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PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the North Branch Fire District #1, Prudential Committee, March 16, 2017.

This Meeting, having been duly warned, was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairman, Hobart Terhune.

Members Present: Thomas Ferrazza, Hobie Terhune, Edward Barber, Cyndee Frere and Daniel Facilla.

Also Present: Edward Floyd, Laurie Newton, Rebecca Snow, Bart Howes and Linda Holland.

Public Comment: None.

Edward Floyd/Technicon P.C.: Floyd explained to the Committee that anything to do with the bond, such as Hearings, attorney fees and potentially other communications, could be reimbursable with an amendment to the bond. Floyd stated that with the research on the rate study and other research we could be talking about a figure up to \$5,000.00. Floyd will research if the attorney's fees can be considered and how it has to happen, as well as how to obtain the amendment for the other charges.

Facilla asked Floyd if he could be at the Dover Town Hall for the candidates at 6:30 p.m. Floyd stated that he would be there early. Facilla asked Floyd; in thirty years from now will the concrete in the reactor need to be replaced? Floyd stated that they should be fine beyond fifty years, with the exception of bearings and other mechanical parts.

When asked about the pond lining, Floyd explained that the linings at the Okemo snow making ponds are approximately twenty-one years old and it looks like new. North Branch would be using the same type of liner for the proposed upgrade of our ponds.

Floyd explained that the North Branch Fire District has a very tough permit because of the large leach field. If the Fire District had just kept spraying you would not have to go the extra mile. The Fire District went the extra mile with the best technology you can have with the reactor, but the reactor needs the clarifiers to accommodate the higher flows when they get here. Some point in the future we will be getting flows that are at

the design limit of the structures, and that is when we will have to have to clarifiers so the subsurface effluent field can be better utilized. The State has said that the subsurface is the key to removing the Significant Alteration of Aquatic Biota (SAAB) in the stream.

Floyd stated that in thirty years you will need to budget for new clarifiers, reactor and an additional sub surface disposal area. The concrete in the clarifiers and reactor should be fine, but the mechanical equipment, motors, bearings and drive shafts may have to be replaced. The Fire District could probably salvage the steel arms and concrete. An estimate, at today's dollar, would be to budget for 2 million dollars for the reactor, clarifiers and the subsurface disposal. The sprayfield, once repaired should not have to be done again. You will have to replace nozzles but that is operational, the pipes should be there forever.

In thirty years the centrifuge will have to be replaced and that's a big item. There is no concrete with that so it could be 100% replacement. The centrifuge could be rebuilt if it is just bearings but it also depends on how the casting comes through.

Floyd also stated that the Fire District must continue to monitor the collection system and make the necessary repairs.

Toll Gate Village Gallonage: Holland explained that the original house connected to the municipal system on December 15, 1975 and at that time the building was a four bedroom house. On November 10, 1998, Rodney Williams applied for 1,185 gallons at the \$7.00 rate, changing an existing retail space to a veterinary clinic and boarding facility as well as two retail buildings and one apartment. The Committee agrees that the gallonage allocated this property totals 1,665 gallons. Mr. Meade must apply to Act 250 for a "change of use" and Holland will prepare a contract for the Committee to review at the next regular meeting. This matter will be tabled until we have a letter from Mr. Meade stating specifically what he plans to do with his project.

Executive Session: Ferrazza moved to go into executive session at 1:42 p.m. to discuss legal. Seconded by Frere. Passed unanimously. Ferrazza moved to come out of executive session at 1:50 p.m. Seconded by Barber. Passed unanimously. No Decisions.

Mount Snow/Laurie Newton: Howes had a question for Newton regarding the number of employees for snowmaking. On a previous spreadsheet Mount Snow had 10 employees listed for snowmaking that do not show on the current sheet. Newton stated that they were part of the seventy-seven employees listed on the new sheet. The other change was that Mount Snow went from 2,100 sq. ft. to 2,000 sq. ft. Howes reminded Newton that she must obtain all her permits. Holland will draft a contract for the next regular meeting.

Executive Session: Ferrazza moved to go back into executive session to discuss legal at 1:55 p.m. Seconded by Facilla. Passed unanimously. Ferrazza moved to come out of executive session at 2:45 p.m. Seconded by Facilla. Passed unanimously. **DECISION:** The decision, regarding the bond, is to go with a hybrid, which is a combination of equal

fees for all accounts, as well as, a percentage of the list value of your property as determined by the Town of Dover, Assessor's Office.

Ferrazza left the meeting at 2:49 p.m.

Facilla asked Howes "how many gallons does the plant have available to sell?" Howes replied "approximately 200,000 gpd.

UP COMING MEETING SCHEDULE

March 20, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Dover Town Hall 190 Taft Brook Road meet the Candidates.

March 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Dover Town Hall 190 Taft Brook Road Proposed Bond Hearing.

March 28, 2017 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Annual Meeting Dover Town Hall 190 Taft Brook Road, Dover, Vermont.

Terhune adjourned the meeting at 2:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Linda L. Holland,
Administrative Manager

cc: H. Terhune, D. Facilla, E. Barber, E. Floyd, T. Ferrazza, Cyndee Frere, Bart Howes, Ed Floyd, Joe Mahon, Amiee Pritcher, Arlene Palmiter, Donald Albano, Linda Anelli, Adam Levine, Jeannie Flanagan, Leslie Fraser, Ashleigh Perkins, Laurie Newton, Robert Rubin, Ray Reed, John Densmore, Cliff Turpin, Rolf Parker-Houghton, G. Golet, S. Mac Dougall, L. Harkawik, R. William, Deerfield Valley News and the Brattleboro Reformer.

Posted: North Branch Fire District #1, Wastewater Treatment Facility & Administrations Building. Dover Town Office.