

Meeting of the Royalton Fire District #1 Prudential Committee

July 8th, 2015 @ 7:00 PM

at the Fire District Office

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

Guests attending: **Paul Brock** – Chief Engineer, **David Palmer** – Rescue Administrator,
Jerry Barcelow – Advisor, **Heidi Vogt** - Bookkeeper

Keith, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

PUBLIC WALK INS:

There were no public walk-ins.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for June 24th, 2015 were reviewed. **Bill** motioned to accept as submitted filling in adjourn time at 7:45pm, **Keith** seconded. Minutes were approved 4-0.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Keith requested Fire to be discussed first for the Chief Engineer, and Rescue to be discussed second for the Rescue Administrator. **Bill** moved to accept as amended, **Don** seconded, and the agenda passed 4-0.

FIRE:

Paul Brock, Chief Engineer, reported on behalf of the Fire Dept. It has been a busy spring. A live burn training was held on Morse Road, donated by Nancy Graham. 35 fire fighters from area Towns were present, and our ambulance squad was on site taking vitals.

Calls were as follows: 1 small structure fire for which many compliments were given by the insurance company as well as the owner on how well it was handled and property was saved; 1 swift water rescue, 1 major tractor trailer accident (our men were on scene in 10 minutes, and stayed for 5 hours) which included Hazmat and driver extraction.

The Chelsea Street bridge southern end dry hydrant is still experiencing a problem with silt. It will be checked by installers Friday, including the State waterway inspector. A grant of up to \$10,000 is available for the possible repairs.

The I89 Emergency Ramp is at a standstill in lieu of funding. Questions arise on if the project feasibility.

RESCUE:

David Palmer reported on behalf of the Rescue Squad. Calls for the year are 159 vs 157 last year, and 147 the year before. It is possible we may reach 350 calls this calendar year.

The Squad received the portables and pagers through the communications grant. Some were requested originally by the Fire Department, but since they have declined the use of the funding the Rescue Squad has applied to use this extra for 6 more portables and are awaiting a response.

The Tunbridge emergency committee will be meeting tomorrow, and a special Town meeting will be scheduled for some time in August to vote upon the Tri-Town take over. **David P.** will be attending a meeting with the Select Boards and Emergency Services Committee within the next few weeks prior to the Town Meeting to discuss specifics including members for the Advisory Committee.

Permitting for the Tunbridge Fair coin drop is complete.

David P. will be attending the fallscapes class on the 20th, continuing with the 2 year grant at \$5,000 a year. He projects that his mileage will be the only expense.

One new employee started last week.

Discussion ensued regarding the Rescue Administrator's contract. **Wayne** motioned to table the subject due to questions regarding employment. Motion stalled. Discussion with regard to pay, contract readability, and benefits ensued. **Keith** motioned to have the proposed salary be accepted, **Don** seconded. The total annual salary passed 3-1. **Keith** motioned to approve the submitted contract as edited during the discussion, **Bill** seconded and the contract was accepted 3-1.

WATER: **Wayne** reported on behalf of the water department. The Control Panel has been fixed. The Rules & Regulations were briefly discussed; however items need to be added. A new section will be added with regard to out of district lines, and this item will be revisited at the next meeting. **Keith** motioned to table for the next meeting, **Bill** seconded, passed 4-0. **Heidi** reported on behalf of Ashley Lucht, DWSRF Project Development with regard to funding. The decision to move forward with maintenance & repairs on the remaining items listed in the original Preliminary Engineering Report needs to be made by the end of the month, or the RFD will lose forgiveness on the planning grant received 5 years ago. The District has budgeted for the annual payments and saved two years payment to date. **Wayne** motioned to decline at this time, and start paying back the awarded amount as of September as scheduled, **Keith** seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Wayne motioned to adjourn, **Don** seconded and the motion passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Next meeting: 7/22/2015

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi L. Vogt
Administrative Assistant & Bookkeeper