

# **Royalton Fire District 1 Prudential Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, October 11, 2023, 7:00 PM**

**55 North Street RFD1 Office**

**Present: Wayne Manning, Don Lovejoy, Judy Hayward, John Dettwiler, Ryan Britch, and Theron Manning**

Theron Manning, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

Review Agenda: There were no changes.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Minutes of September 27, 2023: John Dettwiler made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Don Lovejoy made a second to the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Rescue Squad Report was passed over.

Old Business

State Subsidy Update—We did not make the priority funding list for Lake John. Also, we did not make the list for the \$600,000 that remained unfunded in FY 23 in State Subsidy. Theron will reach out to Roger Bergeron at the State.

EPA Grant – Judy distributed a draft letter for review and comment by the Prudential Committee

Lake John Dam /USDA grant extension- Judy met with our contact at USDA, Alex Gauthier. Alex said we could probably have a few more months to confirm the project but that we would have to present a firm schedule. This is a dilemma because we need the funding to move on with the project design and permitting before we can establish a firm schedule with bids. We will need to let the USDA know our plans by the end of December.

Administrative items: Lease, Online Payment, Computer purchase; Cell booster purchase; Lighting update – all are in process.

Chairman's Report: Theron reviewed some thoughts on responding to Kingsbury's request for an additional \$256,000.

Theron noted that it may be on us to test and add chlorine and water to the tank. Theron will review with Dufresne.

#### Water Superintendent's Report

State Highway said it was okay to replace the posts for the gate near the interstate underpass. 3-4-inch post. We have started to gather estimates.

#### Administrative Assistant's Report:

Judy met with FEMA on October 6. We have sixty days to complete our request. It looks like we can apply for overtime costs for Waye and possibly to replace the chlorine and ph monitors at the plant. There are mitigation funds, and we need to determine if moving the pump at the White River or raising it above flood plain is an allowable cost.

We may have to order a manual pump. It is manageable though communicating wires. A water line for the Fire Department is needed. Theron will ask Paul if it is possible to share costs.

#### Work Orders

The work orders for Fire, Rescue and Water were reviewed. Ryan Britch made a motion to pay the bills; Don Lovejoy made a second to the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Wayne Manning, Water Superintendent, left the meeting and the Prudential Committee went into executive session at 8:20 pm for personnel and a contract. The executive session ended at 8:45 pm

John Dettwiler made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Don Lovejoy made a second to the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.** We adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy L. Hayward

Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper