

**SPECIAL Meeting of the Royalton Fire District #1 Prudential Committee**  
**February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 @ 5:30PM**  
**at the Royalton Town Offices**

Members attending: **Bill Ballou, Wayne Manning, David Whitney, Don Lovejoy, Seth Stoddard**  
Advisory Board Guests: **Phil Gates** – Royalton, **Jason Flint** – Sharon, **Brenda Field** – Tunbridge, **Mary Gavin** – Sharon,  
**Dave Kimball** – Tunbridge, Missing – Jerry Barcelow, Royalton, Tom Hoyt, Tunbridge  
Guests: **Becky Owens** – Rescue Squad EMT, **Erin Odett** – Rescue Squad EMT

**Bill**, Chair, opened the meeting at 5:35 welcoming our guests.

PUBLIC WALK-INS: There were no public walk-ins.

The meeting was called to solely discuss the future of the Royalton Rescue Squad with the proposed Advisory Board members

Introductions occurred. Advisory member qualifications were discussed. Moving forward there is an interest in setting up First Responder services for Sharon and Tunbridge. The proposed Advisory Board would assist in this process, as well as support the squad and the Prudential Committee with personnel and running the Squad.

Concerns were raised with regard to the powers of the Advisory and how it reports to the Prudential Committee.

Hopes of the Advisory Board: Monthly financial reviews; Policy building, reporting & accountability for employees; day to day running of the Squad.

**David W.** suggests holding first few meetings together to move forward on the same page; i.e. setting up “powers” of the Advisory as well as a “to-do” list for the Advisory to be up and running.

**Becky Owens & Erin Odett** voiced their support for David Palmer as Rescue Administrator, and the need to allow him to function as paramedic as much as possible. **Wayne** believes that the two positions may need to be separated.

**Phil** offered the services of the Advisory Board to the Prudential Committee, and asks for their authorization to move forward. Both Boards agreed that all setting up of the Advisory Board needs to be done together, and **Phil** reiterated that the Advisory will work solely for the Prudential Committee, though they will have the interests of their own Towns at heart, to keep moving the Rescue Squad forward.

Moving forward, once the Advisory gets off the ground, all Selectboards will meet with the Advisory and Prudential Committee to discuss the status and further goals.

**Seth** motioned to form the Advisory Board as presented, and to aid the Advisory to set up procedures/goals/policies during the next few meetings of the Prudential Committee. Discussion ensued. **Don** seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

The next meeting for the Prudential Committee will be called early (6pm). The Advisory is invited to attend to work on setting up procedures, and the meeting will be held at the Town Offices.

**Seth** motioned to adjourn, **Don** seconded, and the motion passed adjourning the meeting at 6:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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