

Royalton Fire District #1 Prudential Committee

Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2016

Members attending: **Seth Stoddard** – Vice Chair, **Wayne Manning** – Clerk/Treasurer, **Don Lovejoy** - Member
David Whitney - Member
Officers attending: **Heidi Vogt** – Assistant Clerk/Treasurer
Guests attending: **David Barker** – South Royalton Resident

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by **Seth**.

WALK-INS: **David Barker** announced he'd moved back into Town, has time on his hands, and would like to volunteer. Since he lives on Rix Road, he is ineligible to serve on the Board. He was advised of Fire meeting times, and was excited to attend! Discussion also ensued with regard to a fireworks permit he has been trying to obtain.

Don motioned to accept minutes from May 25th as submitted, **Wayne** seconded. The minutes passed 3-1 with **Seth** abstaining due to his absence from said meeting. There was a general agreement for the agenda as presented.

RESCUE: **Heidi** reported on behalf of Rescue via a report submitted by **David Palmer:** There has been one Strafford mutual aid call within the last quarter and they have been billed \$382 per the agreement. Calls to date comparisons: 2016 – 174, 2015 – 133, 2014 – 132, 2013 – 121, 2012 – 115. Phone/internet installation between the Fire and Rescue houses is still in progress. **David P.** met with Managers of all Gifford clinics to present the Fallsclapes program. He has also been working with clients weekly. There was one lifeline installation last week. There is a new system going in place, starting tomorrow, for controlled narcotics. This is the system **David P.** has been advocating for since he started. **David P.** attended a celebration of 50 years of emergency medical services and EMS week on the Statehouse Lawn on May 17th per the request of the State EMS office. **David P.** also asks the Board what their pleasure is for his Contract which comes to an end June 30th. **Seth** suggested deferring the question to the Advisory Board, the remaining Board members agreed. Discussion arose with regard to the phone/internet lines being buried. **Wayne** suggested obtaining permissions from the sewer department before progressing with even minor dig. **Seth** reported that after surveying the area, burying is the safest option at this time. **Don** has given his approval whether temporary or not.

FIRE: **Heidi** updated the Board with regard to the status of the alcohol policy at the Fire House. She has reviewed the updated document with both Fire and Rescue department heads. Since, at the last meeting, the Board requested that the VLCT review the document before it is voted upon **Heidi** sent the document to Wade Masure for his opinion so far. **David W.** voiced his concern that **Heidi** did so without the Board saying so yet, and that **Paul** would like to be present for the decision. **Heidi** also reported for **Paul Brock** that research for a new utility fire truck is coming along well and he will have information for the Board soon. **Wayne** suggested looking into FireTech. **David W.** will bring that to **Paul's** attention.

WATER: **Wayne** reported he has fixed the leak on Pleasant Street. He thinks frost and plastic fittings were the cause. He has replaced the fittings (that came highly recommended) with more expensive brass for its longevity. A spare pump for the river will be coming soon from F.W. Webb.

RFD: **Wayne** and **Heidi** both agreed with the updated job descriptions. Changes were only formatting in nature. **Wayne** proposed a raise for the Water Operator. **Wayne** motioned to accept the job descriptions with formatting edits, **Don** seconded, the documents passed 4-0.

OTHER BUSINESS: **Don** inquired with regard to the Central Vermont Railroad payment. **Wayne** advised that it is a crossing “rental” fee for an old line further down South Windsor that is not currently in use. In keeping the annual payment, [we] retain the right-of-way for the line which would help keep the process easier if ever we were to refurbish the line, or put in a round-about in the future.

Wayne motioned to adjourn, **David W.** seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 8:03pm 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi L Vogt, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, June 22nd, 2016