

West Ossipee Fire Precinct  
Jewell Hill Fire Station, West Ossipee, NH  
2019 Annual Meeting  
Saturday, March 9, 2019

**Commissioners Present:** Gregory W. Howard, Paula Moore, Denise Castle  
**Moderator:** Bob Pustell  
**Minutes Taken By:** DorisAnn Allenson, Precinct Clerk  
Xann Horn, Precinct Secretary

19 registered voters were in attendance.

Moderator Bob Pustell called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

A moment of respect was observed for our friend and neighbor, late Deputy Chief Matt Welch.

The Moderator opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and explained the meeting procedures. He thanked the members of the department and opened up the meeting to Commissioner Greg Howard. Commissioner Howard explained that Stanley Brothers resigned as Commissioner and introduced Denise Castle who has stepped in to fill this opening. He introduced Commissioner Paula Moore and Treasurer Terri Hooper, who stepped in to fill the position when Eileen Roberts resigned back in July. Commissioner Howard noted the debt on the Jewell Hill building will be retired this month and a mini-pumper vehicle is due to be delivered any time. This new vehicle will allow the firefighters easier access to the more challenging areas in the precinct. Commissioner Howard turned the meeting over to Chief Carl Huddleston.

Chief Huddleston thanked members of the Department and surrounding towns for their dedication and cooperation. Call volume (mostly EMS related) has increased 19% which seems to follow a trend in Southern Carroll County. He imagines medical service calls are increasing due to an aging population. The upcoming NH DOT Route 16 construction project will impact response time to some areas. During this construction, a dry hydrant will be installed on the northwest corner of the Lovell River Bridge. By installing this hydrant during construction time, the cost will be greatly reduced and has already been taken out of last year's budget. A 2019 mini-pumper vehicle has been ordered. It is a multi-purpose truck which will cover 90% of the calls that the department has. We are retiring a 1991 truck. If anybody has questions, Commissioners meet the first and third Monday of every month, or you can call the station and leave a message; we are here to help. The current contract with Care Plus/North Conway Ambulance expires in April of 2020. The local Chiefs and Selectmen are starting work with other surrounding towns to formulate a plan on how to proceed in the future. The currently cost is approximately \$300,000 and that is guaranteed to increase. If anybody requires services and there are problems, or if they are not satisfied with the service, Chief Huddleston urges them to provide feedback so it can be addressed.

Commissioner Howard reviewed the information that is posted on the Department's website. He personally thanked the firefighters for all they do, stating that he is amazed with their dedication. Some firefighters work full time jobs in conjunction with their fire responsibilities and the time and dedication it takes to be the best.

### Article I

**Motion:** by Howard, seconded by Steve Moore, to move Article I to after article IV.  
**All in favor, motion carried.**

To elect all necessary precinct officers for the ensuing year as follows:

- One Commissioner for a term of one (1) year.
- 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.
- One Moderator for a term of one (1) year.

**Motion:** by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to nominate Denise Castle for Commissioner for a term of one year.

**Motion:** by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Paula Moore, to nominate Paula Moore for Commissioner for a three year term.

**Motion:** by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Paula Moore, to nominate DorisAnn Allenson for clerk for one year term.

**Motion:** by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Paula Moore, to nominate Barbara Hooper for Treasurer for one year term.

**Motion:** by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Paula Moore, to nominate Bob Pustell for Moderator for one year term.

There was no discussion on the above motions. **All motions carried.**

**Article II**

To see if the precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred and Forty-two Thousand and Eight Hundred (\$342,800.00) 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	\$31,500.00
Insurance	\$25,500.00
Fire	\$239,050.00
Street Lighting	\$600.00
Principal-Long Term Bond	\$23,000.00
Interest-Long Term Bond	\$2,000.00

Minor discussion ensued.

**Motion:** by Steve Moore, seconded by Roland Millette, to accept Article II as written. **All in favor, motion carried.**

**Article III**

To see if the precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000.00) for the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose

of purchasing vehicles and other firefighting and rescue equipment. (Majority vote required)

Minor discussion ensued. It was explained that after withdrawing \$100,000 for the new mini-pumper vehicle, there is approximately \$60,000 in this fund; the current Warrant Article III will bring it up to approximately \$80,000.

**Motion:** by Steve Moore, seconded by Gail Howard, to approve Article III as written. **All in favor, motion carried.**

(returned to Article I for discussion and vote)

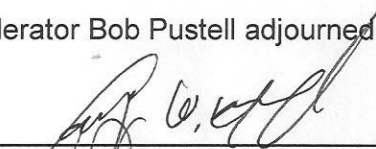
**Article V**

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

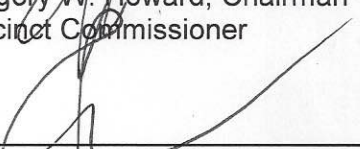
A precinct resident thanked the department members, stated they had helped her greatly since August of 2014 and she appreciates it.

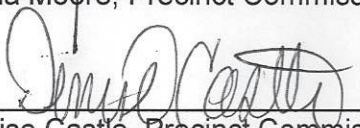
**Adjournment**

Moderator Bob Pustell adjourned the meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

  
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Gregory W. Howard, Chairman  
Precinct Commissioner

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Paula Moore, Precinct Commissioner

  
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Denise Castle, Precinct Commissioner