mack seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

- Chief Pinch speaks about the annual officer's summit which will be held at the SK Guild. He notes that the requested not to exceed \$2,000 in funds would be for t shirts, food, and guest speaker. Warden Nelson makes a motion to approve funding not to exceed \$2,000 for the officer's summit. Warden Collinson seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Fire Marshal, Tax Collector, and Treasurers Reports

- Warden Manzo makes a motion to approve the Fire Marshal's report for January 2026. Warden Mack seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.
- Warden Mack makes a motion to approve the tax collector's report for January 2026. Warden Manzo seconded the motion. Warden Nelson asks for confirmation that the reported 94% of taxes have been collected and DA Mahoney confirms. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.
- Warden Nelson makes a motion to approve the miscellaneous cash receipts report for January 2026. Warden Manzo seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.
- Warden Nelson makes a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Warden Manzo seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS/FIREFIGHTERS

- The floor was opened for comments, and a member of the public speaks about the Hopkins Hill Fire Dept and town of Coventry merging. He also spoke about a townwide fire fighting service in that area.

AJOURNMENT

- After all business was completed Warden Nelson asked for a motion to adjourn. Warden Collinson makes a motion to adjourn. Warden Manzo seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:18PM.

Respectfully submitted,

 Brian C. Mahoney
 District Clerk

Date Amended_____

Date Accepted_____

I, Brian C. Mahoney, do certify that the attached minutes are a true and accurate copy of the February 17, 2026 meeting of the Board of Wardens of the Union Fire District and that they have not been amended except as cited above.

 Brian C. Mahoney
 District Clerk