

Wallingford Fire District #1
MINUTES OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
July 23, 2018

Called to Order:

Marty called the regular meeting to order at 6:05pm with Scott Sendra, Kandie Stocker and Marianne Goulet, the clerk/treasurer present.

Agenda Additions/Deletions: None

Visitors: Chris Hayes

Chris stated that the pump is here and is just waiting on the panel which will be here next week. They will be delivered to us on the same day.

Chris stated that two times per week they are doing preventative cleaning out of the pumps due to all of the rags, wipes, etc. that are being flushed and clogging the pumps. He stated that they are still finding quite a bit of them but have been able to prevent severe clogging by cleaning them out twice a week.

With the upgrades that were made to the South Main pump the Green Mountain Power bill has decreased quite a bit.

The contract for Simons Operating Service is due to be renewed. The board discussed the contract with Chris and made him aware of the water/sewer budget being way over budget due to the overtime and sludge handling. Chris stated that he may be able to cut some hours here, lowering the price of their contract and is going to discuss it with Phyllis and let us know what they can do. Instead of 70 hours per week the board is looking to cut the hours to 65 per week if it can save some money.

Chris gave Marianne some service call report forms so if a homeowner is having a problem or needs anything Chris can contact them and have a paper trail. The forms work better than emails as emails can become easily misplaced. This form is for the request, action and solution/outcome and can be printed and put into a binder when done.

Chris is getting ready to set up a time to do the hydrant flushing. This will help to improve ISO ratings also. At this time Chris is looking at the end of August over a 2 week time frame to get all of the hydrants flushed. Residents and businesses can expect some discolored water due to this. Once the actual date is set the Fire District will make residents and businesses aware of the time frame and what to expect.

Chris asked Marianne for a copy of the Water and Sewer Ordinances so that he could go over it and make any changes if needed. When he is finished he will bring the changes to the next board meeting being held.

Chris informed the board about a water leak on Waldo Lane. He found where the leak was and it was on the homeowner's side, so the homeowner was responsible to fix the leak. Chris and the homeowner were disagreeing on this, therefore, Chris came to the office and asked Marianne to contact the board to hold an emergency meeting to discuss this. The homeowner also requested the board to look into this, but refused to come up to the office and attend the meeting. Marty and Kandie both came to the office and went over the necessary paperwork with Chris and it was determined that where the leak was that it is the homeowners

responsibility to take care of the leak. Marianne called the homeowner and Marty and Chris brought the paperwork down to the homeowner. The homeowner had no problem with that and he hired Phil Baker to do the dig and he repaired the line. There was a big boulder on the water line that was causing a hole in the line.

Approval for Minutes:

Scott made a motion to approve the minutes from July 9th, it was seconded by Kandie, with no discussion the motion carried (3-0).

Approval for the Fire District Pay Order:

Scott made the motion to approve the pay orders as presented and it was seconded by Kandie. With no discussion the motion carried (3-0).

Old Business:

Marty, Kandie and Marianne attended the Lodge grievance meeting on July 17th. Marty stated that he and Gary had gone in to the Lodge and took all of the measurements and compared them to the assessor's measurements and that they didn't match what the assessor stated. The assessor will go back out to the Lodge and let us know the results within a couple of weeks.

Marianne showed the board the final numbers for the end of year budget. The board went over all of the budgets and numbers. The water/sewer budget is very tight for this fiscal year. The 17/18 Fiscal year budget was over budget and money needed to be moved from the capital accounts to cover this. Scott made a motion to close the books for Fiscal Year 17/18, seconded by Kandie. With no further discussion the motion carried (3-0).

New Business:

Gary came upon a leak on Lodge Lane as he was on his way back to the cabin. Marianne contacted Aaron from Simons and he came first thing Thursday morning. The leak was very small, but water needed to be shut off to the Lodge, cabin and Elfin Lake beach house so the line could be repaired. The road was shut down for about 2-3 hours for the dig and repair. A boil water notice was issued to the Lodge, cabin and Elfin Lake beach house until the water sample could be tested. Aaron dropped the sample off and notified Marianne on Friday that the results came back and the boil water can be lifted.

As a result of the water having to be turned off for hours, the Fire District had to do an emergency purchase and have a handicapped porta potty delivered to the Lodge as Maple Leaf was holding their summer camp there that week. Marty got a hold of Hubbard's and they delivered it immediately.

Public Comments:

None

Other Business/Announcements:

A large tree branch (widow maker) was broken near the Lodge and stuck at the top of a tree creating a safety issue. If it had fallen down it would have caused damage to the nearby vehicles and any person that was near it could have been hurt. Gary spoke with Marty who called Vaillancourt Tree & Landscape Services to come and remove the branch. Vaillancourt came right down to the Lodge and removed the widow maker and also removed about six other limbs.

Executive Session:

None

Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting will be scheduled on Wednesday, August 1, 2018 at 6:00pm at the Fire District office.

Adjournment:

Kandie made the motion that the meeting adjourn and Scott seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried (3-0). The meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Marianne Goulet - Clerk/Treasurer

Date Approved: 08/01/2018