

**CHESTERFIELD
FIRE & RESCUE PRECINCT
ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 19, 2024**

Moderator Gary Winn called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Article 1: Alex Winn moved to nominate Gary Winn as Moderator for the ensuing year. The motion was seconded by James Finkenstadt. There were no other nominations. Gary Winn was elected unanimously.

Article 2: Richard Cooper moved to nominate Amy LaFontaine as Clerk/Treasurer for the ensuing year. The motion was seconded by Alex Winn. There were no other nominations. Amy LaFontaine was elected unanimously.

Article 3: Richard Cooper moved to nominate McKim Mitchell as Commissioner for three years (2024-2027). The motion was seconded by Steve Chickering. There were no other nominations. McKim Mitchell was elected unanimously.

Article 4: To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$177,000.00 for the following purposes, or act in any way related thereto:

Item	Recommended by the Commissioners	Recommended by the Budget Committee
Administrative Exp	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00
Building Maintenance	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00
Small Equipment	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
Small Equipment Repairs	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Fire Prv Program	\$200.00	\$200.00
Insurance	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00
Training & Dues	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Stipends & Other Related Exp	\$56,000.00	\$56,000.00
Worker's Compensation	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Audit	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Contracted Services	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
Rescue Supplies	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Electricity	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
Heating Oil	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
Propane	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Telephone	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Gas & Diesel Fuel	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00

Equipment Repairs & Maint	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Hepatitis B,TB & Flu	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Payment for Mutual Aid	\$26,500.00	\$26,500.00
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	\$177,000.00	\$177,000.00

Richard Cooper moved to approve Article 4. The motion was seconded by Steve Chickering. Melanie Barrett asked why the Budget increased \$7,000 when only \$156,000 was spent last year. Chairman Crystal Winn stated that the Stipends were increased to \$56,000 last year, but the funds could be needed if the number of calls and manpower increases next year.

Article 5: To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to be added to the already established Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Precinct Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund;
(Recommended by Commissioners) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Steve Chickering moved to approve Article 5. The motion was seconded by James Finkenstadt and passed unanimously.

Article 6: To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,000 to be added to the already established Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Precinct Small Equipment Capital Reserve Fund;
(Recommended by Commissioners) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Richard Cooper moved to approve Article 6. The motion was seconded by Alex Millar and passed unanimously.

Article 7: To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be added to the already established Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Precinct Fire Pond Expendable Trust Fund;
(Recommended by Commissioners) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Steve Chickering moved to approve Article 7. The motion was seconded by Alex Winn and passed unanimously.

Article 8: To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be added to the already established Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Precinct Building Maintenance Non-Capital Reserve Fund;
(Recommended by Commissioners) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Alex Millar moved to approve Article 8. The motion was seconded by Penny Cooper and passed unanimously.

Article 9: To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate \$200,000 for the purpose of purchasing a used pumper/ladder truck with associated equipment and further to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$200,000 from the Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:10 I(d). (Recommended by Commissioners) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Steve Chickering moved to approve Article 9. The motion was seconded by Richard Cooper. A petition was submitted for a paper ballot. All 10 of the signors were present. The current ladder truck was used for 5 calls in Chesterfield and 9 Mutual Aid. Per Mutual Aid agreement responding departments are not charged or pay for responding equipment and personnel. The current ladder is from 1986 and contributed to more than half of the vehicle equipment repairs budget line item. McKim Mitchell stated that the

ladder would be used at UNFI and Fed Ex for examples. \$200,000 would be the limit for spending. 20 Ballots were cast: 11 Yes; 9 No. The motion passed by majority.

Article 10: To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000 for the purchase of 2 sets of Personal Protective Equipment for Firefighters and further to authorize the withdrawal of \$9,000 from the Small Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:10 I(d).

(Recommended by Commissioners) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Richard Cooper moved to approve Article 10. The motion was seconded by Steve Chickering and passed unanimously.

Article 11: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting. Richard Cooper thanked Crystal Winn for 3 years of services to the Fire Commissioners.

Richard Cooper moved to adjourn at 7:29 PM. The motion was seconded by Steve Chickering and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine
District Clerk