

**CHESTERFIELD  
FIRE & RESCUE PRECINCT  
MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 21, 2016**

Present: Frank Underwood, George Wright, Rick Cooper, Fire Chief and Brad Roscoe, Selectboard Representative.

George moved to elect Frank as Chairman. The motion was seconded by Frank and passed unanimously.

Chief's Report – Rick presented his list of officers:

Dave Sheldon and Steve Chickering, Jr as Captains  
Yari McKeon and Bruce Gideos as Lieutenants  
Penny Cooper as Rescue Lieutenant

Bart Bevis, Deputy Fire Chief, presented a copy of the bylaws stating that “officers must reside in Chesterfield or West Chesterfield or be employed within...” Dave Sheldon is working and living in Dover, VT. He does still own property in Chesterfield and is listed on the checklist. Frank moved to grant an exception for 6 months. The motion was seconded by George and passed unanimously. Dave's living situation may change or the department may consider an amendment to the bylaws.

Rick reported that the Cab & Chassis arrived in Lake's Region last week. Steve Chickering, Jr. stated that to his knowledge Chrysler will continue to repair the Cab & Chassis for the Rescue and may offer an extended warranty. The Tower will be tested Friday morning.

Steve Chickering, Jr. reported that the Association had purchased a Polaris Ranger that they will donate to the Precinct so that it will fall under the Insurance. George moved to accept the donation from the Association. The motion was seconded by Frank and passed unanimously. The Association is also looking to purchase a trailer for the Ranger once they have replenished Association Funds.

Rick reported that Jim Finkenstadt has passed his Firefighter I. A new class starts in Peterborough next week. Rick is researching a new product application for phones to help with dispatching.

Other – Bart presented his concern about the new boat motor purchased last year. The Fire Departments purchasing policy requires 3 bids for a purchase in that price range. There are exceptions to the purchasing policy “where the municipality will consider the use of state & cooperative purchasing contracts for goods and services as such contracts & purchases may provide savings to the community.” The Commissioners can also vote to waive the purchasing as was done when the new truck was purchased several years ago. Bids for the Fire Pond were requested from local Contractors.

George moved to appoint Rick Cooper as the representative to the Budget Committee. The motion was seconded by Frank and passed unanimously.

Minutes – George moved to approve February 12<sup>th</sup> as submitted. The motion was seconded by George and passed unanimously.

George moved to approve the March 15<sup>th</sup> Precinct minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Frank and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – The Commissioners approved \$1,008.06 worth of expenses in January and \$1,775.46 in February. The balance in the account is \$22,557.34 at the end of February. Amy has requested and deposited \$35,000 in budget funds from the Town in March, but the Commissioners have

approved \$23,133.38 so far in March including \$22,057.75 due to Mutual Aid. Rick requested the Commissioners release the check for Yari for the second half of his class.

The MS-232 was signed by the Commissioners. Amy tracked down Bob Goderre earlier. The 232 is the report of approved appropriations from the Precinct meeting.

Selectboard Report – There will be an ambulance service review committee starting in May. Rick Cooper and Steve Laskowski will be representatives from Chesterfield.

The next meeting is April 18<sup>th</sup>. Amy has asked Dave Thomas about a Joint Commissioners meeting at 8, but she has not heard back. She will notice it at the Town anyway as it is easier to cancel than post.

George moved to adjourn at 8:05 PM. The motion was seconded by Frank and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine  
District Clerk

Approved:

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Frank Underwood, Chairman

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George Wright