

**Wallingford Fire District #1**  
**MINUTES OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**September 6, 2023**

**Called to Order:**

Kandie called the meeting to order at 6:08pm with Bill Brooks, Kevin Vaughn and Marianne McClure, the clerk/treasurer present.

**Agenda Additions/Deletions:**

None

**Visitors:**

Chris Hayes, Craig Jewett and Stephen Baker

**Approval for Minutes:**

Kevin made a motion to approve the minutes from August 23, 2023, Bill seconded it. With no discussion the motion carried (3-0).

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

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

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

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

Chris Hayes from Simon Operations and Craig Jewitt from Otter Creek Engineering attended the meeting to go over the 20-year evaluation results. The conclusions from the report were as follows:

1. The collection system is well maintained, inspected regularly, and has not identified necessary capital improvements at this time.
2. The ejector pump station is beyond its useful life and serves more homes than its original design intent.
3. The pump station replacement cost is the largest anticipated capital cost for the system.
4. The treatment system is operated and functions within all discharge parameters outlined in the associated Discharge Permit.

5. The treatment system has unreserved treatment capacity which can accommodate reasonable growth over the next 20 years based on growth patterns over the past 20 years.
6. Rag control has been identified as the operation and maintenance issues associated with the treatment system.
7. The estimated refurbishment construction cost for the system is \$692,000 and should be prioritized based on the largest benefit to the system.

Craig Jewitt said that there is no real commitment to do this and that the State won't make us do it. The report is non-binding. It's a matter of being proactive or reactive. Craig said that the most expensive part of this is the pump station and that we may want to look at upgrading that to get another 15-20 years out of it. Craig said that there are grants out there for this but that in order to be eligible to access the money we would need to do a preliminary engineering report study (PER). A PER costs roughly \$15,000 - \$20,000 and can take a year to do. Craig stated that he will send Marianne all the information with the different options that we could do for funding/grants.

Stephen Baker joined the meeting and paid the amount he owed for sugaring this past year. He also needed the Land Use Affidavit to be signed as it expires every three years, and the contract to be signed to be able to sugar for another 10 years. Bill made a motion that Kandie sign both forms as she is the Chair of the Board, Kevin seconded it. With no further discussion the motion carried (3-0), and Kandie signed both forms.

**Public Comments:**

None

**Other Business/Announcements:**

None

**Executive Session:**

None

**Next Meeting:**

The next regular meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 6:15pm upstairs at the Town Hall, followed by the special meeting for the air packs Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 7pm upstairs at the Town Hall.

**Adjournment:**

Bill made a motion that the meeting adjourn and Kevin seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried (3-0). The meeting adjourned at 7:07pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Marianne McClure - Clerk/Treasurer

Date Approved: 09/27/2023