

Meeting of the Royalton Fire District #1 Prudential Committee
September 24th, 2014 @ 7:00 PM
at the Fire District Office

Members attending: **Keith Grimes, Wayne Manning, Don Lovejoy, David Whitney, Bill Ballou**

Guests attending: **David Palmer** – Rescue Administrator, **Heidi Vogt** – Assistant

PUBLIC WALK INS:

There were no public walk-ins.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for September 10th, 2014 were reviewed. **Wayne** motioned to accept as presented, **Bill** seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

FIRE:

No Chief's report available. **Don** inquired regarding the progress of the Fire Department possibly leaving the Fire District. **David W.** and **Bill** report there has not been a recent committee meeting.

Bill motioned to table to subject of the Budget. It is not ready for review.

David W. seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

RESCUE:

Further discussion of Rescue leaving the RFD: **David P.** reports he is unsure of the results of Royalton and Tunbridge's votes after last week's presentation, but Sharon has voted to continue forward and has allocated funds for legal progression of the Tri-Town ownership. **Keith** and **Jerry** will be meeting with Robert Manby on behalf of the Royalton Fire District October 15th.

David P. reports that the annual coin drop went well taking in roughly \$2500. This amount has been dropping annually.

Credit Card Contracts: Discussion ensued regarding the logistics of use of the Credit Card Services offered by Vermont Information Consortium by New England Ambulance Billing. **Wayne** motioned to sign the contract for use of the system by Rescue and charge customers 3% of their bill for credit cards and \$1.50 for e-checks to use these payment options. **Bill** seconded and after some discussion the motion passed 4-0, **Wayne** abstained.

David P. requested the Budget be tabled for the next meeting due to a few minor edits that he had observed. **Bill** motioned to table to subject, **David W.** seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

WATER:

The upcoming meeting with Ashley Lucht from DWSRF Project Development was discussed along with her credentials and a schedule of events following the meeting with regard to the proposed new rate schedule.

Keith and **Heidi** presented the possible quarterly payment option to be presented to customers for the next billing cycle. No vote was made, there was little

discussion. One member did not believe this was necessary to discuss with the Board, but felt that it may create more work than necessary.

Wayne reported that he will be fixing a snow issue at the plant. Snow loads have been damaging the vent pipes. He has called around to get estimates of work, however no local companies are willing to take on this small job at this time of year.

RFD:

The Board was made aware that **Heidi** will be purchasing a renewal for the Carbonite online computer back-up early to receive two free months of service. The cost is \$90 per department.

NEW BUSINESS

David W. reported that a resident of the District made an inquiry regarding their homeowner's insurance premiums and the lack of hydrants in town. **Wayne** explained the condition of the water pressure feeding said hydrants and how they are labelled.

David W. motioned to adjourn, **Don** seconded, vote passed 5-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

Next meeting 10/8/2014

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi L. Vogt
Administrative Assistant & Bookkeeper