

Spofford Fire District Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm Wednesday May 18, 2016 at the Spofford Fire Station. Dave Thomas, Wayne Guyette, Chris Babcock, Mike Fuller & Mike Martineau were present. Chris Babcock is taking minutes in the absence of Cathy Schlichting.

1. Minutes from 4/18/2016 Spofford commissioners meeting and joint commissioners meeting were read and approved.
2. Unpaid bills were reviewed and approved for payment.

Old Business-

- a. Tax exempt status- Nothing new.
- b. Dredge fire pond/fountains- Chris Babcock reported on follow up with NHDEP and potential Antioch graduate student internship. Resume for the student was provided to all attendees. Pro's of internship are detailed water/algae analysis as well as complete environmental analysis may be conducted in order to develop action plan. Con's are, student cannot start until July-September, mentor in the field of study is required, 225 hour minimum is required, arrangement must be made for lab testing. Student is still trying to determine the mentor and lab arrangements and costs. Pay for internship was discussed. If assumed \$10 per hour, the student cost is \$2,250 with possible mentor and lab expenses beyond that. Information provided by NHDEP was general improvement strategies which include increasing water flow/aeration, depth, reducing plant life and grass clippings near pond. Dredging, increasing the dam height and irrigation/aeration projects do not require permits. Algaecide may be considered but further info regarding permit requirements is needed if this is to be considered. Discussion was held regarding pump and fountain flow requirements versus aeration methods. The solar powered pumps are not large enough to be effective. Chris discussed research using an electric pump and PVC piping to create water movement/aeration and felt the project could be completed for \$800 or less which was approved last year for dredging but not completed. Mike Fuller discussed Keene State College's use of air pump aeration. Dave Thomas made a motion to authorize up to \$800 from the water hole expendable trust to be used for the water quality improvement project. Seconded by Wayne Guyette. All in favor. Motion passed. Chris will continue to work on this project. Wayne made a motion to try to sell the solar powered fountains. Seconded by Dave Thomas. All in favor. Motion passed.
- c. Channel Hydrant- Repairs are completed. Total cost charged to the water hole expendable trust is \$422.79. Individual bills were presented for approval at this meeting. Thanks to Dave Sheldon for diving to complete the underwater repair. The hydrant also now has a 6 inch hose connection to match the size used on other dry hydrants and the pumpers. All 3 dry hydrants were reinforced using 16 inch culvert pipe filled with sand around the 6 inch PVC hydrant pipe. Thank you to Lyle Hoag for donating the culvert pipe. Thank you to Mike Martineau, Chad Martineau, Joe Babcock, Steve Dumont Sr. and Steve Dumont Jr. for assistance with repairs and reinforcement.

- d. Geothermal heat/cooling- Nothing new. Still waiting for air condition system use to evaluate system further.
- e. Clean File Room- Nothing new.
- f. Grants- Second Peer review period is done. Waiting for news.
- g. Firefighter Physicals- Mike Fuller reported Cheshire Medical will hold same price as previous year. No pricing received from Convenient MD yet.
- h. Training Plan- Mike Fuller reported he is working with Chesterfield to establish quarterly joint training with first session scheduled to occur in June. Westmoreland is also interested. Hopes are to begin quarterly training between all 3 departments with rotating host. A CDL license training plan is beginning with 4 department members interested. Talks are ongoing with Bill Greenwood regarding hosting a pump operations class and safety officer class.
- i. Cost of Service Plan- Mike Fuller presented the finalized cost recovery plan. It was reviewed and approved as written.
- j. Hose testing- Mike Fuller reported testing is tentatively scheduled June 13/14 to occur with Swanzey. Combining with them will hopefully provide a cost savings compared to doing ours separately.
- k. Seal Parking lot- Wayne will contact Nick.
- l. Generator Maintenance- 2 bids were received. Power Up Generator was less than Powers Generator. Power Up was selected. Wayne will contact them to schedule work.

New Business

- a. Norman VanCor contacted Dave and recommended that the motion and vote conducted regarding the unanticipated funds at last month's meeting be repeated with the RSA number included in the motion. Dave made the motion as follows:
"To accept the unanticipated funds (per RSA 31:95-b11-b) of \$2,783.58 received from Liberty Utilities for Spofford's support of the Keene gas problem. The funds will be used to purchase new batteries and accessories for the hand held radios."
Wayne seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.
- b. Chris reported that the newly established town ambulance option committee met for the first time on 5/17. The committee was formed due to the public raising of financial and service concerns and will be reviewing all data possible to evaluate current service levels, costs and any potential options for the future. Updates will be provided as any news emerges.

Next meeting is Monday June 20, 2016. 6:30 pm at the Spofford Fire Station.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Babcock