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FIRE  
DISTRICT

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## **DALTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**

**November 26, 2023**

Present: Jim Driscoll, Michael Kubicki, Melanie Roucoulet, Water Superintendent Bob Benlien, Interim Chief Robert Czerwinski, Daniel Filiault. Charlotte Crane, Captain Mike Cachat, Brian Sears, Charlotte Crane

Public: Dr Henry Rose, Sabrina Damn-iberkshires, Don Allard  
Jim Driscoll called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

### **General Business:**

- Minutes
  - o Jim Driscoll made a motion to accept the minutes from September 26, 2023 and October 31, 2023, as printed, Michael Kubicki seconded, approved unanimously.
- Berkshire Snow Seekers – Don Allard would like to renew the agreement to use our snowmobile trails for this winter season. Jim Driscoll made a motion to accept the renewal agreement, Cam Cachat seconded, approved unanimously.

### **Ambulance:**

- We responded to 139 calls in November. 58 Fire, 81 EMS
- The Chief is looking at times of calls to see if we should add a third person to each shift.
- Currently looking for per diem EMT/Paramedic.
- Hired and Oriented one more per diem FF/Paramedic
- A-6 is being stocked and prepared for OEMS Inspection in December.
- Snow tires have been mounted and ready for A-5.
- Would like to order a Power Stretcher for A-6.

### **Fire Department:**

- Average Turnout for training sessions is around 17 Firefighters.
- Training class will be completed this week from Eversource
- Schedule developed for Mass Dept. of Labor Standards Training, begins January 2024.
- Strategic plan started for 2024.

### **Water Department:**

- All the hydrant flags have been installed on the hydrants.
- The snowplows have been serviced and brought down to the Stock house.
- All Annual tank inspections have been completed.
- City Tire has installed studded snow tires on the plow truck
- There were 25 Digsafe marks out in November.

- Possible leak on Reservoir Rd, circuit rider from mass rural water association was called in, test verified that the water was not caused by a leak.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Around \$75,000 still due from semi-annual billings.
- Late notices will be sent out later in the week.
- The FY24 tax rate has been completed with the DOR, waiting to have a meeting with the Prudential committee on November 29th.
- Louise will be coming in the next few weeks to help me collect water payments.

Jim Driscoll made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 seconded by Cam Cachat, passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be December 26, 2023 at 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

*Melanie Roucoulet*

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Treasurer/Clerk

