

MINUTES

Royalton Fire District #1 Prudential Committee

Date | time 9/13/2017 7:06 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Seth Stoddard

In Attendance

Prudential Committee: Seth Stoddard-Chair, Keith Grimes-Vice Chair, Don Lovejoy, Kyle Jones.
Officers & Guests: Wayne Manning, Water Operator;
Jerry Barcelow-South Royalton Representative, SRRS Advisory Board Chair
Corrine Ingraham, South Royalton Representative, SRRS Advisory Board
David Palmer, SRRS Administrator

Approval of Agenda & Minutes

Keith & Kyle asked to add the Rainbow Street Break and Collections to the Water agenda. Kyle motioned to accept the amended agenda, Don seconded, the agenda passed 4-0.
Kyle motioned to accept minutes from August 23rd, 2017 as submitted, Keith seconded, passed 4-0.

Water Department

Jerry reported his concern as a resident: The Town had 25 angry calls today. Gidget Lyman, Selectboard member, expressed concern about how alerts for such events go out. Heidi was on the phone for 2 hours calling people, stopping at 8:30 and nearly done with what numbers she had. Jerry expressed his appreciate to Wayne for the commitment and hours he puts into the Water department.

The incident on Rainbow was discussed. As the team working on the sewer lines were digging they accidentally ripped a service line out of the main. Water was shut off to the Town to repair the main and line. All parts were already on hand so the repairs happened much quicker than they would have. Heidi & Keith visited the site to check if help was needed, Wayne requested Heidi to issue a boil notice. A more effective & efficient means of warning the community was discussed. Though there was no safety concern for the public, protocols still needed to be in place. Man power is a blockage. Warning protocols were discussed. Updated customer information is also a problem. Heidi sent out information sheets of which less than half returned.

The Chlorine Control replacement purchase was discussed. The State requires that chlorine and pH are monitored near constant. The current system was installed in 1990 and is beginning to fail. Keith motions to authorize replacement of the aging chlorine monitoring system per LCS Controls quote dated July 10th, 2017 in the amount of \$23,815.32, Don seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

The Lake John PER was briefly discussed regarding the changes Wayne had requested. Plans are pending.

Keith reviewed collections. Keith requested 4% of collected amounts for his commission. Board agreed.

Rescue Department

Jerry, David P, and Corrine reported on behalf of the Advisory Board(AB): The AB requested permission to move \$833/month into the vehicle fund per the current FY budget line. They also requested to add the \$10k received from the Fallscales grant into the same vehicle fund. Don motioned to allow the requested budget changes, Kyle seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

White River Valley Ambulance Services (WRVA) has offered their old ambulance to SRRS. [We] have borrowed this ambulance on many occasions when ours was out of service for maintenance. Accepting this gift would allow [us] to lessen the cost of intercepts, make an excellent back up for maintenance days, and have various other income producing uses. For now it will be parked outside of the Fire House, however there is possibility of using Sharon's Fire house for storage. There will be some set-up costs, and insurance will have a minimal increase. The unit also has a new wiring harness and starter. Keith motioned to accept WRVA's offer, Don seconded, the motion carried 4-0. Thank you WRVA.

Jerry asked that [we] give the AB permission to have SRRS mail sent to the Rescue house at 186 South Windsor St. Kyle motioned to accept the request, Keith seconded, the motion carried 4-0.

Jerry reviewed the financial reporting from Angela. Even though SRRS has exceeded one budget item already this year, they remain within the TOTAL budget. There will be a coin drop for the fair this weekend, and SRRS will be providing back up for First Branch as usual. The new bookkeeper is up and running! She will be a large benefit to SRRS and the RFD office.

Seth reported that a letter from VLCT stated that the Prudential Committee (PC) is unable to delegate full control to the AB. Hiring & firing of employees, major purchase decisions, and check signing must remain with the PC – which is what [we've] already been doing. Jerry said a larger effort is being made to be more communicative with the PC.

David P reported that, though calls had been behind for a time this year, SRRS is on pace with the previous year. SRRS covered the 9-11 race here in Royalton on Friday, covered the Sprouty in Sharon on Saturday morning, and had an educational event Saturday evening. EMT classes are coming up- they will be FREE to ANYONE within District 8 – on October 1st. An abundance of EMT help is in shortage around the State, however we are having to turn help away. Becky Owens, Deputy Administrator, is currently in Texas working with FEMA.

Don requested to raise his rent for the Rescue house by \$30/month. Jerry asked if [we] would renew the lease. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Next Meeting(s)

10/11/2017

Prudential Committee Meeting, Fire District Office 7pm

Kyle motioned to adjourn, Keith seconded, the meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.