

Wallingford Fire District #1
MINUTES OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
June 17, 2026

Called to Order:

Anthony Petrossi (Tony), called the meeting to order at 6:00pm with Chelsey LaRock, and Marianne McClure, the clerk/treasurer, present. Kevin joined via telephone at 6:08pm.

Agenda Additions/Deletions:

Marianne stated that she spoke with Dennis Phillips, caretaker for the Lodge, and he told her that some of the boards on the back of the cabin were rotting and needed to be replaced. There is money in the budget under cabin repairs to repair them. Tony made a motion to approve the supplies needed to replace the boards; Kevin seconded it. With no further discussion the motion carried (3-0).

Marianne also presented 2 quotes for the fireplaces at the Lodge and the Cabin. The Lodge would be to grout the fireplace in the main hall, fill in the missing pieces in the firebox and clean up. Total cost would be \$1,685.00. The Cabin would be to repaint all joints and replace one missing stone on left side of the fireplace and clean up. Total cost would be \$1,260.00. Tony made a motion to approve both quotes, Chelsey seconded it. With no further discussion the motion carried (3-0).

Marianne stated that the claim she filed VLCT for the water line/paving repair on Depot Street has been denied. She spoke with Pamela who said that there was an exclusion there for roads. Pamela did more research and found that to make payment for property damage, it must be determined that the member is legally liable. In this case the following statement was made by Pamela:

“A municipality is not necessarily liable for damages caused by a water main break. A municipality would have to cause the break or fail to respond to a complaint in order to have any liability. In this case, you did not cause the break. When notified of the problem, you responded timely, making sure the problem was rectified, therefore, we determined you are not liable for damage to the road.”

Marianne asked Tony if there were any updates with the sale of Engine 3. Tony stated that Anthony Petrossi would be going up to the cabin that evening to take pictures and post it online as soon as possible.

Marianne asked Tony if he had any progress on the heaters at the Lodge yet. Tony said he hadn't yet but that he would be working on that within the next couple of weeks.

Marianne stated that she received a letter from the City of Rutland regarding a rate increase for the sludge removal. The increase will go from \$.14 per gallon to \$.19 per gallon. This is an increase of \$50.00 per 1,000 gallons of sludge removal.

Marianne stated that the Fire Department is in need of 3 short hose whips for Engine 5. Without these they are not able to remove or add hose easily. The total cost would be \$489.42. Marianne stated the budget this year is

pretty tight; however, it could be voted on for the next budget coming up in July 2026. Tony made a motion to approve the purchase for the next budget, Kevin seconded it. Chelsey abstained. With no further discussion the motion carried (2-0).

Visitors:

Jade McCallen

Approval for Minutes:

Tony made a motion to approve the regular minutes from May 20, 2026, 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 (2-0). Kevin was not in attendance at that time.

Old Business:

Marianne stated that the repair on Depot Street has been completed. The paving will be done later in the Summer when the Town does their paving as this will save the Fire District several thousand dollars.

Chelsey stated that she received complaints about Depot Street as it has not been paved yet. She said that motorcycles were riding down the sidewalks and that vehicles are also going way too fast and kicking up rocks. Residents on Depot Street want signs put up to slow people down. Marianne said that she would talk to Sandi Switzer, the Town Administrator, to see if there are any signs that could be put up.

Marianne received the quote from Bob Cook from the Fire Department regarding the flagpole purchase. The total cost would be \$1,007.00. Kevin stated that he had talked to Mark Barone, the Fire Chief, and Mark told Kevin that the members had already voted on the flagpole purchase to come out of their funds with Fire Department. Kevin denied the purchase of the flagpole, Tony seconded it. Chelsey abstained. With no further discussion to motion was denied (2-0).

New Business:

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

Jade McCallen joined the meeting regarding access to her property through the Fire District property. Jade had joined the meeting last year as she was trying to get the railroad to reinstall the former farm crossing and she asked for approval to access her property through the Fire District property. It was approved last year with her asking to come back in one year for an update. Jade said that the railroad has denied her request. Tony made a motion to allow Jade access to her property through the Fire District property for another year, asking her to come back every year to review it; Chelsey seconded it. With no further discussion the motion carried (2-0). Kevin was not in attendance at this time.

Public Comments:

None

Other Business/Announcements:

Marianne stated that she received an email from Sandi Switzer asking for a Prudential Committee member to join the Selectboard meeting on July 6th as Kathy Luzader would like to go over some water/sewer information and would like a Prudential Committee member to be there in case there are any questions/concerns. Tony said that he would be able to attend. Tony and Kevin both asked Marianne to ask Sandi if she had any more information so that Tony could be better prepared for any questions. Kevin also wondered why the Selectboard was discussing water/sewer when it should be the Prudential Committee.

Executive Session:

None

Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 1, 2026, at 6:00pm in the Fire District office.

Adjournment:

Tony made a motion that the meeting adjourn, Chelsey seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried (2-0). The meeting adjourned at 6:34pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Marianne McClure - Clerk/Treasurer

Date Approved: