

Spofford Fire District Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Meeting was held Monday, September 21 20th at 7:00pm at the Spofford Fire Station. In attendance: Dave Thomas, Wayne Guyette, Steve Buckley, Michael Fuller, Steve Dumont, Tom Davoli, Chris Babcock. Absent: Cathy Schlichting.

1. Minutes from August 20th Commissioners' meeting were read and approved.
2. Unpaid bills were reviewed and approved for payment.

3. Old Business

- a. Tax Exempt Status: Nothing
- b. Move the flashing lights on Rte. 9: Steve has permit from guy in West Swanzey. Needs one more permit to proceed. Location is all set.
- c. Dredge Pond: Fountains have not been installed because of water level. Discussion about whether to proceed with dredging the whole pond or to just clean out around the hydrant itself. Mike will talk with Dan Coleman to see if he could do that work.
Dave made a motion and Wayne seconded to spend up to \$800 from the Waterhole Capital Reserve Fund to clean out the dry hydrant. Vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Mike will discuss with Dan.
- d. Channel hydrant: nothing new
- e. Seal Parking Lot: Still on schedule with BDM
- f. Geothermal: Will get quote when they switch system over for the heating season
- g. Clean File Room: Plan to come to station at 6pm to continue work - have made good progress so far
- h. Building Locks: Home Depot will sell us three more locks at the same price as before. One will be put on the apparatus bay door, one on the equipment room door and one on the medical room door. Mike will pick up and be reimbursed by District
- i. Credit card: Dave got final signature for application.
- j. Generator Service: Wayne will check with Mark Watson at Power Up to see when they can come
- k. NFPA Physicals: Mike reported that Keene and Swanzey are using the Occupational Health Department at the hospital to do their physicals. The cost is \$500 to \$800 depending on what testing has to be done. There was discussion about release forms for

medical issues. We have one from our insurance carrier and will continue to use those.

I. Truck Inspections: Going with Twin State for now. There is an issue with the air dryer for the air brake systems on the trucks that needs to be looked at for the future.

4. New Business

- * Mike presented bills and they were reviewed and approved for payment.
- * Mike reported that he had an application for \$1800 of the Forestry Grant.
- * Chris Babcock introduced himself and as a resident of Spofford offered to work on grant proposals for the Department and

District. He has a history of working as a consultant to other Departments with applying for and being awarded grant funds.

Because of the submission deadlines involved, he would prefer to start work sooner rather than later to craft applications based on what the Department/District needs. Chris believes that there are lots of options open to the Department/District. We may stand a good chance of getting some funding for a cascade system and the tanker. The Commissioners have endorsed Chris working with

Mike and Steve Dumont. Cathy can supply banking information needed for filing.

- * Mike reported that the Department Officers and Standing Committee are drafting a letter to Tammy Rudolph in regards to her request to return to the Department.

- * Dan Cotter introduced himself as the interim Selectman and he would be available for any meetings that we might want him to attend. He reported that the Town had been notified that as of January 2017, Vermont Yankee would no longer be responsible for the emergency sirens. Chesterfield will be responsible for two and Spofford will be responsible for one. Mike noted that they had been serviced recently.

Next regular meeting will be held on October 19th at 7pm at the Spofford Fire Station - file room work at 6pm

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted: Catherine H. Schlichting - Clerk/Treasurer