

Wallingford Fire District #1
MINUTES OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
July 15, 2026

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 she spoke with Aaron Johnson from the water/sewer department, and he told her that the clarifier reducer for the sludge is starting to go. The one they have now is 26 years old and it is time to replace it. The cost of a new one is \$8,420.00. Tony made a motion to approve the purchase, Chelsey seconded it. With no further discussion the motion carried (3-0).

Marianne stated that the Town of Wallingford Selectboard voted and approved that they would pay the full bill to Pike Industries for the paving and that the Fire District would reimburse the Town for their share of paving Depot Street. Once the bill is received by the Town, Jill (Town Clerk) will give Marianne a copy of it and Marianne will write the check for the amount the Fire District owes. Tony made a motion to approve paying the Town, Chelsey seconded it. With no further discussion the motion carried (3-0).

Marianne stated that she spoke with Dennis Phillips, caretaker for the Lodge, and he stated that the damper in the Lodge fireplace needs to be replaced to make it functional again. This would be done by Jeff Mangan who also did the grouting of the fireplaces in the Lodge and the Cabin. The cost would be a total of \$455.25, which includes \$200.00 for labor and \$255.25 for the materials. Tony made a motion to approve the new damper, Chelsey seconded it, with no further discussion the motion carried (3-0).

Marianne stated that the grouting in the fireplace at the Lodge and the Cabin had been completed and Dennis said it looked amazing. He stated that Jeff did a great job.

Marianne received some purchase requests from Mark Barone, the Fire Chief. The first request was for 3 yellow helmets as the current ones have expired. The cost for the 3 helmets through Reynolds is \$1,881.08. Tony made a motion to approve the purchase, Kevin seconded it. Chelsey abstained. With no discussion the motion carried (2-0).

The next purchase for the Fire Department was for 2 yeti coolers and a stand-alone ice maker so that they can make their own ice instead of constantly buying ice. The cost of the Yeti Coolers is approximately \$250.00 each. The cost of the stand-alone ice maker on Amazon is \$255.99. Tony made a motion to approve the purchase of the coolers and the ice maker, Kevin seconded it. Chelsey abstained. With no further discussion the motion carried (2-0).

The last purchase for the Fire Department was for a Home Depot purchase which would include some shovels, chainsaw files and 2 suitcase-style mechanics tool sets. Kevin asked what kind of tools were in the tool sets.

Marianne messaged Mark but didn't hear back from him yet, so this has been tabled until Marianne can talk to Mark.

Kevin stated that he spoke with Chris Hayes from the water/sewer department and that the valve on Depot Street will not stop leaking and will need to be replaced. Chris would also like to add a new valve that will control Elm Street and Depot Street only so that if an emergency ever arose there, they would only need to shut water down to those two streets versus shutting half the Town off. Chris would like to do the replacement valve and the new valve before the paving is done while the road is still dug up to save money. Tony made a motion to approve the valves, Chelsey seconded it. With no further discussion the motion carried (3-0).

Kevin also stated that the hydrant across from the firehouse is not working. He said that he spoke with Aaron who was aware of it. Aaron stated that the parts have been ordered from Ferguson.

Kevin stated that the kitchen sink in the Lodge has backed up. He stated that he and Dennis found a grease trap under the floor. Dennis called plumber Josh Maniery from EMS Drains, and he came up to the Lodge. The water was not draining from the catch basin. Everything Josh did did not clear the clog. He put a camera in, and they found two PVC pipes by the bathroom and the kitchen. They were both full. The kitchen was all grease and the bathroom was water. The camera took them under the floorboard in the kitchen which could be just a catch basin. Past the rock wall is the septic system. When Dennis flushed both toilets, the pipes moved and when digging outside it went from brown to black. They are thinking the septic needs to be pumped. Dennis has Hubbard's scheduled to pump the septic system on Thursday. Josh would also be on site as well to make sure there are no other blockages. If it can't be fixed tomorrow, Dennis has porta potties from Hubbard's on standby. The Lodge had been rented Tuesday – Thursday while on this was going on. Kevin stated that he would like to reimburse the renters the \$450.00 they paid for Thursday. Tony made a motion to approve the refund of \$450.00; Chelsey seconded it. With no further discussion the motion carried (3-0).

Visitors:

None

Approval for Minutes:

Chelsey made a motion to approve the regular minutes from July 1, 2026, Kevin seconded it. Tony abstained as he was not at that meeting. 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 (3-0).

Old Business:

The sludge removal through the City of Rutland was discussed. Tony had asked how many gallons had been removed last year and the cost then versus what it would be this year with the price increase. Marianne stated there were 400,825 gallons. At last year's rate of .14 cents, it cost \$56,115.50 to dispose of and with the current rate of .19 cents it would cost \$76,176.75 to dispose of. The budget for the year was set at \$65,000.00 as the price increase wasn't told to us until May and the budget was set in February. Kevin stated that with the money we are saving by having Water Treatment Professionals versus Simon Operations it would cover it for this year. However, next budget it will need to be looked at more closely.

Mariane stated that the results were in for the free leak detection and that the Fire District was awarded the free leak detection. The focus of this project will be Highland Water Supply.

Marianne stated that the Prudential Committee would not be having a meeting with MSK engineers as there would not be enough time to warn the meeting. MSK Engineers is looking to wrap up the service line inventory by the end of July. Anyone who has concerns would need to call MSK as stated in the letter they received in the mail. If anyone has misplaced the letter, the person of contact would be Jason Hayden. His phone number is 802-432-9073 and his email address is: jhayden@mskeng.com

New Business:

None

Public Comments:

None

Other Business/Announcements:

None

Executive Session:

None

Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 5, 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 (3-0). The meeting adjourned at 6:54pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Marianne McClure - Clerk/Treasurer

Date Approved: