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It is now suggested by the Commissioners to the Chief that he get together with the Saratoga firemen relative to an open house at their station.

In the Chiefs report he points out the water drainage problem at the Bayview station. At present the water drains to the south onto Mrs. Gabeleins property, which she does not want. Most of this water is coming from the property to the east of the station lot, namely Verlaine Gabelein & Sterba property. It is entering the fire station property on the north side next to the road and on the east side approximately 40 feet from the south line. It is felt that when the drainage water problem from the other properties is resolved, the actual drainage from the fire station property will not be large. Mr. Hunter suggests that with the good percolation of the soil this water can be handled by a storm drain and a below ground gravel and rock sump located toward the rear of the parking lot.

Attention is now turned to the News Media coverage of Fire District activities. In a recent issue of the Whidbey Island Record there was erroneous information to the effect that the District headquarters was moved to the Bayview station, while in fact it is still in the Clinton station.

There is discussion relative to this and the matter of financial information release to the news media.

Mr. Hunter says that while the Chief has moved his office to the Bayview station he sees no need for the District office or Commissioner meetings to be changed. Mr. McClellan agrees stating that he is satisfied with keeping the District headquarters at Clinton.

In the matter of finances the Record disclosed some figures which were not entirely accurate, and some of which the Commissioners did not wish to publicize at this time.

It is felt that it should be clarified as to who shall release information to the press.

Mr. McClellan says he feels in matters pertaining to Fire Department activities, fires, etc. should be handled by the Chief, but anything in connection with District business, such as financial information, etc. should be taken care of by the District Secretary. Mr. Hunter agrees.

The Chief reports that he got a desk and chairs for the Bayview station.

The Chairman now asks for visitor comments. Gary Gabelein and Will Surface both say they have none.

Business is now concluded and meeting is adjourned at 8:21 P. M.

Ella E. Hunter

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