



CENTRAL COVENTRY

FIRE DISTRICT

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FIRE – RESCUE – EMS – PREVENTION

RICHARD J. LAND, SPECIAL MASTER

March 21, 2013

Dear Resident:

On Tuesday, March 26, 2013 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. you will have an opportunity to vote to on the Central Coventry Fire District's ("District") FY2012-2013 budget and tax levy. As you may know, I was appointed by the Superior Court as Special Master of the District and have been working in that role since October 16, 2012.

You previously received a letter with a copy of the proposed FY2012-2013 budget. To be clear, only the eligible voters within the District can determine for themselves whether to approve or reject the FY2012-2013 budget and tax levy. While the Court has approved the vote to take place, it has not taken a position by recommending or not recommending the FY2012-2013 budget and tax levy.

If the FY2012-2013 budget and tax levy are approved by the eligible voters, elections will be held for a new board of directors and, at the appropriate time, control of the operations of the District will be turned over to the new board. If the FY2012-2013 budget and tax levy are not approved by the eligible voters, as detailed at the February 15, 2013 hearing, the Court may begin the process of liquidating the assets of the District.

I have been advised by Chief Frank Brown, Chief Paul Labbadia, Chief Steven Quattrini and Deputy Chief Kelly Guastini that the other Town Fire Districts have formulated a contingency plan to provide emergency services to CCFD residents. This contingency plan does not provide for a seamless transition to the same level of service immediately and may require statutory changes. It is projected that it will take at least six to eight months to fully implement any contingency plan. The other Coventry Fire Districts will continue to provide automatic aid and also utilize the Southern New England Mutual Aid Agreement to provide services to the CCFD residents.

A presentation of the FY2012-2013 budget and tax levy will begin at 7:00 p.m. In the event you have questions about the FY2012-2013 budget or tax levy, you may raise them during the question and answer segment of the presentation.

Finally, as we compile additional information, we will post it on our website, www.crfllp.com, under the "Receivership Assets" tab, and then under "Central Coventry Fire District." I suggest that you check the site from time to time to see if new information has been posted.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard J. Land", is written over a horizontal line.

Richard J. Land
Special Master of the Central Coventry Fire District