

BY-LAWS OF THE WEQUETEQUOCK FIRE DISTRICT

Effective April 20, 1959

Name - Boundaries - Powers

1. The name of this organization shall be The Wequetequock Fire District, hereafter called the District.

*2. The territorial limits of the District, with changes therein, shall be kept on file with the Clerk of the District and with the Town Clerk of the Town of Stonington. The territorial limits of the District may be expanded in accordance with Special Act No. 118 of the 1971 Session of the Connecticut General Assembly, subject to requirements of the Connecticut General Statutes, in the following manner:

a. A petition setting forth the boundaries of the petitioning area, and signed by a majority of electors residing within the petitioning area, shall be submitted to the President of the District.

b. Within thirty (30) days after receiving such petition, the President shall call a meeting of the Directors to act upon the petition and to establish such conditions as are deemed necessary for the admission of the petitioning area. The Directors shall seek the advice of the Fire Chief and Board of Directors of the Wequetequock Volunteer Fire Company with regard to any such petition.

c. If approved by the Directors, the President of the District shall, within fifteen (15) days of such approval, call a meeting of all Electors residing within the petitioning area, by posting a notice within the area at least ten (10) days before such meeting for Electors. A majority vote at such meeting in favor of admission shall be required in order for further action to be taken on such petition.

d. If approved by a majority of Electors at the meeting of Electors, the President of the District shall, within thirty (30) days, call a special meeting of the District. A majority vote at such special meeting shall be required in order to approve admission of the petitioning area. Persons residing within the petitioning area may attend the special meeting and be heard with respect to the matter but such persons shall not be entitled to vote.

3. The District is established for the purpose of extinguishing fires. It shall have the powers, not inconsistent with General Statutes, necessary to accomplish this purpose, including the power to levy and collect taxes, and to borrow money.

*as amended at the Annual Meeting April 20, 1981

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- *4. a. At the annual meeting of the District, the voters shall elect from their number a President, Vice-President, Clerk, Treasurer, Tax Collector and two Directors none of whom shall be line officers of the Wequetequock Fire Company. The duly elected officers and the two Directors shall comprise the Board of Directors. All officers shall be elected at the annual meeting for a term of one (1) year and shall be eligible for reelection. In the event of a vacancy in any district office the Board of Directors shall, by majority vote, appoint a voter of the district to fill the existing vacancy until the next meeting of the district.
- b. Any voter of the District intending to be a candidate for election to any office of the District, at any Annual meeting of the District, shall register notice of such intent by filing written notice, signed by said voter and containing his choice of office, name, and address, with the clerk not less than fifteen nor more than thirty days prior to the Annual meeting at which such election is to be held. Except as hereinafter provided, only those voters having so filed with the clerk shall be eligible for election at said meeting. In the event of any impending vacancy for any office resulting from a failure to file with the time prescribed, or the death or withdrawal of any candidate after the time for filing has expired then such office shall be filled by nomination and election from the floor at the Annual meeting.
5. The president shall be the chief executive officer of the District. He shall preside at all meetings of the District and of the Board of Directors. At all District meeting where he shall preside, he shall vote only to dissolve a tie; he shall designate the duties devolving upon each of the Directors; he shall approve all bills for payment by the treasurer; he shall appoint all special or temporary committees and shall be ex-officio a member of all committees.
6. The vice-president shall have all the authority, powers and duties of the president when the president vacates his office, is absent, or from any cause is unable to perform his duties.
7. The clerk shall serve as secretary of the board of directors, keeping a record of the minutes of all meetings of the District and the Board of Directors. The clerk shall at all times keep a list of the voters of the District. The clerk shall prepare the rate bill, apportioning to each owner of property his proportionate share of taxes.
- ** 8. The financial officers of the District shall be the Treasurer and the Tax Collector. The Treasurer shall have charge of disbursement of all monies of the District under such rules, regulations and instructions as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors and shall prepare the annual budget which, after review by the

*As amended at the Annual Meeting April 19, 1965
 As amended at the Annual Meeting April 21, 1975
 As amended at the Annual Meeting April 20, 1981

**As amended at the Annual Meeting April 24, 1978

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Board of Directors, shall be transmitted, with the comments and recommendations of the Board, to annual budget meeting for approval and adoption by vote of the electors of the District. The Tax Collector shall have charge of the collection of all monies of the District under such rules, regulations and instructions as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors and shall prepare and mail a tax bill to each taxpayer of the District and shall proceed to collect and enforce payment of such taxes in accordance with the provisions of the law and shall turn over to the Treasurer all the monies collected within thirty days of receipt.
9. Meetings - The Annual meeting of the District shall be held on the third Monday of April.
10. Special meetings of the District may be called by the president whenever he deems it desirable or when requested by three directors or when requested in a petition submitted to the president, signed by not less than twenty (20) voters of the District.
11. Those eligible to vote at any regular or special District meeting are: 1-any elector of the Town of Stonington residing within the District, and 2-any citizen of the age of twenty-one (21) years or more, who, jointly or severally, is liable to the District for taxes assessed against him or an assessment of not less than \$1,000.00 from the last completed Grand List of the Town of Stonington, or who would be so if not entitled to an exemption provided by law.
12. Notice of all District meetings shall be given by posting a notice upon the Firehouse on Farmholme Road at least ten (10) days before the meeting and by publishing a notice of the meeting once in the Westerly Sun not less than five (5) days before the meeting.
13. At any District meeting not fewer than fifteen (15) voters shall constitute a quorum.
14. Fiscal Matters - The fiscal year shall begin on July 1 and shall end on the following June 30.
15. The Directors shall submit a budget at the Annual meeting for the next fiscal year. At that meeting or at a special meeting called for the purpose within twenty (20) days thereafter, the voters shall adopt an annual budget, lay the tax and fix the tax rate.
- *16. No contract or obligation which involves an expenditure or the borrowing of an amount of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars or more in any one year shall be made by the Board of Directors unless the same is specially authorized by the voters of the District. The District may issue bonds, and the Board of Directors may pledge the general credit of the District for money borrowed in accordance with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut.

As amended by the Annual Meeting April 20, 1981

*As amended by the Annual Meeting April 15, 1996

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17. The Board of Directors may engage a public accountant to make an annual audit of the books and records of the District, or may, in its discretion, request the State of Connecticut to audit said books and records in accordance with Section 7-392 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
18. Miscellaneous: Ordinances, with penalties to secure their enforcement, shall be adopted only at District Meetings. A special meeting may be called in the manner provided by Article 10 of these By-Laws to consider any proposed ordinance.
19. The District shall assign to the Wequetequock Volunteer Fire Company the duty of extinguishing fires. The District is responsible for fire protection, and shall have overall control of the means by which such protection is provided. The Fire Company shall annually elect its officers, including a Fire Chief and a Foreman. No person so elected by the Fire Company shall take office in the Fire Company until his election has been confirmed by the Board of Directors of the District.
20. These By-Laws may be amended by the voters at any meeting of the District provided that notice of the proposed amendment is given as provided in Article 12 of these By-Laws.
21. In the event of a vacancy in any District office, the Board of Directors shall by majority vote, appoint a voter of the District to fill the existing vacancy until the next meeting of the District.

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Resolution for Creation of a fund entitled Reserve Fund for Capital and Non Recurring Expenditures.

Be it Resolved by the Lawful Voters of The Wequetequock Fire District in Annual meeting duly assembled:

1. That pursuant to the provisions of 7-360 chapter 108, General Statutes of Connecticut, revision of 1958 as amended a Reserve Fund for Capital and Non Recurring Expenditures is hereby created and established for the Wequetequock Fire District.
2. Said Fund shall be used and administered pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 108, General Statutes of Connecticut, revision of 1958 and any amendments thereto.
3. The treasurer shall on, or before the first day of March of each year submit to the Board of Directors a complete and detailed report of the condition of said fund which report shall be submitted to the Annual meeting of the District for approval.

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AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS

Pursuant to a majority vote at the annual meeting of the Wequetequock Fire District held April 16, 2018, the By-Laws of the Fire District are amended as follows, effective as of such date:

Paragraph 4a: The Tax collector shall be removed as an officer/director of the Fire District. "Voters shall elect a President, Vice-President, Treasurer and three Directors, none of whom shall be line officers of the Wequetequock Fire Company."

Paragraph 8: The Tax Collector shall be removed as a financial officer of the District and shall be replaced by the Tax Collector for the Town of Stonington. "The Tax Collector of the Town of Stonington shall have charge of the collection of all monies of the District under such rules, regulations and instructions as may be agreed to by the Board of Directors and the Town of Stonington"

Certified by:

Wendy M. Smith

Clerk

4-16-18

Date