

**Wallingford Fire District #1**  
**MINUTES OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**November 5, 2025**

**Called to Order:**

Kevin called the meeting to order at 6:00pm with Anthony Petrossi (Tony), Chelsey LaRock and Marianne McClure, the clerk/treasurer, present.

**Agenda Additions/Deletions:**

Marianne stated that the invoice for the hydraulic lines that Dennis Phillips needed for the tractor came in. The lines were previously approved to order; however, we did not have a price at that time. The cost of the lines were \$759.95 through United Ag and Turf.

John Thomson from the Fire Department requested a new tool set for the Firehouse. It is a Milwaukee 5 tool cordless combo kit with 2 batteries, the charger and a tool bag. John stated that the current set is failing and that the batteries were starting to smoke. Cost of the whole set on sale is \$299 from Home Depot. Tony asked if they needed to have the tools or would it be cheaper to just get the batteries. Marianne looked up the batteries, and 2 batteries cost \$199. Chelsey stated that it's only the batteries that are smoking and that they should only order the batteries. Marianne texted John and asked him if that would be ok. John stated they are asking for the tools also because the ones they have now are over 10 years old. Tony made a motion to approve the \$299 tool set from Home Depot, Chelsey seconded it. With no further discussion the motion carried (3-0).

John also stated that they need a new charger for one of their radios. He would like to try the Kenwood charger from Amazon as it's only \$35.99 for a 2 pack and would like to see if it would work and save them some money from ordering the factory charger. Tony made a motion to approve the purchase, Chelsey seconded it. With no discussion the motion carried (3-0).

Marianne stated that a homeowner on North Main Street had come into the office regarding the trees/shrubs letter that was sent to him. He stated that years ago he had someone come in and they had measured how far his hedges were away from the sidewalk to make sure that they wouldn't be an issue. He has kept up with trimming with them ever since and would like Dennis not to touch them. He also stated that when the district had a snow blower in the past it was always blown over the hedges when they used it and would like it to continue that way. Tony stated that his property is not an issue and that also the snow should be blown over the hedges everywhere there are hedges. Kevin asked Marianne to make Dennis aware of this. Marianne said that she would let Dennis know.

Marianne stated that she had received notice on Monday from Aaron at Simon Operations that Phil would be digging on Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, to terminate/repair the blowoff at the Firehouse. Aaron stated that the South End of Railroad Street and possibly Florence Avenue would need to have their water shut off. Marianne notified the homeowners/businesses, regarding the disruption in service. When Wednesday came, Phil did the dig, but Aaron was unable to get 2 of the valves to open therefore, the termination/repair did not happen. Marianne stated that Aaron would have to get these valves repaired. He also stated that he would look at another valve to shut off and if that valve works all of Railroad would have to be shut off in order to do the repair. He

stated if that doesn't work, he may have to shut off 5 different streets so that this can be fixed. Right now, the blowoff is spraying water. Marianne stated several people have called regarding it as a leak. Aaron is trying to get this done and fixed ASAP. Aaron also stated that at this point he may just have to repair the blowoff and terminate it next year.

**Visitors:**

None

**Approval for Minutes:**

Tony made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on October 15, 2025, Chelsey seconded it. With no discussion the motion carried (3-0).

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

Tony made a motion to approve the pay orders as presented; Chelsey seconded it. With no discussion the motion carried (3-0).

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

The monthly financials were not ready yet and will be added to next week's agenda.

Marianne received an email from Carrie Grady with Highland Estates regarding their water bill. Highland has been chasing leaks for a long time and has been working with VT Rural and Chris Hayes to find the leak. She has asked for forgiveness of 68.83 thousand gallons, totaling \$825.96, as she believes that is due to the leak. Tony stated that costs have been increasing. Marianne stated that we also pay the State every quarter for how much water is used. Tony made a motion to deny the request. Chelsey seconded it. With no further discussion the motion carried (3-0).

Marianne stated that the City of Rutland, who handles the sludge, has increased their prices from \$.12 cents per gallon to \$.14 cents per gallon. That is an increase of \$20.00 per 1,000 gallons of sludge.

**Public Comments:**

None

**Other Business/Announcements:**

None

**Executive Session:**

Tony made a motion to enter executive session to discuss a personnel issue and to also get an update for a water shut off on a homeowner's delinquent water bill. Chelsey seconded the motion. Entered executive session at

6:31pm. Tony made a motion to come out of executive session, Chelsey seconded it. Came out of executive session at 6:43pm with no action taken on either issue.

**Next Meeting:**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 6:00pm at the Fire District office.

**Adjournment:**

Tony made a motion that the meeting adjourn, Chelsey seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried (3-0). The meeting adjourned at 6:44pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Marianne McClure - Clerk/Treasurer

Date Approved:

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