

West Ossipee Fire Precinct
Jewell Hill Fire Station, West Ossipee, NH
2016 Annual Meeting
Saturday, March 12, 2016

Commissioners Present: Gregory W. Howard, Paula Moore, Stanley Brothers
Moderator: Thomas Kondrat
Minutes Taken By: DorisAnn Allenson, Precinct Clerk
Xann Horn, Precinct Secretary

Eleven 11 registered voters were in attendance.

Moderator Thomas Kondrat called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. and explained meeting procedures.

Article I

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(Moved to the end of the meeting.)

Article II

To see if the precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred and Thirty-Three Thousand and Two Hundred and Ten (\$333,210.00) dollars for general precinct operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

Executive	\$13,150.00
Financial Administration	\$6,000.00
Legal	\$1,000.00
Government Buildings	\$51,950.00
Insurance	\$22,100.00
Fire	\$181,700.00
Street Lighting	\$600.00
Principal- Long Term Bond	\$40,000.00
Interest- Long Term Bond	<u>\$16,710.00</u>
Total	\$333,210.00

Motion: by Stanley Brothers, seconded by Greg Howard, to accept article as written.

Each line item was reviewed individually. Commissioner Howard explained that the 2011 proposed budget was \$491,276. It is now down to \$373,010.00. The Precinct has had a reduction of \$118,257 (or 24%) in total appropriations since 2011. Howard noted that issues at Central Station have now been handled and the building is up to code, safe, and more energy efficient than it was.

Motion passed.

Article III

To see if the precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000.00) to be added to the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing vehicles and other firefighting and rescue equipment. (Majority vote required)

Motion: by Steve Moore, seconded by Nick Anania, to accept article as written.

Howard explained that this is the 5th year that money has been put into this fund. If this warrant article is approved, the total in this fund will be \$100,000.

Motion passed.

Article IV

To see if the precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nineteen Thousand and Eight Hundred (\$19,800.00) for the purpose of installing a fire suppression system at the Jewell Hill Fire Station. (Majority vote required)

Motion: by Steve Moore, seconded by Nick Anania, to accept article as written.

Chief Huddleston explained that these funds are for installing the fire suppression system at Jewell Hill Station. When Jewell Hill Station was constructed in 2009, it was required by code, but not included, to have a sprinkler system installed. We now have a plan to put in a complete a fire suppression system over the next seven or eight years. The overall cost will be approximately \$150,000. As long as the Precinct has a plan and are moving forward, it will satisfy the need of the fire marshal's office.

Motion passed.

(Back to Article I)

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Motion: by Thomas Kondrat, seconded by Gail Howard, to nominate Paula Moore as Commissioner for a term of three (3) years. Paula accepted the nomination. Motion passed.

Motion: by Thomas Kondrat, seconded by Steve Moore, to nominate DorisAnn Allenson as Clerk for a term of one (1) year. DorisAnn accepted the nomination. Motion passed.

Motion: by Thomas Kondrat, seconded by Steve Moore, to nominate Eileen Roberts as Treasurer for a term of one (1) year. Eileen accepted the nomination. Motion passed.

Motion: by Gail Howard, seconded by Paula Moore, to nominate Thomas Kondrat as Moderator for a term of one (1) year. Thomas accepted. Motion passed.

Article V

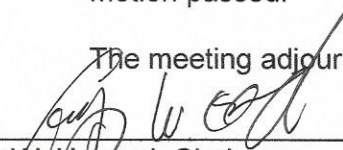
To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

Chief Huddleston reported on the Bayle Mountain Fire on May 5th. The fire was fought from May 5th through May 9th and then back again on the May 28th. The fire consumed 275 acres which was the largest woodland fire in the state over the past 25 years. 341 people from 56 agencies assisted. More than 22 people and businesses donated food. The American Red Cross was also present. A mobile command unit from the Seacoast Area Fire Chief's Association supplied an Incident Management Team. The largest expense was for the helicopters. The total amount billed was \$109,600. Of that \$109,600 almost \$102,000 was for helicopter support. There were two minor injuries. It was calculated that more than 3,800 man hours were required to put the fire out. In April, there was another woods fire at Westward Shores Campground and also a fire at the end of Nichols Road. These were the three biggest events for 2015. At the end of the year, there was a total of 283 acres that burnt in the precinct. Total runs were 183 which is 8 less than last year; 60% were EMS based. Although eight fewer incidents were reported this year than last year, the total time was greater. Currently there is an average of 16 people on the roster; 11 of them are EMS certified. The Precinct applied for a FEMA grant which will replace the forestry truck. Commissioner Howard asked if DRED was going to look at other properties around Bayle Mountain regarding the slash (broken limbs, limbs off trees and some logs not used.) Typically loggers clear all of that out. For whatever reason in 2008 this was not done and there was a significant amount of slash about eight feet deep. Stephen Kesler is the new Forester and they are working on this so that it doesn't happen again and to try to mitigate what is already on the ground. Thomas Kondrat thanked Chief Huddleston and the firefighters for keeping everyone safe. Stanley Brothers added that Westward Shores have been working with Chief Huddleston to add 246 campsites to the campground. Part of the requirements was a dry hydrant for the fire department and emergency access road in and out. This is a major development that will happen over the next two to three years and Chief Huddleston has been working with them on this. Commission Howard noted that the web site has all the meeting minutes, monthly activity reports, the audit, and house numbering issues listed. Please visit www.westosseepeefire.org.

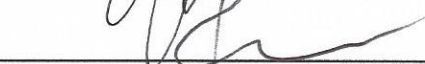
Adjournment

Motion: by Stanley Brothers, seconded by Steve Moore to adjourn. All in favor, motion passed.


The meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.



Gregory W. Howard, Chairman 3/21/16



Paula Moore



Stanley Brothers