

DALTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

January 23, 2018

Present: Chair Jim Driscoll, Camillus Cachat, Michael Kubicki, Fire Chief Cahalan, Water Superintendent Benlien, Clerk Cheryl Cachat

Public: Ed Denham & Scott Shove from New England Woodlands Management, Chad Scovil, Ken Sagendorph, Ray Ferrin

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 December 19, 2017 as printed, Cam Cachat seconded, approved unanimously
- Correspondence - None
- Net Metering Credits Discussion
 - o Mike Kubicki has concern about the length of a 20 year contract with extension of 5 years, while acknowledging the one year opt out clause
 - o Cam Cachat voiced dissent that they are not offering same rate as offered to town, but is in favor
 - o Jim Driscoll voiced concern about past failures in attempts to gain electric credits and the the process of receiving the credit, calculating and refunding the management group and voiced he is not in favor
 - o To be listed on next month agenda for vote
- New England Woodland Management
 - o The timber sale for this fiscal year is still planned and any proceeds should be received by June 30 although the timber is not yet marked
 - o For FY19 a sale in the fall is planned for a budget of 5-10k income
 - o Discussion of the letter received from Division of Fisheries & Wildlife
 - A copy of the letter is filed with the official minutes
 - Letter was generated due to an office error of the incorrect correspondence being sent to DFW. The correct information has been sent.
 - Concern was voiced over the management style of the current staff at DFW compared to past practices.
 - o Difficult to comply with their requirements
 - o Discussion regarding if stringent adherence to plans happens to all CR properties
 - o Ed has a meeting to discuss current cutting plan and will report back to the Commissioners regarding outcome. Depending on the date of the meeting Jim Driscoll offered to attend the meeting.
- FY19 Budget has been given to Commissioners for review
 - o Set up departmental budget meetings
- Ambulance Report
 - o Chad stated the association has been working on numbers of the increase in call volume in preparation for setting up a meeting with the town
 - o 3 more personnel are in process of being added
 - o Cam brought up all the recent articles in the paper regarding shortage of staff and difficulty in staffing ambulances in county

Fire Department:

- Update on proposed new fire truck purchase
 - o For pricing the chassis amount is guaranteed into FY19 but the box component will increase in cost approximately 10k if ordered after April 1
 - o Fire Chief expressed concern about paying increase and would propose having a special meeting if increase is 10k
 - o Jim Driscoll expressed he would rather wait till annual meeting for a larger volume of voters presence
 - o Chief will present final amounts next month, if the increase is a firm amount or negotiable, and further conversation regarding vote concern

Water Department:

- Printed report from Superintendent attached to official minutes
 - Discussion of water line being installed on Yvonne Drive which will not be hooked into our water system

Treasurer's Report:

- Late notices were sent to home owners
- 6 month income vs expense reports are complete and everything is on target
- Budget preparation for FY19

Next regular meeting will be February 27, 2018 at 6:30pm

Jim Driscoll made a motion to adjourn at 7:10 pm, seconded by Mike Kubicki, passed unanimously

The Commissioners will reconvene in executive session for a personnel matter and not return to regular meeting

Jim Driscoll - Aye

Cam Cachat - Aye

Mike Kubicki - Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Cachat
Treasurer/Clerk