

Royalton Fire District #1 Prudential Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2016

Members attending: **Bill Ballou** – Chair, **Seth Stoddard** – Vice-Chair, **Wayne Manning** – Treasurer/Clerk, **David Whitney** – Member

Officers attending: **David Palmer** – Rescue Administrator/Town Health Officer, **Heidi Vogt** – Assistant Clerk/Treasurer

Advisory attending: **Mary Gavin** – Sharon

Guests attending: **Paul Harwood**- Forrester

Bill called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Wayne motioned to approve the minutes of the October 12th, 2016 meeting as submitted, **Bill** seconded, and the minutes passed 4-0. **Seth** asked to swap Water and Rescue headings for the order of tonight's agenda, **Wayne** motion to accept with the proposed amendment, **Seth** seconded and the agenda passed 4-0.

WATER: **Paul Harwood** advised the Committee that he'd reviewed the Oxbow Maple proposal with a very critical eye. There was much discussion about various aspects of the proposal. It is Mr. Harwood's suggestion to no enter the contract. There was more discussion regarding maintenance and care of the property on [our] part. **Paul** said he can come back another time to discuss this further and come up with a plan. **Wayne** motioned to table the Oxbow Maple proposal, **David W.** seconded, and the motion passed 4-0. **UPDATE:** **Wayne** informed the Board that there has been trouble with a few new meters not working right. He reviewed new meters that were installed, as well as new meters that need to be installed. The river has swelled one foot since the rains. He is still watching for a possible leak, and/or someone using water irresponsibly.

RESCUE: Update: Calls as of 10/25/16 year to date comparisons were as follows: 2016 – 323, 2015 – 264, 2014 – 262, 2013 – 242. Deposit amounts for the month thus far were reviewed. **David** said he would like to see the box on the Rescue truck re-done. He feels that we would easily get 5 more years from the truck in doing so. **David W.** asked what the paint warranty was.

David P. gave his suggestions for the restructuring of the Rescue Squad. Option 1: Remain the same. Option 2: Advisory Proposal – which he doesn't approve. Option 3: Move him to an hourly rate. He'll have 40 hours dedicated to the truck. 10 hours of meetings per week would equal overtime. Many administrative items and public items would miss out. Option 4: He'll do 2 days on the truck and 2 days as admin at an hourly rate. **Mary** discussed **David P.**'s current wages. Costs for benefits and health insurance for the crew were also discussed. **Seth** proposed having **David P** remain in charge however mostly on the truck, and hire a part time "business person" to assist with the administrative aspects. The Prudential Committee feels that they want to see something where **David P** will want to stay with the Rescue Squad, thanking him for his devoted service and hard work put in. No decision was reached this evening. After the Advisory members left the meeting **David P** and the Board discussed his sick time payout at the end of his Contract. **Wayne** motioned to pay out whatever remaining sick time **David P** has at the November 30th date if he does not renew or continue his position, advising that he feel welcome to take days from now to then if needed. **Seth** seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

Wayne motioned to adjourn, **David W.** seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 8:45pm 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi L Vogt, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, November 9th, 2016