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Minutes for Meeting Tuesday May 20, 2025

Location: Red School House at Randolph Center Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm.

Prudential Committee Members present: Dave Farnham and Meredith LaLumia. Others attending: Bob Bradford, Treasurer; Lee Renner, Auditor; Diana Farnham, Shannon Trigos, Caesar Trigos, George Daniel.

Old Business -

1. Approve prior meeting minutes. Dave Farnham motioned to approve the minutes; Meredith LaLumia seconded. Both in favor – voted to approve.
2. Treasurer's report
 - a. Review annual budget, income, and other expenses.
 - b. Accounts receivables status – outstanding accounts owed.
 - c. Motion by Dave Farnham to accept the treasurer's report, second by Lee Renner, approved.
3. Engineer's report
 - a. Projects overview for the last year – flushed hydrants twice, tested the mains and the curb stops, installed new meter at the Lackard and Lake Champagne residence, painted all curb stops, installed new chlorinator, secured the spring house vents, turned off and removed numerous water meters for seasonal residents, turned off customers for non payment, marked all curb stops with GPS tracking (provides only a 10-12 ft radius, making blue paint easier to see in winter), new standby at several residences, and conducted water testing at Gifford.
 - b. Plans for the upcoming year– flush the hydrants, paint the curb stops, repair the storage shed, repaint spring house roof, raise a few of the meter readings to accommodate for snow
 - c. George asked about what was wrong with the storage shed, Dave informed him that the molding was coming off
 - d. Motion by Meredith LaLumia to accept the engineer's report, second by Lee Renner, Approved.
4. Elect a clerk for a term of one year. Dave Farnham nominated Shannon Trigos. Seconded by Meredith LaLumia, Shannon accepted the nomination.
5. Elect a member of the Prudential Committee for a term of 3 years. Dave Farnham volunteered to renew his term. Seconded by Meredith LaLumia, nomination accepted.
6. Elect a member of the Prudential Committee for a term of 1 year, filling in for the remainder of Dana Dean's 3 year term. Lee Renner nominated Diana Farnham, seconded by Meredith LaLumia, Diana accepted the nomination.
7. Elect a treasurer for a term of one year. Dave Farnham nominated Dan LaLumia, seconded by Diana Farnham. Nomination accepted.¹
8. Elect a Collector of Rents and Taxes for a term of one year. Dan LaLumia informed PruCom members prior to the meeting that he would volunteer for another year.
9. Elect 3 auditors for a term of one year. Lee Renner volunteered to renew the auditor position. Dave Farnham and Diana Farnham also volunteered to be auditors.
10. Elect an engineer for a term of one year. Dave
11. To vote on a tax. Dave Farnham voted to stay the same at 5%. Seconded by Meredith LaLumia. Approved.

New Business –

1. Annual stipend amount voted upon after discussion and explanation of need for incentivization for low volunteerism:
 - a. Prudential Committee Member stipends remain the same at \$250.
 - b. Treasurer receives \$750 + 20 units of water per quarter.²
 - c. Collector of Rents and Taxes receives \$750 + 20 units of water per quarter.³
 - d. Clerk receives \$500 + 20 units of water per quarter
 - e. Engineer stipend remains the same at \$40 per hour, only charging for pump house trips, scheduled or unexpected repairs + 20 units of water per quarter.
 - f. Assistant engineer receives \$15 per hour while learning the system, to increase with experience as set by the Prudential Committee.
 - i. Caesar Trigos volunteered to be assistant engineer. Nomination accepted.
 - g. Meter readings remain at \$125 per quarter.
 - h. Water testing remains at \$400 per year.

Lee Renner made a motion to accept, as read, the stipend amounts recommended by the Prudential Committee. Seconded by Shannon Trigos. Majority vote reached by Prudential Committee.

George Daniel raised a concern regarding the concept of the stipend being financial compensation in addition to “free” water and wanted a fuller explanation behind that decision, which was then given.

2. Briefly discussed updating contact information as sent out by US mail service.
3. George Daniel brought up the idea of separating fully from Randolph and to be a fully independent municipality in alignment with what our charter suggests. After discussion, his suggestion was that the Prudential Committee look into the Vermont state legislature and consult a lawyer to assess feasibility. The Prudential Committee agreed, and that will be a subject delved into this upcoming year.
4. George Daniel raised concerns regarding overgrowth at a neighboring property and the hazards to the fire department or other people utilizing Furnace Street. The Prudential Committee will engage with this matter.

Motion to adjourn made by Lee Renner, seconded by Dave Farnham.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Meredith LaLumia, Randolph Fire District #1 Prudential Committee

Next Meeting: June 16, 2025, 7:00 pm, Red School House, Randolph Center, VT

¹ The charter does not state that the treasurer must be a legal resident of the area to hold the treasurer position, allowing this position to be filled by a nonresident.

² Any water value above 20 units for the applicable positions above will get billed the excess at their normal rate.

³ Considering the special circumstance of Dan LaLumia serving as both Treasurer and Collector of Rents and Taxes, the stipend will be adjusted to a total \$1000 + 20 units of water per quarter.