

Meeting of the Royalton Fire District #1 Prudential Committee
November 12th, 2014 @ 7:00 PM
at the Fire District Office

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

Guests attending: **Jerry Barcelow** –Adviser, **Heidi Vogt** – Assistant

PUBLIC WALK INS:

There were no public walk-ins.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for October 22nd, 2014 were reviewed. One amendment was made under *WATER* heading “meeting due to lack of attendance” was changed to “for all members to be present for the vote”. **Bill** motioned to accept as amended, **Don** seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

WATER:

The proposed budget for the 2016 fiscal year was reviewed and amended. **Bill** motioned to table the budget as well as rate schedule for finalization at next meeting to obtain a few more months numbers for a more accurate estimate. **David W.** seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

FIRE:

Heidi reported on behalf of Chief Brock. Services for Engines 1 and 3 are now complete, Engine 4 was completed last month. There were no major problems, and all are ready for winter use. He will be meeting with Hartford Dispatch to resolve run card issues with regard to mutual aid. He and David Palmer will be working on the State to change dispatch costs for our Dept.

A proposal was received from Chief Brock for the sale of three antique Fire Trucks. **David W.** asked to hold this question for the public at the Annual Meeting. **Keith** suggested asking Chief Brock to get some rough asking price estimates together for submission to the Board. The Committee is unsure if the issue can legally be brought up under binding business at the Annual Meeting. More research is needed.

The proposed budget for the 2016 fiscal year was reviewed. **Wayne** motioned to approve as submitted and send to the Select Board. **Bill** seconded, passing the budget 5-0.

RESCUE:

Keith and **Jerry** spoke with Lawyer Robert Manby with regard to the Rescue Squad leaving the Royalton Fire District #1. His opinion was that the Board has ultimate control over the situation, and the best option is to take the issue to vote at the annual meeting and decide with the public. For now, the discussion is on hold until we know that the three towns are prepared to take over the operation and expenses of the Rescue Department.

Heidi reported on behalf of Administrator Palmer. He will be meeting with Royalton and Sharon Select Boards in December with regard to the increase in Town Appropriations. Rescue calls to date are 276, 2013 was 259, 2012 was 226. There will be some overtime hours over Thanksgiving since [we] are still short staffed.

RFD: Annual Meeting date is January 12th, 2015. Heidi will call to reserve the library.

NEW BUSINESS

Heidi inquired regarding which department to pay an invoice from.

Wayne motioned to adjourn, **Don** seconded, vote passed 5-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Next meeting 12/10/2014

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi L. Vogt,
Administrative Assistant & Bookkeeper

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