

West Ossipee Fire Precinct
Jewell Hill Fire Station, West Ossipee, NH
2017 Annual Meeting
Saturday, March 12, 2017

Commissioners Present: Gregory W. Howard, Paula Moore, Stanley Brothers

Moderator: Bob Pustell

Minutes Taken By: DorisAnn Allenson, Precinct Clerk
Xann Horn, Precinct Secretary

15 registered voters were in attendance.

Moderator Bob Pustell called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. and explained the meeting procedures; and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Moderator Pustell stated that previous moderator Tom Kondrat did a great job and thanked him.

Article I

To elect all necessary precinct officers for the ensuing year as follows: to choose one Commissioner for a term of three (3) years; one Clerk for a term of one (1) year; one Treasurer for a term of one (1) year; and a Moderator for a term of one (1) year.

(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 Fifty-Three Thousand and One Hundred Fifty (\$353,150.00) 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	\$7,000.00
Legal	\$1,000.00
Government Buildings	\$38,500.00
Insurance	\$29,600.00
Fire	\$214,300.00
Street Lighting	\$600.00
Principal- Long Term Bond	\$42,000.00
Interest- Long Term Bond	<u>\$7,065.00</u>
Total	\$353,215.00

Each line item was reviewed individually.

With regard to the "Fire" line item - Chief Huddleston stated that in 2015 the WOFD had a total of 183 calls and in 2016 there were 225 calls; this is over a 26% increase in activity. Over the past five years the Department has averaged 230 calls per year, 65% are EMS/medical calls or car accidents involving EMS response. More calls and more members equal higher payroll which is up a little bit. On-going training and everything related to fire operation, turnout gear, fuel and repairs for the trucks is within this line item as well.

Commissioner Howard stated that the Bond line items are strictly related to Jewell Hill Station. The Precinct is in the last several years of payment of that bond. Commissioner Brothers noted that with a proposed budget of \$373,215 (this figures includes the proposed \$20,000 warrant article) we are about \$200 over last year's budget. He noted that Commissioner Howard, Commissioner Moore, Chief Huddleston and the department members are responsible for bringing this budget down. Moderator Pustell reviewed the background of the precinct's budget.

Motion: by Commissioner Stanley Brothers, seconded by Steve Moore, to accept Article II as written. **All in favor, 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 Ann Katie, seconded by Steve Moore, to accept Article III as written. **All in favor, motion passed.**

(Back to Article I)

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Motion: by Gregory Howard, seconded by Paula Moore, to nominate Stanley Brothers as Commissioner for a term of three (3) years. Stanley accepted the nomination. **All in favor, motion passed.**

Motion: by Gregory Howard, seconded by Stanley Brothers, to nominate DorisAnn Allenson as Clerk for a term of one (1) year. DorisAnn accepted the nomination. **All in favor, motion passed.**

Motion: by Paula Moore, seconded by Gregory Howard, to nominate Eileen Roberts as Treasurer for a term of one (1) year. Eileen accepted the nomination. **All in favor, motion passed.**

Motion: by Ann Katie, seconded by Paula Moore, to nominate Bob Pustell as Moderator for a term of one (1) year. Bob accepted the nomination. **All in favor, motion passed.**

Article V

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

Chief Huddleston stated the Department's call volume is up about 26%. There are current 19 members on roster, 1 is at college, 2 or 3 of them are available on weekends and holidays. Typically on most calls we average from 2 to 10 people on the call. Chief Huddleston thanked the Department members and noted the good relationship that the department now has with the Commissioners. Most of the issues we have set out to


correct have now been fixed. As we have continued to move forward, one member that previously left the department has come back. He is a gas/oil technician which supplements what we currently have on staff. We have a couple members now that have gained a higher level of EMS certification. Our organization was regularly licensed as a life support agency and soon we will be licensed as an advanced life support agency. Scot Schwartz is now an Advanced EMT which allows him to do further interventions and is allowed to administer medications. All of the equipment is up to date, registered and certified. We have applied for a grant to replace two trucks with one (a wild land interface truck) which is a multi-purpose pumper. The grant will cover 95% cost of the truck, the Precinct would pick up the other 5% cost. Commissioner Howard stated there is an increase of the budget of \$7,000 to cover the cost of a 12-lead heart monitor. (Cardiac monitor, AED, required equipment in an ambulance). This is part of the advanced intervention systems put in place. Through Huggins Hospital the Department receives a 45% discount. We were able to lease/purchase a demo unit for around \$19,000, at \$7,000 a year, over three years.

Moderator Pustell noted that we have thoughtful management now and it is wonderful and thanked the Chief, the Department members and the Commissioners. Gail Howard thanked the fire department and stated that as a nurse, she believes the 12-lead heart monitor is a great thing to have. She also thanked the department for the personal interaction she had with them when there services were needed for family members. Chief Huddleston stated that years ago there was a great divide between the neighboring departments. Now we have members participating across departments and as a whole town this has made things a lot easier. It is become nice to work with the surrounding towns.

Adjournment

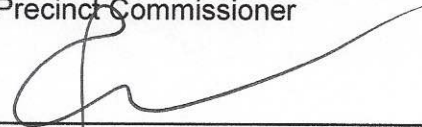
Motion: by Gregory Howard, seconded by Ann Katie, to adjourn. All in favor, motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

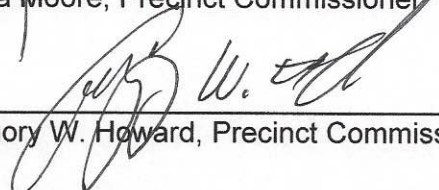


Stanley Brothers, Chairman
Precinct Commissioner

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Paula Moore, Precinct Commissioner



Gregory W. Howard, Precinct Commissioner