

Wallingford Fire District #1
MINUTES OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
May 19, 2021

Called to Order:

Marianne called the re-organization meeting to order at 6:06pm with Kandie Stocker, Bill Brooks, Kevin Vaughn and Marianne McClure, the clerk/treasurer present. Kandie was put in as the Chair of the Board. Marianne turned the meeting over to Kandie. Kandie called the regular meeting to order at 6:08pm.

Agenda Additions/Deletions:

Stephen Baker attended the meeting and made a payment on his contract with the Fire District to tap the trees on Fire District #1 property. Stephen also told the board that because he is organic that he needs to have a forestry plan on file. This plan renews every 10 years and the renewal is set to expire at the end of this month. Stephen stated there is no expense to the Fire District. The board looked over the renewal and Kandie went ahead and signed the form.

Marianne stated that she spoke with Mike from Mike Hance Trucking who hauls the sludge for the Fire District. Every 3 years he submits a new contract to the District. He gave Marianne the new contract and stated that due to the increasing costs of everything he has had to raise his rate by half a cent per gallon. The rate previously was .035 per gallon and will increase to .040 per gallon. Bill made a motion to sign the new contract with the increase, Kevin seconded it. With no further discussion the motion carried (3-0).

Marianne stated that Sandi, the Town Administrator, said there was a loose ADA plate by the Mobil station and Hull Avenue. She said that Nelson Tift had asked her to ask the Prudential Committee if the caretaker of the Lodge, who also does the plowing and sanding of the sidewalks, would be able to fix it. Kandie and Bill both stated that this should be VTrans fixing this and not the Fire District as the Fire District is only responsible for plowing and sanding the sidewalks. Kandie made a motion to deny the caretaker fixing this and have the Town call VTrans, Bill seconded it. With no further discussion the motion carried (3-0).

Marianne asked the board since the capacity limits have increased and that we are able to meet in person would they like to cancel the Zoom meetings as it would save \$16 a month. The board said they will re-visit it in another month and see if there is much turnout at the meetings.

Visitors:

Jason Stone via Zoom, Stephen Baker, Kimberlee and Charles Simmons via Zoom

Approval for Minutes:

Bill made a motion to approve the minutes from May 5, 2021, Kandie seconded it, Kevin abstained as he was not at that meeting. With no further discussion the motion carried (2-0).

Approval for the Fire District Pay Order:

Bill 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:

Jason Stone attended the meeting via Zoom. Chris Hayes was called away to an emergency so he was unable to attend the meeting. Jason and Chris will be re-scheduled at a later date. Jason did update the board on the sewer line and service to 28 and 40 South Main Street. He stated that the owners of 28 South Main are happy with their service and have no pressure issues so they do not want to spend the money on a new curb stop. Jason is proposing that he would like to leave that service there so that the neighbor will not be affected, and put a new curb stop in front of 52 South Main that will service 40 South Main. Bill stated that he thinks that would be fine and to just cap off 40 South Main so that 28 South Main's service would be left alone. This is tabled until the next meeting when Chris and Jason can both attend.

Dennis Phillips was able to get a hold of A-1 Sewer who came out to the cabin and traced the line to the sewer tank. The tank was very full and also the leech field is filling and bubbling up. A-1 told Dennis that they will pump out the tank and that the leech field may need to be fixed as it shouldn't be bubbling like that. As of now A-1 said to watch it after the tank is pumped and see what it does.

Marianne stated that she hadn't been able to get a hold of Walter Frederick about the bill for lawn mower. His phone kept going to voicemail and it wasn't set up so she couldn't leave a message.

New Business:

Kimberlee and Charles Simmons joined the meeting via Zoom regarding their Lodge rental. They had changed their reservation from 2020 due to COVID and moved it to 2021. They asked for a refund as they found another venue and were still concerned about COVID and the capacity limits. They stated they had 250 people coming to their wedding. The board stated that their Lodge rental is in September and that everything in the State was re-opening in July. They also stated that the Lodge has a total capacity limit of 300 people and that even before the opening in July that the capacity limits have been increased enough to hold that many people. The board told them that they signed the contract and that it is stated in the contract that it is a non-refundable damage deposit so they could not make any exceptions. Kimberlee asked if it was to be re-rented that weekend if they could get the money back that way. The board stated again, no exceptions, that it is a non-refundable deposit. Bill made a motion to deny the refund, Kandie seconded it. Motion carried (3-0). Charles and Kimberlee said that they would just keep the September date or move it to 2022.

Public Comments:

None

Other Business/Announcements:

None

Executive Session:

None

Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting will be scheduled on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 via Zoom at 6:00pm.

Adjournment:

Bill made the motion that the meeting adjourn and Kandie seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried (3-0). The meeting adjourned at 7:12pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Marianne McClure - Clerk/Treasurer

Date Approved: 06/02/2021