

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Joint Meeting of Royalton Fire District #1 and South Royalton Rescue Advisory Board**  
**November 9, 2016**  
**South Royalton School Classroom**

Prudential Members Present: Bill Ballou, Seth Stoddard, Don Lovejoy, David Whitney

Advisory Members Present: Brenda Field, Phil Gates, Dave Kimball, Mary Gavin, Jerry Barcelow, Corinne Ingraham

Officers Present: David Palmer, Paul Brock

Squad Present: Samantha Bruce, Ryan Dutton, Ebben Whitehair, Cassie Maclay, Chase Ackerman, Matthew Thornton

Community Guests: Curt (Ralph) & Joanne Barbour, Alison Gravel, Larry Stewart, Brandilyn Frary, Mark Wood,

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

**Don** motioned to accept the agenda as submitted, **Seth** seconded and the agenda passed 4-0. **Seth** motioned to accept the October 26<sup>th</sup> minutes as submitted, **David W.** seconded. The minutes passed 3-0-1, with **Don** abstaining for his absence.

**Bill** invited the guests to speak, there were many comments. A few quotes were: "[We] have an manager and a paramedic for the price of one. David is irreplaceable. My time here will be tenuous without him." – *Matt Thornton*; "I believe we have the best Squad in the whole State. David has the heart of a giant." – *Curt (Ralph) Barbour*; "David is a boss we want to make proud." – *Samantha Bruce*; "David is an artist [in his craft], not a painter." – *Joanne Barbour*; "The people love it [the squad]. David did that." – *Alison Gravel*; "[We] have a great team that gets along well. That starts from the top. That's the squad David has made." – *Cassie Maclay*; "EMS is not for making money. We are here for the people. I could make \$3 more per hour working closer to home, but I would rather work for David." – *Ryan Dutton*

**David K** feels David's work has been nothing but exemplary. The work the Advisory Board (AB) has been doing was the relieve David Palmer's duties of the parts he didn't like. He was shocked to receive the resignation. As a group, the AB is tremendously concerned that [we] will lose David. **Bill** thanked David P for working tirelessly with [us] regardless of his possible resignation. **Paul Brock** has worked on & off with David P for 25 years. He feels David P has done a great job with budgeting and assigns the right people for the right jobs. The squad is very supportive of the Fire Department. On a personal note, as a father of a patient, he thanks God we have had the right person in place.

**David P** would like to see the mentor program "Community Based Learning" continue with or without him. The student does not currently ride or go to calls on the truck to the scene. The State is ok with him doing so, and David P is working with the school and the student's parents for a release form.

The AB requested 2 weeks to work with David P to finalize the Rescue draft budget for fy17-18. They will also ask the Town's to extend their request for said budget to December 1<sup>st</sup>

**Seth** motioned to enter executive session to discuss David P's resignation with him, **Don** seconded and the PC entered executive session at 7:15pm 4-0. At 8:47pm **Seth** motioned to exit executive session, **Don** seconded, and executive session ended 4-0. No action was taken on David P's resignation. A forward plan was put into place: The AB and David will work together to lay out a final proposal for the restructure to include David P remaining with the squad. [We] need to see his suggestion will work with the budget. The PC requested the AB present the restructure package: Budget, example schedule, and job descriptions will be included.

There was no Fire update, but before the Chief left the meeting for a fire call he informed the PC that the Selectboard has approved his suggestion for a fy17-18 budget. **Seth** motioned to table the Fire budget for the next meeting, **Don** seconded, and the budget was tabled 4-0.

**Bill** announced he would be resigning immediately for medical reasons.

**Don** motioned to adjourn, **Seth** seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 9:15pm

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

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