

Spofford Fire District Commissioners Meeting August 13, 2018

Present for meeting: Chris Babcock, Steve Dumont, David Jordan, Cathy Schlichting, Dave Thomas, Melissa Jordan and David Orr.

Dave Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

No minutes to review.

Unpaid bills were reviewed and approved for payment.

Old Business

Tax Exempt Status/refund: No changes.

Fire Pond: Chris Babcock made motion to authorize Treasurer to withdraw \$2,555.67 from the Water Hole Expendable trust to be applied to costs generated and already paid for partial dredging and dry hydrant installation at the Spring Street, Fire Pond. Bills for this work include –Firematic Supply \$236.92, F.W. Webb \$241.99, Firematic Supply \$49.76 for parts and R.C. Pratt \$2,000.00 for labor. The motion was seconded by David Jordan and passed unanimously.

Chris Babcock made motion to authorize Treasurer to withdraw \$26,000.00 from the Small Equipment Capital reserve as approved in Article 12 and to pay Fire Tech & Safety of New England invoice #14850 in the amount of \$26,580.00. The remaining \$580.00 will be charged to the Small Equipment line item in the annual operating budget. The motion was seconded by David Jordan and passed unanimously.

Grants: Amendment made to Regional Grant as boat was denied.

Chris Babcock made motion to purchase equipment approved by the AFG program in the second amendment request of the 2016 Regional Grant. The gear washer and dryer to be purchased for Chesterfield and hydraulic rescue tools for Westmoreland Departments will be on the brand and vendor of their choice. Equipment to be purchased for Spofford will be 2 Ram PPV Fans with 1 battery for

\$3,393.81 each from Firematic Supply Co. and air bags, related and vehicle stabilization kit for \$8,863.60 plus shipping from Harrison Shrader Enterprises. Costs exceeding the \$14,468.77 surplus funds will be paid out of the operating budget. The motion was seconded by David Jordan and passed unanimously.

Chris Babcock made motion to approve the use of remaining 2016 AFG Operations Grant funds to purchase a 6 set gear dryer as quoted without delivery and install costs from STN Laundry Systems in the estimate #1229 Two 4 gas Meters @762.00 each from Firematic Supply Company, firefighting gloves and hoods as remaining funding permits. Any minor balance item costs remaining beyond surplus grant funds will be paid from the operating budget. The motion was seconded by David Thomas and passed unanimously.

Cleaning Services: Contract received from Patrick Cole of Coll's Cleaning & Carpet Care. Chris Babcock made motion to approve and authorize Dave Thomas to sign contract. The motion was seconded by David Jordan and passed unanimously.

Physicals: No changes.

Stewards Position: No Changes. David Jordan noted that he has continued to follow, progress continues including the need for written guidelines.

Freeze Damage/Engine: Awaiting bill for \$500.00 deductible from Vendor.

Farrara: No Changes.

New Business

Inflatable Boat: Chris Babcock noted that the grant was denied for the inflatable boat for \$11,017.95. Chris Babcock acknowledged department concerns that the current metal row boat is outdated and is not suitable to respond to areas around the lake for year round coverage.

Chris Babcock made motion to approve the purchase of the complete inflatable boat package with trailer as quoted by Mid-Atlantic Rescue Systems Inc. in estimate 18-4180, dated 7/11/2018 at a cost of \$11,017.95 and as appointed agents to expend for the Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (article 12

approved in 2010) to authorize the Treasurer to withdraw \$11,017.95 from the Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and pay this expense when the boat package is delivered. David Jordan seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Steve Dumont thanked the Commissioners for purchasing the boat.

Tanker Out Of Service: David Jordan noted that tanker is out of service for Manifold Repair on 8/15/18.

Old Home Days: Postponed until Saturday, September 29, 2018 10:00a – 2:00pm with a rain date of Sunday September 30, 2018 10:00am – 2:00pm.

Training: Steve Dumont noted that although fire on High St was toned for Chesterfield vs Spofford, it did not delay Spofford response time due to their use of Spotted Dog. Steve Dumont also noted that recent department training has paid off.

David Jordan made motion to adjourn at 6:45pm. Chris Babcock seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa D. Jordan

Spofford Fire Commisioners

David Thomas, Chairman _____

Chris Babcock _____

David Jordan _____