

**Wallingford Fire District #1**  
**MINUTES OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**June 7, 2023**

**Called to Order:**

Kandie called the meeting to order at 5:50pm with Bill Brooks and Marianne McClure, the clerk/treasurer present.

**Agenda Additions/Deletions:**

Gary Fredette and Pat Bowen joined the meeting to ask about water at the ball park. He stated that at the Selectboard meeting Bruce Duchesne had said no because it will waste water. Kandie stated that there was a spigot there at one point that got damaged and had lost a lot of water so it was shut off. Gary asked that if they were able to get another spigot and have the water turned on would the Fire District be willing to waive the water usage as a way to give back to the community. This is tabled until the board is able to talk to Chris Hayes about it.

Marianne stated that the release form for 30 Taft Terrace has been signed and given to the homeowner.

Marianne stated that Voity Electrical is done with their work at the Lodge.

Marianne stated that the Fire District was awarded \$18,000 in grant money from ARPA funds and the award is going to pay for the 20-year evaluation. Kandie signed the award letter and Marianne will get all the invoices, cancelled checks and a copy of the results, when they are available, to Sandi Switzer, the Town Administrator.

Kandie stated that she had received an email from Mike Luzader asking if the Wallingford Day Committee could use the pump station at the ball field to run a power cord to the shade tree for a contra dance event. Kandie asked Marianne to ask Chris if this is okay with him. This is tabled.

Marianne stated that she spoke with John Thomson from the Fire Department and that he had to order 2 chargers for the radios on Engine 4 as they were no longer operational.

**Visitors:**

Michael Hughes, John Thomson, Gary Fredette, Pat Bowen

**Approval for Minutes:**

The meeting minutes from May 17, 2023 could not be approved at this time and will be tabled until the next meeting. Kandie was not at the meeting and Kevin was not at this meeting so there wasn't a quorum to approve them.

### **Approval for the Fire District Pay Order:**

Bill made a motion to approve the pay orders as presented and it was seconded by Kandie. With no discussion the motion carried (2-0).

### **Old Business:**

Marianne stated that Community Bank reached out to her and that the loan term with a floor vote can only go for a 5-year term versus a 7-year term that was requested. Marianne asked that Community Bank send over a new proposal with a 5-year term. The proposal was received and the new terms would be \$119,785.00 for a 5-year term at 5.100% interest. Michael Hughes and John Thomson from the Fire Department joined the meeting to discuss this as well. Michael stated that we have \$18,000 now towards payment and also July 1<sup>st</sup> starts the new budget so there will be plenty for the first payment. He also stated that every year they would just bump up the line item so there will be enough every year to cover the cost. Michael stated that Bob Schlactner is back in the Fire Department and that he is a “king of grants”. He thinks that Bob may be able to get some money from a grant to cover the cost of the masks. There is no grant for the airpacks. Bill made a motion to approve the new terms with Community Bank, Kandie seconded it. With no further discussion the motion carried (2-0).

Water at the ball and the 20-year evaluation are tabled as Chris was unable to make the meeting due to a sewer line repair that he was not yet finished with.

### **New Business:**

The board went over the monthly financials and signed off on them.

Marianne stated that when she came in to work Tuesday, the day after Memorial Day, that Chris was doing an emergency repair on Taft Terrace. The water ended up having to be turned off for 45 minutes and a boil water notice was in effect for Taft Terrace and the Town Hall only. Marianne stated that Tammy Lattuca, who resides on Taft Terrace, came in very upset that the water had been turned off. She said that she saw Simon Operations marking out the road in preparation for a dig so she was aware something was going to happen yet no one told them they would lose water. Marianne talked to Chris and he said that not every dig leads to water being turned off and that when they get ready to repair the line is when he will find out the extent of the repair. Marianne stated that she did call/email everyone on Taft Terrace and the Town Hall about this, but because she didn't know about the dig until the water had already been turned off that a couple of the residents were very upset. Tammy would like to know what the policies are regarding an emergency dig. The board tabled this until they can talk to Chris about it.

The stand-by well pump and motor purchase for the water plant are tabled.

The board went over the stipend point for the Fire Department. Bill made a motion to approve the stipend points, Kandie seconded it. With no further discussion the motion carried (2-0).

### **Public Comments:**

None

### **Other Business/Announcements:**

The board went over the meeting schedule for the month of July and will meet Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Fire District office for the month of July.

**Executive Session:**

None

**Next Meeting:**

The next regular meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 6:00pm at the Fire District Office.

**Adjournment:**

Bill made a motion that the meeting adjourn and Kandie seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried (2-0). The meeting adjourned at 7:16pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Marianne McClure - Clerk/Treasurer

Date Approved: 06/21/2023