

# Spofford Fire District Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Meeting was held Monday, April 18th at 6:35pm at the Spofford Fire Station. In attendance: Dave Thomas, Wayne Guyette, Chris Babcock, Michael Fuller, Steve Dumont, Norman Van Cor and Cathy Schlichting.

1. Minutes from March 8<sup>th</sup> Commissioners' meeting were read and approved.
2. Unpaid bills were reviewed and approved for payment.
3. Old Business
  - a. Tax Exempt Status: waiting for a letter of determination
  - b. Dredge Pond: Mike will work on getting the fountains set up in the next few weeks. Chris will check on algaecide. Discuss options at next meeting.
  - c. Channel hydrant: Chris reported that the end is visible, but covered with leaves and debris. Review adding right angle and 4 feet of pipe with a strainer. Chris will contact Dave Shelton about diving and Steve Dumont will check on the cost of supplies.
  - d. Geothermal: Waiting for the switch from heat to cool. Mike will check with KSC to see who is maintaining their unit.
  - e. Clean File Room: There is more to be done.
  - f. Credit Card: Credit cards are here. Delay was caused by address and town errors at bank.
  - g. Grants Chris Babcock: Chris reported that the peer review was done. Chris will try to get a better handle on equipment numbers for next round.
  - h. Firefighters Physicals: Mike had his done at Cheshire. Convenient MD may be cheaper than Cheshire. They are working on getting equipment to run all tests.
  - i. Training Plan: Mike is working on a plan that will include quarterly in-house training, quarterly training with Chesterfield and quarterly training with FETC. He has had some discussion with the Fire Academy for Spofford to host Pump Operator and CDL classes.
  - j. Cost of Service Plan: Mike is working on it and will bring to next meeting
  - k. Hose testing: Mike has been talking with Swanzey about piggybacking on their testing to reduce costs for both departments. Hoping to arrange for June.
4. New Business
  - \* Unanticipated funds from Keene gas leak event: Dave had checked with State and we can accept funds and use at Commissioners discretion. Wayne made a motion to accept the funds from Liberty Utilities. Dave seconded motion. Vote was affirmative.
  - \* Electric Bill: Cathy requested one year statement from Eversource. Paperwork indicates 4 meters Locations and purpose were compared and verified to statements.
  - \* Mike has ordered the 4<sup>th</sup> tank for the Rescue Unit from Sam Howard. He will also schedule switching the tank and testing.
  - \* Mike reported that Chesterfield has an extra SCBA mounting seat. They will sell it at cost (\$250) to Spofford. It would be put on the tanker. Mike verified the cost.
  - \* Steve Buckley forwarded a request for a couple of volunteers to serve on the Town Committee to look into changing ambulance service. Mike believes we should stay with Keene. Steve D and Chris volunteered. Cathy will notify Rick Carrier.
  - \* Chris was elected to be the Spofford Fire District representative on the Budget Committee. Cathy will notify Rick Carrier.

- \* Cathy will work on 'thank you' for Steve Buckley and report back.
- \* Wayne will ask Power Up for a quote for generator maintenance this year.
- \* Wayne will contact Nick Gladke about sealing the cracks in the parking lot.
- \* Mike will order batteries from Bruce Beliveau. He is working on the cost.
- \* Tim Scanlon is taking the Firefighter 1 course and Joey Babcock is taking the EMT course. Pay will come out of training line item.
- \* Cathy will check on the possibility of an Antioch ES student doing their practicum work by helping with the pond project.
- \* Cathy to work on getting application materials to Primex.

Joint Commissioners meeting to follow tonight at the Spofford station at 8pm.

Next meeting will be held on May 18th, 2016 at 6:30pm at the Spofford station. Cathy will notify the town of the change and post at the Post Office and the station.

Meeting was adjourned at 8pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine H. Schlichting - Clerk/Treasurer