

Royalton Fire District 1 Prudential Committee Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, May 26, 2021 7 pm Via Zoom

Present: Judy Hayward, Theron Manning, John Dettwiler, Don Lovejoy, Corrine Ingraham

Agenda

Call to Order 7:04

Agenda Changes: none

Public Comments: none

Minutes of March 24, 2021 meeting Motion to approve the minutes was made by John Dettwiler with a second by Don Lovejoy. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Judy will follow up on Pettengill waterline research. John has reached out to Peter Thornton's dad about updating the trail signs.

Rescue Squad Report was presented by Advisory Group Chair, Corrine Ingraham:

Last meeting did not a quorum, so Corrine has little to report.

New phone and fax numbers: 802.788.1050 802.788.1053

Payroll \$3,600 under budget for the year; June has 3 pay periods. Income is \$50,000 over budget.

Vaccination income was good. 8 rescue squad members participated by giving shots.

The clinics are pretty much handled by two groups in the State now . The two squads should be making remote visits.

The South Royalton Rescue Squad will be doing home visits for Gifford Hospital. Theron thinks the insurance companies have been paying at the same rate as an office visit, but he does not know if that will continue.

Chairmen's Remarks

Theron reviewed the bid results. The low bid was \$3.2 Million- \$1 Million over the construction budget. The engineer is recommending that we might wait and rebid the project. Theron thinks we may want to proceed with a prioritized list of projects. He wants to know what would it cost to rent a filtration plant to be used in an emergency? Can we rebuild the clarifiers this year? Theron is uncomfortable waiting another year. Judy noted that we have nearly \$181,000 in reserves. She will send a report to the board detailing the break down. It is part of the balance sheet in our accounting system.

Water Treatment Project- Naomi Johnson, Dufresne Engineering

Naomi joined us at 7:27 pm

She noted there were four interested contractors, and two bids were received: 3.3 Million and 2.2 Million- \$1 Million over the construction budget.

Bidding climate is remarkably high. Douglas Dulac, the architect for the project, confirmed this. Naomi conducted some anecdotal research about projects in NH and confirmed the same results. The funding is stable according to the State. She advises us to wait for a more favorable bidding climate. Theron asked Naomi to share a bid list with him. Theron would like to see an itemized or unit bid rather than a lump sum. We are vulnerable since we have two aging clarifiers. Theron will move forward to gather information.

No update on Radio Tower We could extend their lease since we will not have construction on the site this building season. No update on the Fire Truck

Water Superintendent Report passed over- Theron noted that the hydrant near the school has been fixed. We want to cover the hydrant repair through insurance but not the bollard installation, so he has asked Wayne for an itemization. A few more meters need repair or replacement.

Administrative Assistant Report

Budget Comparison. Since it is so late in May, Judy will prepare the budget comparison next week and mail it to the Committee for review.

Judy has about a dozen accounts left to invoice for the spring billing. She is reconciling accounts with outstanding balances. People seem to be responsive about paying their bills promptly. She has invoiced a little over \$101,000 so far plus meter fees and sprinkler fees.

She noted that the **Work Order** amounts are the following:

\$4780-Water Construction

\$3,306.34 Water

\$392.75 Fire

\$1,377.61 Rescue

John Dettwiler made a motion to pay the bills and Don Lovejoy made a second to the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy L. Hayward

Administrative Assistant