

DALTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

January 24, 2017

Present: Chair James Driscoll, Camillus Cachat, Michael Kubicki, Chief Cahalan,
Water Superintendent Benlien, Cheryl Cachat.

Public: Al Nadeau, Chad Scovil, Thomas Balardini, Ed Denham, Scott Shane, Mark Demaranville
(New England Woodlands Mgt), Mass Wildlife Representatives Andrew Madden, Liz Newlands, Jacob
Morris-Siegal

James Driscoll called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

General Business:

- Minutes
 - o Jim Driscoll made a motion to accept the minutes from November 29, 2016 and December 27, 2016 as printed, Cam Cachat seconded, approved unanimously
- Correspondence
 - o Letter from Attorney Syd Smithers regarding the PILOT payment to the Town of Hinsdale
 - Recommendation was to set up a meeting with the Town
 - Clerk will contact Attorney Smithers
- Division of Fisheries & Wildlife (DFW) – Conservation Restriction
 - o 3 DFW employees are present
 - o Reviewed contract details, stated the Division goals are right for public access, ensure property is kept in natural state with attention to wildlife habitat thru forestry management
 - o Division has added staff capacity to oversee CR areas and ensure compliance to contracts
 - o Reiterated that a Forest Management Plan must be approved every 10 ten years prior to approval of any Forest Cutting Plans.
 - o Ed Denham asked for clarification on the appropriate chain of command for contracts and approvals
 - o The district is in process of having the Forest Management Plan approved due to changes requested, Ed Denham asked for allowance to let the timber harvest that was bid go thru this time
 - The DFW will get back to him with a response to his request
- Ed Denham presented the Forest Management Plan to the commissioners for their signature
 - o Stated plan is good except for the harvest area which he is working on with DFW
 - o Reviewed his communications with the DFW
- Ambulance Report
 - o Chad stated that the staffing for ambulance calls is now in place with two shifts staffed 4-12 and 12-8 and seems to be working well
 - o Better response by ambulance personnel to take calls knowing that an on call staff person is waiting to respond
- Preliminary 2018 Budget working meeting date will be set

Fire Department:

- o Reviewed number of calls
- o Chief reviewed Ladder 1 being out of service, repair and that is back in service

- Stated the exceptional service by the repair company made the difference
- Actual cost still unknown, original estimate was \$10,000
- The ladder bay overhead door was repaired and all other overhead doors serviced.
- Pittsfield Tower 1 is back in service, no longer covering for Pittsfield
- Presented the estimate of cost for continuing the firefighter position currently being paid from grant (See Attached)

Water Department:

- Printed report from Superintendent attached to official minutes.
- Presented the estimate of cost for hiring an additional person for the staff for the current year and the cost to include the person in the budget projections for next fiscal year (See Attached)

Treasurer's Report:

- Receipts for overdue billing are being processed
- An additional office staff person, Justine Donovan, is being trained to help out and cover in my absence

A working budget meeting will be posted for February 15, 2017 at 4:00 pm in the Fire Station.
The next regular meeting will be February 28, 2017 at 6:30pm in the Dalton Fire Station.
Jim Driscoll made a motion to adjourn at 8:02, Mike Kubicki seconded, passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Cachat
Treasurer/Clerk