

Minutes of the Spofford Fire District Annual Meeting
For the Year 2016

Moderator Michael Bentley called the meeting to order at 7:40PM on Tuesday, March 15th in the Spofford Fire Station. There were 23 people in attendance.

Article 1: To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year. Michael Fuller moved to nominate Michael Bentley. Motion was seconded by Wayne Guyette and was passed unanimously.

Article 2: To choose a Clerk/Treasurer for the ensuing year. Wayne Guyette made a motion to nominate Catherine Schlichting and Mike Fuller seconded. Motion was passed unanimously.

Article 3: To choose a Commissioner for three years: 2016, 2017, 2018. Wayne Guyette made a motion to nominate Stephen Buckley. Motion was seconded by Rick Greene. David Orr nominated Chris Babcock and second was by Steve Dumont. Moderator Bentley called for a show of hands. Stephen Buckley received 6 votes. Chris Babcock received 9 votes. Chris Babcock was declared the winner.

Article 4: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended amount of \$224,385 for General Government.

Propane	\$ 350.
Telephone	1,600.
Electricity	7,700.
Insurance	6,035.
Worker's Compensation	2,400.
Contracted Expenses	4,000.
Administrative Expenses	1,500.
Rescue Supplies	2,000.
Gas & Diesel Fuel	1,200.
Equipment Repairs and Maintenance	9,000.
Small Equipment Repairs	1,000.
Building Maintenance and Upgrade	8,500.
Training & Dues	7,500.
Payroll & other related expenses	27,305.
Small Equipment	3,000.
Fire Prevention Program	100.
Hepatitis B & TB inoculations	400.
Financial Audit	2,500.
Bond Interest	39,056.
Bond Principal	75,000.
<u>Mutual Aid Payment</u>	<u>24,239.</u>
Totals	\$224,385.

Chris Babcock made a motion to increase the amount of the line item for Small Equipment by \$2,400, bringing the line item to \$3,400 and the General Government total to \$226,785. Mike Fuller seconded the motion. The amendment was approved. Chris Babcock made a motion to pass the amended General Government article. David Jordan seconded the motion. The amended Article passed unanimously.

Article 5: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,876 to be added to the Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Mike Fuller moved to accept the article as read. David Jordan seconded the motion and the article passed as read unanimously.

Article 6: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,470 to be added to the Small Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Chris Babcock moved to accept the article as read and Stephen Buckley seconded. The article passed unanimously.

Article 7: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to be added to the Spofford Water Hole Expendable Trust previously established. Wayne Guyette made a motion to approve the article and David Orr seconded. Article was passed unanimously.

Article 8: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be added to the Catastrophic Emergency Expendable Fund previously established. Mike Fuller made the motion to accept the article as read. Rick Greene seconded the motion and the article was approved unanimously.

Article 9: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be added to the Spofford Fire Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund previously established. Wayne Guyette moved to approve the article and David Jordan seconded. The article passed unanimously.

Article 10: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,250 to purchase EMS Gear and authorize the withdrawal of \$2,250 from the existing Small Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. David Orr made a motion to approve the article as read and David Jordan seconded the motion. The article passed unanimously.

Article 11: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,358 as our share, to be paid to the Chesterfield Fire Precinct, for the purpose of purchasing Communication Equipment. This is part of a combined grant application with Chesterfield Fire and Westmoreland Fire. The total cost of Spofford's share of the grant purchase is \$91,525. with Spofford Fire contributing \$4,358. The \$4,358 to come from the Small Equipment CRF. Money will be spent only if the grant is awarded. David Jordan moved to approve the article and Rick Greene seconded. The article was passed unanimously.

Article 12: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate \$65,000 to purchase a Compressor/Fill Station and other equipment. Funding for this purchase will be from a Federal Grant up to \$61,905 from the Federal Government and the balance up to \$3,095 from the Small Equipment CRF. Money will be spent only if the grant is awarded. David Jordan moved to accept the article as read. Rick Greene seconded and the article passed unanimously.

Article 13: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate \$498,000 to purchase a Tanker Truck, a Mini Pumper/Quick Attack Vehicle, Operator Training and other Equipment. Funding for this purchase will be from a Federal Grant up to \$474,286 from the Federal Government and the balance up to \$23,714 from the Heavy Equipment CRF. Money will be spent only if the grant is awarded. David Jordan moved to accept the article as read. Steve Dumont seconded and the article passed unanimously.

Article 14: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate \$162,695 to purchase Hose along with Westmoreland Fire and Chesterfield Fire. Funding for this purchase will be from a Federal Grant up to \$154,948 from the Federal Government and the balance up to \$1,809 from the Spofford Fire Small Equipment CRF, up to \$3,080 from Westmoreland and up to \$2,858 from Chesterfield. Money will be spent only if the grant is awarded. David Jordan moved to accept the article as read. Steve Dumont Jr seconded and the article passed unanimously.

Article 15: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,766 to purchase hose, personal protective equipment, a pump and equipment. Funding for this purchase will be from a NH State Forest Grant. Up to \$1,866 from the State of NH and the balance up to \$1,900 from Spofford Fire. Money will be spent only if the grant is awarded. David Jordan moved to accept the article as read. Rick Greene seconded and the article passed unanimously.

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting. Michael Wiggin thanked the Commissioners and Chief Mike Fuller for the good words that were written about him in the Town Report. He also wanted to thank Steve Buckley for the good work he has done for the District as Fire Chief and Commissioner.

Rick Greene moved to close the meeting at 7:50. Mike Fuller seconded the motion. Motion moved in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted:

Catherine Schlichting
Clerk/Treasurer