

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE -- WINHALL-STRATTON FIRE DISTRICT #1
Thursday, July 18, 2024 4:00PM**

The monthly meeting of the Prudential Committee of the Winhall-Stratton Fire District #1 was held in person on Thursday, July 18, 2024 at 4:00PM at the Stratton Mountain Volunteer Fire Company house 5 Brazers Way, Stratton Mountain Vermont.

Prudential Members Present:

Tom Snopek, Chairman
Ric Swenson, Treasurer
Bruce Nelson, Member

Not Present:

James Reynolds, Member
Albert Scerbo, Advisor

Present Via Teleconference:

Christine Collins, Advisor

Also Present by Invite:

Diana Stugger, Advisor
Pat Moyna, SMC
Margaret Dwyer, Chief Operator
Rosa Cannella, Secretary

Tom Snopek called meeting to order at 4:05pm.

RESOLVED: Upon a motion duly made and seconded the June 27, 2024 meeting minutes previously distributed were approved as corrected. (TS/RS//BN)

RESOLVED: Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Prudential Committee approved Blanket Purchase Orders for fiscal year ending 6-30-2025. (TS/RS//BN)

RESOLVED: Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Prudential Committee approved reinvesting the Certificate of Deposit maturing 7/9/2024 into another 6-month certificate of deposit. Rosa Cannella will check the current short-term certificate of deposit rates and inform the Committee so that they can make a decision. (TS/RS//BN)

OLD BUSINESS: Margaret informed the Committee that the State of Vermont Water Supply Division Sanitary Survey went well. The Treatment Plant was visited by 3 individuals from the State. The State feels strongly that the PFAS levels are too high for the problem to be Teflon tape and that it is a source problem.

RESOLVED: Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Prudential Committee is requiring systematic removal of the Teflon tape and retesting PFAS levels. (TS/RS//BN)

OLD BUSINESS (continued): During the Sanitary Survey the State also found the lead levels to be high at Sun Bowl 91 and High Meadow wells. As a result, the State is requiring installation of a Soda Ash Feed System which will increase PH levels and decrease lead levels. The District engineer, Dufresne Group, is working on design of this system. The installation of this system must be done by December 31, 2024. Margaret will get quotes once the engineer submits plans. The State also found one loose bolt which was remedied by the Treatment Plant crew. The Source Protection Plan update is due now. Margaret contracted Metty Perry of VHB and will get the plan done for \$4,000.

RESOLVED: Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Prudential Committee approves contracting VHB to update the Source Protection Plan. (TS/RS//BN)

OLD BUSINESS (continued): Margaret updated the Committee on Capital Projects 23/24: No more work has been done because we are still waiting on parts and lack of contractor manpower causing project delays. Margaret then updated the Committee on Capital Projects 24/25: She noted that she is still awaiting for hard quotes on some projects. Margaret indicated that they have yet to find the shut off valve in Styles Brook that would allow us to isolate the Styles Brook 500 series pump house building without shutting down all of Styles Brook. Margaret feels that the valve is between Arbor Road and Styles Branch Road. They will be using a ground penetrating radar to locate the valve. We want to locate it and dig before they begin paving in that area. Margaret will coordinate with Pat Moyna. Well #33 has been repaired. Wells #49, #50 and #51 will be repaired next week.

NEW BUSINESS: Tom Snopek is leaving the State. He is ineligible to be reelected as Chair. He can continue his term with the agreement of the other Members of the Board until his term ends January 2025. Christine Collins volunteered to review the District By-Laws and State Statutes to see if this is feasible. She will report back to the Committee at our next meeting in September.

The next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, September 5, 2024 at 4PM in person at the Stratton Mountain Volunteer Fire Company house located on 5 Brazers Way, Stratton Mountain, VT.
Meeting adjourned at 4:48PM.