

Wallingford Fire District #1
MINUTES OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
November 18, 2020

Called to Order:

Kandie called the meeting to order at 6:03pm with Bill Brooks, Kevin Vaughn and Marianne McClure, the clerk/treasurer present.

Agenda Additions/Deletions:

Mark Barone from the Fire Department submitted a request to purchase wildland fire gear through the annual 50% forestry grant. The Fire Department would like to order 10 helmets, 4 fire line combination tools, 4 fire brooms, 10 - 1" diameter hose, 4 nozzles and 4 reducers. Total cost is \$2,502.00 and with the 50% match the fire department only needs \$1,251.00. Mark stated that the fire department doesn't have any of this gear and that it would be greatly beneficial to the fire department to have on hand. Bill made a motion to approve the purchase, Kandie seconded it. Kevin abstained from the vote. With no further discussion the motion carried (2-0).

Dennis Phillips contacted Marianne as the stove at the cabin was not working. Dennis stated that a mouse had chewed through the wires. The board asked Marianne to call some appliance stores to see if they had any basic stoves in stock and get pricing. Kandie also made some phone calls and found a basic stove in stock at Plaza Appliance. Total cost of stove was \$524.00 with a one-year warranty. For an additional \$150.00 they could add a 4-year warranty. Kandie made a motion to approve the purchase of \$524.00 without the additional warranty. Bill seconded it. With no further discussion the motion carried (3-0).

Visitors:

None

Approval for Minutes:

Bill made a motion to approve the minutes from November 4, 2020, Kevin seconded it. After further discussion Bill withdrew the approval motion. This is tabled until the next meeting.

Approval for the Fire District Pay Order:

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

Old Business:

Kandie asked Kevin if the generator had been installed at the firehouse yet. Kevin said that the electrician has it scheduled and will be about 2 weeks out.

Jane Duda emailed Marianne the itemized bill from Rick Reed for the \$4,000 in charges that it took to hook up the sewer system to the town sewer. The board went over the bill. Kandie remembered a house on Elm Street

that had the same issue years ago, and Chris stated there was another house on Church Street with the same issue. The board at those times never paid for any of the hookup as it was the homeowners' responsibility, however, if any sewer usage had been charged they did credit that portion. The board tabled a decision until the next meeting as they would like to do a little more research.

The sidewalks were discussed in more detail. The Selectboard asked if the Fire District would be willing to put some money aside in the budget to help fix the sidewalks. Kandie spoke up and said that the Fire District only maintains the sidewalks in the winter time by plowing and sanding and that is all the Fire District is responsible for. Kandie stated she has no problem setting aside money and working with the Selectboard to make the sidewalks better but that the Town would need to draw up an agreement stating that they are taking responsibility for the sidewalks and that the Fire District is only responsible to maintain them in the Winter. Bill stated that he would let Nelson Tift know what was discussed and that they will revisit this at the next meeting.

New Business:

Marianne stated that the new guidelines with the State are strongly urging all in person meetings to be held via Zoom and that there are no in person meetings. Right now, the board meetings are via zoom, however the board and Marianne all meet together. They do social distance and wears masks, however, with the Governor urging no in person meetings the board has decided that the day of the meeting Marianne could message to see if they felt they should meet in person or not. If it is decided to do all via Zoom, they could appoint one board member to be the designee to sign the monthly financials and pay orders for as long as the executive order is in effect. Bill made a motion that Kandie be the designated signer, Kevin seconded it. With no further discussion the motion carried (2-0).

Public Comments:

None

Other Business/Announcements:

None

Executive Session:

None

Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting will be scheduled on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 via Zoom at 6:00pm.

Adjournment:

Bill made the motion that the meeting adjourn and Kevin seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried (3-0). The meeting adjourned at 7:06pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Marianne McClure - Clerk/Treasurer

Date Approved: 12/02/2020