

Wallingford Fire District #1
MINUTES OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
June 12, 2024

Called to Order:

Kevin called the meeting to order at 6:04pm with Bill Brooks and Marianne McClure, the clerk/treasurer present.

Agenda Additions/Deletions:

Marianne stated that Dennis Phillips, the caretaker for the Lodge, had to rebuild the rails to the stairs. The stairs are the ones located at the front of the building and were a safety hazard. Dennis stated that they were wobbly and rotted. Dennis purchased the lumber needed to fix them and got them fixed.

Marianne stated that the Utility truck from the Firehouse needed to have a new starter and 2 batteries put in. She also stated that Engine 1 is having some issues with the throttle and that it will be going in to the shop to have that looked at and fixed.

Marianne stated that starting July 1, 2025 there is a new open meeting law going into effect. She spoke with Susan Snelling from VLCT and Susan stated that the change would be that the Prudential Committee would need to start recording the meetings and put the recording on the website for 30 days. Marianne stated that Sandi Switzer would be able to put the recordings on the Fire District #1 section on the Town website.

Starting July 1, 2024 there is a new Child Care Contribution that will be applied to employees. The Employer is required to pay a minimum of 75% of this credit and the employee is required to pay a minimum of 25%. Kevin asked if it applied to Stipends. Marianne stated that she would check into that and find out the answer. Marianne also stated that the cost of this credit is not very high. For example, one paycheck would cost the employee a couple of dollars.

Marianne stated that David Kelley and Rhonda Nash had come in to her office with some questions about a lot that David had purchased on Hillside Rd back in 2005. David stated that he had made some payments to the Fire District #1 to go toward a water/sewer hookup in the future and he wanted to know how much he had paid and if the money was still there. He also wanted to know if there was a connection there. Marianne researched all the records we have and found that David could be put on a "reserve capacity" list where he would pay an annual fee that would go towards a connection fee in the future. Marianne stated that the current owners of the Lot at that time were on the list and had paid \$330.00 towards the capacity. However, she could not find any records of David Kelley being on the list and/or paying anything. Marianne stated that she also talked with David's daughter and that she would like a letter stating if there is a connection there and also that the property is protected by Fire Protection. Marianne had spoken with Chris Hayes several times and Chris told her that he can not commit to anything about a water/sewer connection being there. Chris stated that IF there is a connection there that the people looking to connect would not have to pay the hook up fees. However, Bill stated that there is gallonage fees that would need to be paid which is currently \$600 per bedroom. Bill asked Marianne to see if David had any records of this, including any bank statements, etc. that could give us some

more information. Also, as far as the Fire Protection goes the property is located in Fire District #3 and would be charged by the Town. Marianne spoke with assistant town clerk Jill Teer-Stone and she stated that since it is a vacant lot and there are no structures on it that they are not being charged for fire protection. However, if there was, for example, a grass fire the Fire Department would show up to put this out. This is tabled until the Fire District can get some more information. Marianne will contact David Kelley.

Visitors:

None

Approval for Minutes:

Bill made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on May 15, 2024, Kevin seconded it. With no discussion the motion carried (2-0).

Approval for the Fire District Pay Order:

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

Old Business:

The lawnmower at the Sewer plant was taken to Gerald White's for repair. It needed a pulley, spindle shaft, oil, oil filter, sharpen blades, trucking and labor. None of it was under warranty. Total cost was \$297.00.

New Business:

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

The board went over the Stipend points for the Fire Department. Marianne stated that she spoke with Deputy Chief Mark Barone regarding the criteria to earn stipend points. Mark said that the Chiefs will be sitting down to come up with criteria before next year's stipends. Bill made a motion to approve the stipends, Kevin seconded it. With no further discussion the motion carried (2-0).

The Fire Department requested \$120.00 to purchase 4 nozzle brackets. Marianne stated there is roughly \$1,000.00 left in their equipment budget. Bill made a motion to approve the purchase, Kevin seconded it. With no discussion the motion carried (2-0).

Public Comments:

None

Other Business/Announcements:

None

Executive Session:

None

Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at 6:00pm at the Fire District office.

Adjournment:

Bill made a motion that the meeting adjourn and Kevin seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried (2-0). The meeting adjourned at 6:54pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Marianne McClure - Clerk/Treasurer

Date Approved: 07/03/2024