

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

Members attending: **Don Lovejoy, Bill Ballou, Wayne Manning, David Whitney**
Guests attending: **David Palmer** – Rescue Administrator, **Paul Brock** – Fire Chief/Chief Engineer, **Jerry Barcelow** – Advisor, **Heidi Vogt** - Bookkeeper

Bill, acting Chair, opened the meeting at 7:06pm.

PUBLIC WALK-INS:

There were no public walk-ins.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes for October 14th and October 28th, 2015 were reviewed. **Wayne** motioned to accept both as submitted, **David W.** seconded and the minutes both passed 4-0.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Don motioned to accept tonight's Agenda as written, **David W.** seconded and the agenda passed 4-0.

RESCUE:

David P. reported call volumes to date as follows: 2015: 275, 2014: 276, 2013: 259, and 2012: 226. The amount of non-transport calls has gone from 27 in 2012 to 99 last year! Though we are billing less this fiscal year, collections are up!

David P. requested to proceed with billing for only auto vehicle non-transport calls at \$100 per response starting January 1st, 2016. The Board requested list of what other companies in the area charge to be presented at next meeting.

Jerry advised with regard to the Rescue Tri-Town Committee meetings, that he is hoping that things will be ready to be able to add [our] vote on the separation to the annual meeting warning.

BUDGET items were discussed and reviewed. Edits were made and **Heidi** will re-submit for approval at the next meeting.

FIRE:

Paul reported calls since his last report. The largest being structure fire on Harlow Road, three other Companies responded for mutual aid: Sharon, Broad Brook, and Barnard. There was a brush fire on Gee Hill this week due to improperly disposed of wood stove ash. Corey Stearns from Green Mt Pipeline came to help with the Chelsea Street hydrant. It was flushed, and they were able to pull a good draft – flowing well. It is now officially clean! Cory also inspected the Royalton Bridge hydrant and found it in working order. All hydrants with river access are now in good condition. Cory will not be charging for his services.

Discussion with regard to Motor Vehicle Billing was had during the Rescue Non-Transport conversation.

Paul has not been able to contact the area Fire Companies to find their charge, but will do so for next meeting.

Paul is still in the process of obtaining an accurate quote for the Fire House Alarm System.

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WATER:

Wayne reported that a leak was repaired for the Grimes line on Elephant Dr. Certain areas in Town with dirty water complaints were discussed, and **Wayne** is currently working for a remedy.

Heidi informed that a customer has been given many opportunities yet has not complied with paying their balance. The account is more than 90 days overdue at this point; though open balances remain from a calendar year ago. **Wayne** motioned that **Heidi** take care of the account while keeping **Wayne** in the loop. **Heidi** is to check with the local Police Department for the legality of collections and shut off measures.

Don seconded the motion and it carried 4-0. **David W.** motioned to put a shut off warning sign on the door, **Don** seconded and the motion carried 4-0. **Heidi** reported that the Balla Machree counter-offer was accepted and payment arrangements have been made.

RFD:

Heidi asked the Board what they would like for a holiday meeting schedule, and for her office hours. The office will be closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve. [Our] regular meeting will be held the day before Thanksgiving, however will not be held December 23rd.

Wayne motioned to adjourn, **David W.** seconded, and the meeting adjourned 4-0 @ 9:01pm.

Next meeting: November 25th, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi L. Vogt,
Administrative Assistant & Bookkeeper