

MINUTES

Royalton Fire District #1 Prudential Committee

January 9, 2019 | *Meeting called to order by* Keith Grimes

In Attendance

Keith Grimes – Prudential Committee Chair
Don Lovejoy- Prudential Committee Clerk
Jerry Barcelow- SRRS Advisory Board

Kyle Jones- Prudential Committee Vice Chair
Victoria Paquin- Administrative Assistant
Paul Brock- Fire Chief

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from December 12, 2018 were read and approved

Rescue Department

- Jerry reports that the letters sent out to the community requesting donations to help purchase the new ambulance generated about \$5,000. The rescue squad is greatly appreciative of the community's generosity. We are still awaiting a final contract for the new ambulance, but in the meantime the current ambulance has been performing well.

Water Department

- Victoria requested that an additional checking account be opened so that the funds designated for the Lake John Dam project and all future projects may be kept separate from the water departments regular monies. Don moved to open a checking account at Bar Harbor Bank and Trust, Kyle Seconded and the motion passed 3-0.
- Victoria reports that the water plant project is coming along nicely. The state was due to submit comments on the PER at the end of December. Once those comments have been received, the final PER will be written by Dufresne. A bond vote must be held by April of 2019 in order to remain on the FFY'18 funding list with the Drinking water state revolving fund. Victoria will be submitting an application for the FFY'19 funding list so that funds will still be available in the event of a project slowdown.
- Victoria reports that the list of requirements from the USDA for the Lake John Dam Project is nearly complete. Two of the remaining items are to be completed by Dufresne, and Victoria will need Wayne's assistance with completing a vulnerability assessment and an emergency response plan. Our contact with USDA rural development is currently on furlough, which may affect the ability to send the project to bid.
- Victoria presented the board with the Profit and Loss Statement for the water department. To date, the water department is on track with the FY'19 budget.

Fire Department

- Victoria presented the Profit and Loss statement for the fire department. The fire department is slightly over budget due to the need to purchase new gear, however, there are currently no budgetary concerns.
- Paul reports that the department will be investing in a swift water rescue boat. Paul is looking into different grant and funding opportunities to defray the costs of this purchase. The department has received a joint grant with Bethel in order to purchase 10 dry suits.
- Paul has been looking into billing for car accident responses. Paul reports that the town of Bethel is currently billing for these incidents. Paul requested that Victoria follow up with the town manager of Bethel to learn more about their process.
- Paul reports that the FY'20 budget is increased in order to provide additional budget for maintenance and heat expenses.

Next Meeting

Annual Meeting- Monday, January 14th, 2019 @ 7pm (Royalton Town Offices)

Regular Meeting- Wednesday, January 23rd, 2019 @ 7pm (RFD office)