

Meeting of the Royalton Fire District #1 Prudential Committee
March 11th, 2015 @ 7:00 PM
at the Fire District Office

Members attending: **Keith Grimes, Wayne Manning, Don Lovejoy, Bill Ballou**

Guests attending: **David Palmer** – Rescue Administrator, **Heidi Vogt** – Bookkeeper

Keith, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:02pm.

PUBLIC WALK INS:

There were no public walk-ins.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for February 25th, 2014 were reviewed. “PER”, and “ER” were amended to say “Preliminary Engineering Report”, and “Engineering Report”. **Wayne** motioned to accept as amended, **Don** seconded and the minutes passed 4-0.

WATER: **Wayne** reported that [we] have four properties with frozen pipes. Ellis, Roda, Powers, and Drown. All pipes in question are those connecting the homes to the system, and are the owner’s responsibility.

Heidi submitted a second draft proposal for a new rate schedule. It was reviewed. Question arose with regard to [our] Sprinkler Ordinance and fees associated with. Research is needed into how many systems are in the District, as well as what size existing systems lines are. The subject was tabled for the next meeting pending research. No vote was taken.

The billing cycle was discussed for the submitted rate proposal. **Wayne** motioned to send out quarterly billing as regular practice with the starting of a new rate schedule. **Bill** seconded, motion carried 4-0.

FIRE: There was no update available.

RESCUE: **David P.** reported on behalf of the Rescue Squad.

Call volume is up 3 calls from last year.

A meeting with dispatch is needed with regard to mutual aid guidelines. [We] received a double call recently.

All three Town budgets were passed without incident.

The Tri-Town Committee expects to hold a special meeting for vote of the Tri-Town ownership of the Rescue Squad within 6 months.

David will be attending a Fall Prevention seminar next week, to be paid for by the State. **Keith**, as Chair, signed contract for attendance.

David has been meeting with representatives from 3 ambulance services in the area, as well as Gifford Hospital, with regard to training and joining forces

for the better of the Community vs. the confusion and competition that is currently in place.

David requested consideration of the possibility of “Non-Transport” billing. [Our] billing service currently charges for other Companies she bills for. [We] have a significant number of these calls (58 last year) and the number is going to increase this year. **David** will be researching more, and will submit an official proposal of fees at an upcoming meeting. No official vote was taken, however the Board agreed to allow **David** to move forward with his research.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

Wayne motioned to adjourn, **Don** seconded and the motion passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.

Next meeting 3/25/2014

Respectfully submitted,
Heidi L. Vogt
Administrative Assistant & Bookkeeper