

Meeting of the Royalton Fire District #1 Prudential Committee
September 23rd, 2015 @ 7:00 PM
at the Fire District Office

Members attending: **Don Lovejoy, Wayne Manning, David Whitney, Bill Ballou**
Guests attending: **David Palmer** – Rescue Administrator, **Heidi Vogt** - Bookkeeper

Bill, acting Chair, opened the meeting at 7:09pm.

PUBLIC WALK INS:

There were no public walk-ins.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for September 9th, 2015 were reviewed. **Wayne** motioned to accept as amended, **Don** seconded and the motion passed 3-0-1. **Bill** abstained due to his absence from that meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

“Law School Hydrant” was added under water, “ByLaws” was tabled, and “Keith Grimes’s Resignation” was added to Other Business. **Don** motioned to accept as amended, **David W.** seconded and the agenda passed 4-0.

WATER:

UPDATE: Nothing new to report.

LAW SCHOOL HYDRANT: **Wayne** reported that the hydrant is “turning hard”, will not shut off, and is most likely leaking. He recommends replacement, and the replacement hydrant model was discussed. **Don** motioned to move forward with the replacement using W.B. Rogers, **David W.** seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

FEE SCHEDULE: Discussion ensued with regard to concerns about usage going up on the system that the plant may not be able to keep up with. **Wayne** suggested sending customers two bill versions this fall. One bill would continue on the current rate schedule, and the other being that of a new version to obtain [their] opinion on the matter before moving forward.. **David W.** motioned to table the discussion of using the already voted in rate schedule, for the next meeting. **Don** seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

FIRE:

No update available.

Bill requested that **Heidi** send a letter to Fire Chief **Paul Brock** to request that he send a representative to meetings.

RESCUE:

UPDATE: **David P.** reported for the Rescue Squad. The Tunbridge Fair coin drop raised \$3,567.89. A separate anonymous donation of \$900 was given on behalf of the Journey Church group. The wish of the anonymous givers was to purchase a “combi carrier” to replace the scoop searcher, for the Squad. **David** will give a “quiet” thanks to the donators.

Calls are down by 13 from this time last year, but still up 5 from the year before that at 225 so far.

The Tri-Town group is meeting tonight to discuss moving forward without Tunbridge.

A school event for Tunbridge is taking place Wednesday the 30th at the Town Hall.

South Royalton is having their annual event October 7th.

The Journey Church group has been donating food for the Rescue House and Fire meetings, volunteering with the coin drop, and feeding [our] volunteers for the coin drop.

David will be giving this group great thanks for their many years of involvement.

Squad members who were involved in a recent call that resulted in a loss to our community have met with the “critical incident” team to be sure of emotional well-being.

BILLINB OF NON-TRANSPORT: Charges were discussed briefly such as motor vehicle calls. **David** does NOT want to charge lift assists. The return on such calls is roughly 22%. **David W.** asked if [we] are paid for paramedic intercepts that are non-transport. No such calls have happened as of yet. **Heidi** asked if [we] are charged for similar calls, **David** also said that no calls like that have happened, and mutual aid calls from WRVA

have significantly diminished since new management took over last year. **Heidi** was tasked with talking to the billing company with regard to this matter, and **David** will have a presentation ready for the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS: KEITH GRIMES RESIGNATION: **Bill** has spoken with Keith many times. He is not currently interested in returning though may be in the future. He would appreciate the Board accepting his resignation at this time. **Wayne** motioned to accept the resignation of Keith Grimes, Chair, **Don** seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Don motioned to adjourn, **Bill** seconded and the motion passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:54pm.

Next meeting: October 14th, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi L. Vogt,
Administrative Assistant & Bookkeeper