## Meeting of the Royalton Fire District #1 Prudential Committee December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 @ 7:00 PM at the Fire District Office

Members attending: **Keith Grimes, Wayne Manning, David Whitney, Don Lovejoy**Guests attending: **Paul Brock** – Chief Engineer, **David Palmer** – Rescue Administrator, **Jerry Barcelow** – Adviser, **Heidi Vogt** – Bookkeeper

#### PUBLIC WALK INS:

There were no public walk-ins.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 were reviewed. **Davd W.** motioned to accept as submitted, **Wayne** seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

#### FIRE:

Paul Brock presented paperwork regarding one of the fire trucks that the Firemen have requested to sell. The paperwork stated that the truck was to be sold at the firemen's discretion. The Firemen's proposal promises to return all proceeds from the sale of the trucks to the Fire District's accounts for the purchase of Equipment by the Fire Department in the future. It was Wayne's feeling that the Firemen wanted to keep the truck as a memento. Keith motioned to give the Fire Department permission to sell the 1950 LaFrance Ladder Truck (\$5000), the 1955 B Model Mack (\$2500), as well as the 1973 LaFrance Ladder Truck (\$10,000), for the best reasonable offer with regard to the values listed above in parenthesis as provided by Barbara Baumann from Firetec. David W. seconded the motion and it carried 3-1. Don motioned to also authorize sale of the 1957 Mack with the same stipulations as the others. Keith seconded and the motion carried 3-1.

#### RESCUE:

**David P.** updated the Board for the Rescue Squad. As he predicted, there was some overtime through the Thanksgiving holiday, but he is hoping to get through Christmas and New Year's without. Ambulance calls for the year to date are 309. Last year at this time was 285 vs. the year before was 258. He will be attending the Select Meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> to defend the Rescue Department's budget for the 2016 fiscal year. The Red Door church has requested employee group photo for a calendar, and three members have finished their EEMT classes.

### WATER:

The Board was alerted to the bankruptcy status of a customer who owes a significant amount of money to the Water Department. Several people are now on the new payment schedules that were offered, but the usual delinquency offenders are overdue.

Wayne submitted a request and estimate of work with regard to the Control Panel for the Water Plant. The control panel had been previously blown out and temporarily fixed. LCS Controls of Rochester, VT has given [us] an estimate of roughly \$6,150, a significant savings from the previous estimate provided by an out-of-state company. It was estimated to take 2-3 weeks for completion. Wayne motioned to approve the offer and start the process, **Don** seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

**Wayne** also reported on the status of the Bond Application through DWSRF. A letter was received informing [us] that the loan will be amended in the amount of \$27,750 to re-evaluate and construct a new Water System Master Plan with regard to the discussion and plan discussed at the Prudential Committee meeting with Ashley Lucht, DWSRF. The DWSRF has informed us that we have 1.6 million on hold for a proposed loan for our water system upgrades.

The Budget for the 2016 fiscal year was discussed, and it was decided that Heidi will put a handout together for the Annual Meeting with regard to the differences in rate schedules, the proposed vs. current.

**RFD:** The District's Severe Weather Policy was discussed and is as follows: The Royalton Fire District #1 office will be closed for inclement weather whenever the South Royalton School decides necessary to be closed.

Annual Meeting date is January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the library has been reserved and the agenda posted appropriately.

The Board decided to hold a preparatory meeting on Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and the RFD#1 office at 7pm. The Annual Meeting will cancel out the need for the normally scheduled meeting on Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> making the next regular meeting of the Prudential Committee being Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015. All Board Members are requested to arrive for the Annual Meeting at 6:30pm.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**Don** motioned to adjourn, **David W.** seconded, vote passed 4-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.

# Next meeting 12/10/2014

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi L. Vogt, Administrative Assistant & Bookkeeper