



**Central Coventry Fire District  
Special Board of Directors Meeting  
Washington Fire Station 2 Station Street, Coventry, RI 02816  
August 22, 2019 at 6:00 PM  
Board of Directors**

Fred Gralinski-President, Cynthia Fagan-Perry -Vice President,  
Daniel Lantz, Jr., Richard Polselli, Ronald Flynn, Carl Mattson, James Kuipers

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**Agenda**

Call to Order	Fred Gralinski, President
Pledge of Allegiance	Fred Gralinski, President
Roll Call – Quorum Determination	Fred Gralinski, President
Safety Instructions	Fred Gralinski, President

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Washington Street property (Discussion/Action)

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

- Next Regular Board of Directors Meeting, November <sup>14</sup>~~21~~, 2019.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Fred Gralinski



# Board of Directors Meeting

## Attendance Sign-In Sheet

October 22, 2019

### Board of Directors

Fred Galinski, President

Cynthia Fagan-Perry, Vice President

Richard Polselli, Director

EXCUSED

Ronald Flynn, Director

Daniel Lantz, Director

EXCUSED

Carl L. Mattson, Director

James Kuipers, Director

### Fire District

Gayle Corrigan, District Manager

Linda Dykeman, Finance Manager

EXCUSED

David D'Agostino, Esq.

Frank Brown, Chief

Daniel Kaplan, District Administrator

EXCUSED

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

October 24, 2019

RI Ethics Commission  
40 Fountain Street  
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Richard Polselli Recusal Form  
Central Coventry Fire District  
Meeting and Vote of October 22, 2019

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to you as the legal counsel for the Central Coventry Fire District ("CCFD") Board of Directors concerning the enclosed Recusal Form filled out by Board member Richard Polselli ("Mr. Polselli").

A brief recitation of the facts surrounding this recusal form is necessary. Mr. Polselli serves as an elected Board member, recently re-elected to a 3-year term at the CCFD's September, 2019 Annual Meeting. Mr. Polselli owns a home fuel oil delivery business in Coventry. He recently sold his business to Andrew J. Barber, also of Coventry. The CCFD has listed the Washington Station, located at 2 Station Street, Coventry, RI for sale beginning April 25, 2019. The property was listed with Kevin Casey of Sweeney Real Estate. There was a P&S executed at the beginning of the summer, but the buyer backed out during the due diligence period.

Mr. Casey was approached by Mr. Barber, who has made a cash offer, "AS IS" for the Washington Station property. This deal has significant advantages to the CCFD and its business affairs. Mr. Polselli played no role in bringing Mr. Barber to the table; the real estate dealings include a Broker and the undersigned who will handle legal matters, along with Mr. Barber's legal counsel.

Because of the appearance concerns of Mr. Barber buying Mr. Polselli's oil business and also purchasing the CCFD's Washington Station, and out of an abundance of caution, Mr. Polselli has filed the within Recusal Form. Furthermore, Mr. Polselli was unable to attend the

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Special Board of Directors meeting held on the evening of Tuesday, October 22, 2019, where in the remaining Board members voted unanimously to authorize the sale of Washington Station to Mr. Barber, so Mr. Polselli was not even present for the vote.

I met Mr. Polselli separately last evening for him to execute the within Recusal Form and we are filing a copy with the RI Ethics Commission. I will retain the original on Mr. Polselli's behalf.

Lastly, although we did not request a formal opinion, I did have occasion to speak with Katherine D'Arezzo, Esq., Senior Staff Attorney, about this matter and she advised (informally) to have Mr. Polselli execute a Recusal Form and file the same with the Commission.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,



David M. D'Agostino

DMD:cg

Enclosure

cc: Richard Polselli (*via hand-delivery*)  
Dan Kaplan, District Administrator (*via email only*)  
Fred Gralinski, President, CCFD Board (*via email only*)

Statement of Conflict of Interest  
pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-6

I Richard Polselli, holding the position of  
Board Member, CCFD, hereby under oath depose and say:  
(job title or appointed/elected position and name of board/commission/agency/department)

1. A matter involving the sale of Washington Station, a District  
is presently before the Central Coventry Fire District Property  
(name of board/commission/agency/department)

2. I have the following interest in the matter noted in paragraph 1 above:

No direct interest; however, the purchaser of the building recently purchased my oil delivery business and out of an abundance of caution and transparency I am filling out this recusal.

3. [Please select one of the following]:

A. In compliance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-6(1), I hereby recuse from participating in the discussion of or taking official action relating to said matter. (This does not prohibit participation as a member of the public in an open meeting, pursuant to Commission Regulation 7003.)

B. In compliance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-6(1), I hereby state that despite the interest described above, I believe I am able to participate fairly, objectively and in the public interest regarding said matter for the following reasons:

Signed under the penalties of perjury this 23 day of October, 2019.

Richard Polselli  
Signature