

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

Called to Order:

Kevin Vaughn called the meeting to order at 6:00pm with Chelsey LaRock, and Marianne McClure, the clerk/treasurer, present.

Agenda Additions/Deletions:

Marianne stated that she had spoken with Uday Dholakia from Discovery Map International, Inc. Uday does advertising in the Manchester, VT area where you would put your business on the map and the map is printed in 116 destinations. He would like to put the Lodge on this map and advertise it on social media, such as Facebook and Instagram. The rate is \$650.00 per year to advertise and because we are non-profit, the price would be \$555.00 per year to advertise. The map is printed once a year and he will take pictures of the Lodge and post it on social media. Chelsey made a motion to approve the ad on a one-year trial basis and revisit in one year. Kevin seconded the motion, with no further discussion the motion carried (2-0).

Marianne stated that she had received a phone call from a resident regarding the service line inventory. She said that a lot of residents are worried and scared about what could happen and costs associated with this. She also wondered if there could be a meeting with MSK engineers and a rep from the State of Vermont so that homeowners could get more information. Marianne referred her to Jason Hayden from MSK Engineers. Marianne stated that the engineers are available to meet, however, it would have to be in Mid-July as they are looking to wrap up the service line inventory by the end of July. Marianne just needs to hear back from the Town Administrator (Sandi Switzer) to see if the upstairs of the Town Hall would be open. Right now, she is on vacation and won't be back until Monday, July 6th. Marianne will touch base with Sandi when she gets back and let everyone know if it's available and when MSK can meet.

Visitors:

Carrie Grady and Missy Whittemore

Approval for Minutes:

Chelsey made a motion to approve the regular minutes from June 17, 2026, with one correction, Kevin seconded it. With no discussion the motion carried (2-0).

Approval for the Fire District Pay Order:

Chelsey made a motion to approve the pay orders as presented; Kevin seconded it. With no discussion the motion carried (2-0).

Old Business:

Carrie Grady and Missy Whittemore from Highland Water Supply joined the meeting regarding the past due balance payment arrangements and to update the Prudential Committee. Carrie said that they are trying to figure out their budget plan with the leaks so that they can set the rates for them as their residents are billed on a yearly basis. She asked if the board would make an agreed upon amount per quarter and that when the leaks are fixed as the bill comes down again, they will be able to be caught up on their past due balance. Right now, they are losing over 70% of water somewhere. They have been working with Phil Baker, VT Rural Water, Randy Baker, and a little with Simon Operation Services to help find the leaks. Kevin made a motion that Highland Water Supply pay \$5,000.00 every quarter until the repairs are made and their past due balance has been paid in full. Chelsey seconded the motion. With no further discussion the motion carried (2-0).

Marianne submitted the free leak detection application through the State of Vermont, and we should hear back from them by July 10th. If accepted, Highland Water Supply will be the main focus of the free leak detection.

Marianne stated that there are still complaints about Depot Street not being paved yet. One resident also stated that it was a health hazard with all the dust being kicked up and that they couldn't even open their windows. A lot of the residents want the road closed due to the dust and the people that are speeding on the road. Kim Sharp, the Assistant Town Clerk, called Phil Baker, the Road Commissioner. Phil stated that he cannot shut the road down as he needs as many people as possible to travel the road to compact it. If it doesn't get compacted, then the road will just be undermined again when it is paved. That is also a reason for it not being paved until later this Summer as it needs to be compacted as much as possible. He stated that he would call the Town Garage and have them put some liquid chloride down to help reduce the dust. He said that he kept the road rough on purpose so that it would help keep the traffic going over it moving more slowly.

The sludge removal – City of Rutland – has been tabled until the next meeting.

New Business:

The board set the water and sewer rates for the upcoming quarter for the new fiscal year budget. Chelsey made a motion to set the water rate to \$13.00 per 1,000 gallons and the sewer rate to \$14.00 per 1,000 gallons. This increase will cover the whole year and will not change until the next fiscal year, which is July 2027. Kevin seconded it, with no further discussion the motion carried (2-0).

Public Comments:

None

Other Business/Announcements:

None

Executive Session:

None

Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at 6:00pm in the Fire District office.

Adjournment:

Chelsey made a motion that the meeting adjourn, Kevin seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried (2-0). The meeting adjourned at 6:46pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Marianne McClure - Clerk/Treasurer

Date Approved:

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