



Randolph Fire District #1

Randolph Center, VT 05061

Minutes

Annual Meeting of the Randolph Fire District #1
Tuesday, May 16, 2017

Attending: Trudy DeFlorio, Bill DeFlorio, Daniel LaLumia, Dana Dean, J. Mike Regan, Al Floyd, Dave Farnham, John Lens, Sheryl Campbell, Clark Campbell, Krystal Trask, John Doss, Carol Doss, Carolyn Lumbra

Carolyn Lumbra called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, on Tuesday, May 16, 2017. An attendance sheet was circulated. Carolyn opened the meeting with a reading of the articles to be acted on.

Article 1: To elect a clerk. The motion to elect Carol Doss clerk was made by Dana Dean and seconded by Dave Farnham. The motion passed.

Article 2: To hear and act on report of officers. The minutes of the May 17th, 2016, meeting were distributed by the clerk. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mike Regan and seconded by Trudy DeFlorio. The motion passed.

The treasurer reported that the Fire District was overcharging Gifford Hospital for water at Morgan Orchards resulting in a refund to Gifford Hospital for \$5,798.00. The treasurer also reported that as of May 2, 2017, there was a balance of \$45,477.68 in the checking account and a balance of \$30,831.93 in the savings account for a total of \$76,309.61.

The treasurer also reported that the Town of Randolph made a Pilot payment of \$2,955.00.

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Dana Dean and seconded John Doss. The motion passed.

The engineer reported that the District has employed a water service company to oversee the water system. A new access road to the pump house is being reviewed. It will be at least 2 years before the actual project is begun. The Water Abuse Mitigation Committee has been reviewing the method the District uses to charge for water. The committee felt that the District should explore further the use of water meters and appropriate fees for water use. A motion to approve the Engineer's report was made by John Doss and seconded by Mike Regan.

Article 3: To elect 2 members of the Prudential Committee for a period of 3 years. Due to Mike Regan moving out of the District, it is noted that one member of the Prudential Committee will be elected for only 2 years. A motion was made by Bill DeFlorio and seconded by John Doss to elect John Lens to the 2 year position. The motion passed. It was noted that Dave Farnham resigned from the Prudential Committee effective July 23, 2016 and Bill DeFlorio was appointed by the remaining 2 Prudential Members to fill out the remainder of his term which ended May 16, 2017. A motion was then made by Mike Regan and seconded by Dave Farnham to elect Bill DeFlorio to the 3 year term. The motion passed.

Article 4: To elect a treasurer. A motion to elect Mike Regan treasurer was made by Dana Dean and seconded by Dave Farnham. The motion passed.

Article 5: To elect a collector of rents and taxes. A motion was made to elect Mike Regan the collector of rents and taxes by Bill DeFlorio and seconded by Dana Dean. The motion passed.

Article 6: To elect 3 auditors for a term of 1 year. A motion was made and seconded to elect Clark Campbell, John Doss and Scott Mitroff auditors for a term of 1 year. The motion passed.

Article 7: To elect an engineer. A motion was made to elect Bill DeFlorio engineer by John Doss and seconded by Mike Regan. The motion passed.

Article 8: To vote a tax. A motion was made by Al Floyd that the tax rate remain the same at \$.04 per \$100.00 and seconded by Clark Campbell. The motion passed.

Article 9: To ask for a volunteer to take a daily chlorine reading. Carolyn Lumbra volunteered. The group was confident that Ellen Doering would continue to take a reading. Mike Regan moved that we pay these volunteers yearly \$400.00 each. John Doss seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Article 10: To approve a monthly date for a regular meeting of the Prudential Committee to discuss Fire District matters. It was decided that the Prudential Committee would meet the second Thursday of every month. The first meeting will be on June 8th at the Lake Champagne Resort Rec. Hall (changed to the Red School House, Room 108). The date and place will be discussed after 6 months.

Article 11: To do any other business proper to come before this meeting.

- The Water Abuse Mitigation Committee (Dan LaLumia, Trudy DeFlorio, Dana Dean) advised the group of their findings. The major issue is identifying the heavy water users. Also, presently rates are determined by occupancy. Occupancy numbers have been difficult to ascertain especially in rental housing. The committee favored placing a water meter in every property. The committee felt that this was a fair option, it would standardize the rate and it would underscore the need to be more cognizant of water usage.
- The need for a new sign upon entering Randolph Center was discussed. John Doss, Clark Campbell and Dan LaLumia offered to serve on a committee to review the situation.

- A question was asked regarding the Overlay status.
- The construction sign at Morgan Orchards was brought up as not meeting the terms of the Fire District's Sign Ordinance. A representative of Gifford Hospital has been invited to discuss this with the Prudential Committee. To date that invitation has not been honored and a second permit has not been presented to the Prudential Committee.
- The speed of vehicles and the use of jake brakes on rt. 66 in Randolph Center was discussed.
- VTC's leasing the parade ground was reviewed. Dan LaLumia is going to research the matter. It was suggested that we plan a Randolph Center gathering on the parade ground.

A motion was made by John Doss and seconded by Dave Farnham to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm by Carolyn Lumbra.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Doss, Clerk