

# Spofford Fire District Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Meeting was held Monday, July 18th at 6:30pm at the Spofford Fire Station. In attendance: Dave Thomas, Chris Babcock, Michael Fuller, Norman Van Cor and Cathy Schlichting.

1. Minutes from June 20th Commissioners' meeting were read and approved.
2. Unpaid bills were reviewed and approved for payment.
3. Old Business
  - a. Tax Exempt Status: still nothing
  - b. Dredge Fire Pond/Fountains: Chris reported that the Department began removing some of the vegetation from the sides of the pond. They want to clear along the edge and install some kind of liner and stones to keep the pond clean. Chris has installed the aerator temporarily. Dave will talk with Frank Lucius about a source for stone. Chris will try to get some numbers together for planning.
  - c. Geothermal: nothing
  - d. Clean File Room: fall/winter
  - e. Grants Chris Babcock: Still waiting for news. Application period will reopen in September.
  - f. Firefighters Physicals: Mike reported that Convenient MD is currently doing them for three area towns. Dr. Kimball is supposed to call tomorrow with actual cost.
  - g. Training Plan: The first training will take place this month with Spofford, Chesterfield and Westmoreland. Swanzey may participate in some trainings. Spofford may host a Pump Operator and CDL course.
  - h. Seal Parking: waiting for Wayne's report
  - i. Generator: Power Up has completed the maintenance work.
  - j. VY Siren: Phil Turrell has some leftover and used parts and is willing to work on it. Mike suggested adding a battery backup to see if it will correct the problem. Mike will pick it up and he and Chris work will on installing and testing.
  - k. Hose testing: Mike reported that the 4-inch hose is covered by the warranty. Some of the attack lines may be covered too. He reported that Fail Safe Testing did an exceptional job.
4. New Business
  - Mike reported that he has ordered the equipment to be paid for by the Forestry Grant
  - Chris spoke about the odor from the water. Have been many complaints about the unpleasant smell. Mike will take a sample to EAI for testing.
  - Chris will be meeting with GIA next week to review the new policies.
  - Norman asked about getting reimbursed from the State of Vermont when we respond over there. Wondered if trying to work through the State Legislature might help to come to some kind of equitable resolution.

Next meeting will be held on August 15th, 2016 at 6:30pm at the Spofford station. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm. Commissioners and the Chief went to Joint Commissioners meeting in Chesterfield.

Respectfully submitted,  
Catherine H. Schlichting - Clerk/Treasurer