

Minutes approved as amended at the September, 10, 2014 meeting of the Prudential Committee. Paragraph 3, line 6 "hone" was amended to read "phone". Asterisks (*) under Fire, Water, Rescue, New Business headings removed. Wayne motioned, Keith approved. Passed 4-0.

**Meeting of the Royalton Fire District #1 Prudential Committee
August 13th, 2014 @ 7:00 PM
at the Fire District Office**

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

Guests attending: **Phil Gates** – SelectBoard, **Jerry Barcelow** – Board Advisor,
Heidi Vogt – Assistant

PUBLIC WALK INS:

Nelson Lyford was in attendance to discuss his allocation requests for new housing on Moses Lane. 2 Meters are requested at this time. **Wayne** advised that tanks are most likely needed for water pressure. Agreement is made with the understanding that the Water Department holds no responsibility for a lack thereof. A previous agreement holds residents of Moses Lane ownership and responsibility for upkeep of the water lines. Applications were accepted and signed.

Todd Tyson was in attendance to further discuss the Radio Station's request to install it's FM tower atop the water plant. The engineers answers regarding electrical interference and electric usage monitoring were discussed. Mr. Tyson reported that the engineer is confident in being able to monitor their (Royalton Community Radio) usage. Mr. Tyson submitted a draft lease worked on by Robert Manby. One amendment was made. Internet and phone services will be separately installed under the Radio Station's responsibility. Mr. Todd will revise the Lease and send it to **Wayne** for approval. **Wayne** was given approval at the last meeting to authorize this project further, this shall continue.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for July 9th, 2014 were reviewed. **Wayne** motioned to accept as amended, **Don L.** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

RFD: Concerns were expressed regarding the Fire & Rescue Association's use of the Fire House during Old Home Days being a liability. An incident occurred between the Fire & Rescue Squads, but was resolved by the two Department Heads.

FIRE: No Chief's report available.

RESCUE: No Administrator's report available.
The Rescue Administrator's contract has been signed by the Administrator and was finalized with the signatures of the Board.

Phil reported that the Tri-Town committee is now comfortable with moving forward with Tri-Town ownership. The time frame of this venture is projected for a fiscal year 2016 “take-over” date if all financial concerns are addressed to the liking of the Royalton Fire District #1 as well as the Tri-Town Board. **Jerry** has asked VLCT for advise in this legal matter.

WATER: Water accounts receivable items were discussed regarding delinquent accounts. Accounts receivable items now total less than 10% of operating costs for the year! Tax liens, Town foreclosures, as well as shut offs were discussed.

The status of the State Loan for improvements on the Dam, lines, and plant was discussed. Vermont Environmental Conservation will be here next Wednesday to review [our] current financial status as the next step in the process.

NEW BUSINESS

The recommendation was made to return to bi-monthly meetings starting September 10th.

Payment plans & options for water customers were discussed. **Keith** and **Heidi** will draw up some ideas for the next meeting.

Wayne discussed the upcoming change in water billing. Units will be charged as opposed to just water usage. He is suggesting 15,000 gallons be considered one unit. Anything beyond will be assessed a per 100 gallon fee.

The auditors draft of the fiscal year 2013 was discussed.

Don motioned to adjourn, **Keith** seconded, vote passed 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Next meeting 09/10/2014

Respectfully submitted, Heidi L. Vogt, Assistant/Bookkeeper