

# MINUTES

## Royalton Fire District #1 Prudential Committee

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11/14/18 @ 7pm | *Meeting called to order by* Keith Grimes

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### In Attendance

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Keith Grimes – Prudential Committee Chair  
Kyle Jones- Prudential Committee Vice Chair  
Don Lovejoy – Prudential Committee Clerk  
Wayne Manning- Water Superintendent  
Victoria Paquin- Administrative Assistant

Steve Belmont- SRRS Administrator  
Jerry Barcelow- SRRS Advisory Board  
David Kimball- SRRS Advisory Board  
Brooks Chapin- First Branch Ambulance  
Linda Kubin- First Branch Ambulance  
Heather Mullen- First Branch Ambulance

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### First Branch Ambulance

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In December of 2017, South Royalton Rescue Squad was involved in a minor accident while borrowing an ambulance from First Branch Ambulance. The representatives from First Branch Ambulance attended this evening's meeting to discuss their concerns related to this accident. After the accident, the insurance carried by First Branch Ambulance paid the costs to have the ambulance repaired. First Branch Ambulance feels that the insurance carried by SRRS should have paid the costs related to the accident and requested that we contact the Vermont Department of Insurance. It was agreed that Victoria would contact the Department of Insurance. First Branch Ambulance expressed further concern that they are incurring the liability of a lawsuit, should the third party involved in the accident decide to file a claim. Further, First Branch Ambulance advised that they lost revenue due to being without an ambulance. Linda Kubin expressed that she wanted to be clear that there is a good relationship between First Branch Ambulance and SRRS, and that they are only trying to look out for the organization, not damage our relationship. Keith indicated that it didn't sound as though there was much that could be accomplished that evening, but that he appreciated them coming to speak with us and that we would be in touch after speaking with the Department of Insurance. There were thank-you's all around and the representatives from First Branch Ambulance departed.

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### Rescue Squad

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- Steve reported that Becky has been called to be deployed to California with FEMA to assist with the wildfires there. The deployment will last at least 30 days, and a paramedic has been hired to help fill Becky's vacant shifts.
- Jerry presented the budget and explained how they were able to reduce expenses and increase revenue to provide an overall budget decrease. Don moved to approve the budget as presented and Kyle seconded with the motion passing 3-0.

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## Water Department

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- After the power company felled the trees near the powerlines, both Henderson's and 40 Acres submitted new bids to remove the remaining trees. The bids were evaluated, and Henderson's was selected.
- The planning loan agreement for \$15,900 to cover the cost of the Preliminary Engineering Report for the water plant updates was accepted with a 3-0 vote.
- The legal services agreement between RFD #1 and Paul Giuliani for legal services related to the loan closing for the Lake John Dam improvement was reviewed and accepted.
- A discussion was had regarding the necessity of adding an 8% fee to late water bills. The board determined that this discussion will be added to the agenda for the annual meeting.
- Victoria reported that there are only 37 contacts that are still needed in order to implement the use of VT Alert. Victoria will wait until the end of the month and then continue the process to get the system functional.

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## District Business

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- The board discussed the possibility of reducing the board from a five-member board to a three-member board. Wayne cautioned that this could be a difficult process and make it difficult to conduct business.
- An Executive Session was entered at 8:15 pm.  
Result: The board voted to increase Victoria's pay by \$1.00 per hour.

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## Next Meeting

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November 28, 2018 @ 7 PM