

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE -- WINHALL-STRATTON FIRE DISTRICT #1**

Thursday, February 23, 2023 4:00PM

The monthly meeting of the Prudential Committee of the Winhall-Stratton Fire District #1 was held via teleconference (Login to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3132650303?pwd=Y25LZ3lOU0F5WE9hamJGdjhhjekQvQT09>) on Thursday, February 23, 2023 at 4:00PM.

Prudential Members Present:

Tom Snopek, Chairman
James Reynolds, Member
Ric Swenson, Member
Helmer Pearson, Member

Present by Invite Were:

Chrissy Haskins, Dufresne Group

Also Present by Invite Were:

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

Tom Snopek called meeting to order at 4:00PM.

RESOLVED:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the January monthly meeting minutes held February 2, 2023 previously distributed were approved as submitted. (TS/JR/RS/HP)

RESOLVED:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Prudential Committee approved financials as submitted. (TS/JR/RS/HP)

The Committee welcomed Chrissy Haskins of the Dufresne Group who presented information regarding available grants from the Drinking Water Funds and Clean Water Funds. She informed the Committee that more By-Partisan Infrastructure funding will be available systemwide (water & wastewater) for the next 4 years. In order to be considered for this funding it will be necessary to complete systemwide comprehensive engineering reports. For Drinking Water, a Hydraulic Evaluation, an Asset Management Plan and a Preliminary Engineering Report. For Clean Water with gravity, it is only necessary to do an Asset Management and a Preliminary Engineering Report. These reports can be used over the next 20 years to apply for grants/loans. The District can be eligible for grants that will cover 30% Drinking Water project costs and 50% Clean Water project costs. The District can also be eligible for project loans with debt forgiveness of 0% for 5 years. Unfortunately, there is no funding from the State for the Lead Service Line Inventory due by October 2024. Chrissy estimates the cost of this report to be \$298K. The Committee requested a proposal in writing from Chrissy Haskins of Dufresne Group to compile comprehensive engineering reports for Water, Clean Water and Lead and a breakdown of opportunities that are available for State and Federal funding.

NEW BUSINESS:

Margaret informed the Committee that the State is re-evaluating reports sent regarding water quality for the last 20 years due to lead appearance in the water. The District will need to add injection points to the system so that soda ash can be added (injection points at well buildings in High Meadow and the Main) to adjust the PH levels in the water.

OLD BUSINESS:

Margaret informed the committee that the spray field pump is in place. It's the 3rd pump to transfer water and spraying. Margaret recommends that the sewer lines be inspected and repairs made based on its findings. She notes that there is infiltration to the system in the big loop of High Meadow area.

Meeting adjourned at 4:49PM.

The next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday March 30, 2023 at 4PM in-person at the Stratton Mountain Volunteer Fire Company, 5 Brazers Way, Stratton Mountain Vermont.