

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE -- WINHALL-STRATTON FIRE DISTRICT #1
Thursday, June 25, 2026 4:00PM**

The monthly meeting of the Prudential Committee of the Winhall-Stratton Fire District #1 was held in-person at the Stratton Mountain Volunteer Fire Company house, 5 Brazers Way, Stratton Mountain Vermont and via zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/91032219476?pwd=JnEZG9YXGN7mpXfWm50lSsY8tiTmS4.1> on Thursday, June 25, 2026 at 4:00PM.

Prudential Members Present:

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

Present Via Zoom:

Al Scerbo, Treasurer
Diana Stugger, Advisor

Not Present:

James Reynolds, Member
Pat Moyna, SMC

Also Present by Invite:

Margaret Dwyer, Chief Operator
Rosa Cannella, Secretary

Tom Snopek called meeting to order at 4pm.

RESOLVED:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the May 28, 2026 meeting minutes previously distributed were accepted as corrected. (TS/BN/RS/AS)

RESOLVED:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Committee accepted the monthly variable income statement for June 2026 as submitted. The Chair reviewed the year-end budget statement and reported that revenues exceeded budget by \$94,000, while expenses were \$130,000 under budget. The resulting positive budget variance will be available to support upcoming capital projects, maintain competitive salaries to attract and retain employees, and strengthen reserves for future emergency needs. (TS/BN/RS/AS)

RESOLVED:

Treasurer found no exceptions in his review of May 2026 bank statements and the June 2026 general ledger. Treasurer also recommended reinvesting the CD maturing on 7/3/26 into one maturing 11/3/26 and moving \$75,790.34 into the BS&L Money Market account leaving \$100K in the TD Bank checking account. (TS/BN/RS/AS)

RESOLVED:

The Committee discussed applying a 3% credit card surcharge to offset the District's 2.6% M&T Merchant Bank services processing fee. Bruce Nelson will draft an e-mail to Pat Moyna regarding AvidXchange's use of Mastercard for Association water and sewer payments. (TS/BN/RS/AS)

RESOLVED:

The Committee discussed a customer's request to waive all or a portion of the interest charged on an unpaid balance after the account was brought current. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Committee denied this request, as waiving interest is not consistent with the District's policy. Rosa to draft an e-mail informing the customer of the Committee's decision. (TS/BN/RS/AS)

RESOLVED:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Committee approved the Blanket Purchase Orders for fiscal year 2026/2027. Blanket Purchase Orders were signed at the meeting. (TS/BN/RS/AS)

OLD BUSINESS:

PFAS, Margaret and her crew are actively looking for alternative well sites. Ric Swenson recommended abandoning the Golf School location option because of the fertilizer issue.

1. **Wells #14 and #22** - Formerly served the Styles Brook Condominiums and are no longer in use since the development was connected to the main system. One well is near the abandoned Styles Brook storage tank; the other is across from the Comcast building.
2. **Well #83-E6** - Located in the Sun Bowl near Wells #35 and #38 off the Gentle Ben ski trail; considered a potentially productive source.
3. **Well #16** – Although abandoned, the existing water line may still be usable and could potentially be connected to the Styles Brook wells.

4. **Vacant land between Mountain View and North Brookwood Roads** - Owned by the Stratton Mountain Resort, this site offers good access, no planned development, and has potential for new wells and a storage tank. Water could then be gravity-fed into the existing distribution system.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Margaret informed the Committee that the 25-year-old tractor will need to be replaced and will be included in next year's budget (\$75K-\$80K).
2. Margaret reported that during a manhole investigation her crew found sewer lines in need of replacing. Ric Swenson recommended adding this to the budget.
3. Margaret informed the Committee that Harper Haines' recommendation to go with a larger PRV for the Boost Pump Room is correct. She witnessed that each time the hydrant near the Boost Pump room was used the pump came on which means the PRV is too small to handle the hydrant flow. The larger PRV will add an additional cost of \$10,000 to this capital project.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The next monthly meeting will be held and warned on Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at 4pm in-person at the Stratton Mountain Volunteer Fire Company house and via zoom (see link below).
<https://zoom.us/j/91032219476?pwd=JnEZG9YXGN7mpXfWm501SsY8tiTmS4.1>

Meeting adjourned at 5:12PM.