

**MINUTES OF THE WALLINGFORD FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
Annual Meeting**

April 17, 2018

The moderator Dennis Stocker called the Annual Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Those present were the Prudential Committee members: Scott Sendra, Kandie Stocker, Martin Santor, and Maureen Duchesne the Clerk/Treasurer. There were seventeen (17) Fire District Residents, along with ten (10) visitors in attendance.

Moderator Dennis Stocker read the warning. Dennis then asked all to stand to do the Pledge of Allegiance.

The legal voters of Fire District No. 1, Wallingford, Vermont are hereby warned to meet at the Wallingford Town Hall (upstairs) on Tuesday April 17, 2018 at 7:00 pm. for the Annual Fire District No. 1 meeting to act upon the following articles. Before moving on to the articles Dennis asked for a motion to allow outside the Fire District residents to speak. Stephane Goulet made that motion and it was seconded by Mark Barone. The vote was unanimous.

Article 01. Will the Fire District vote to approve and authorize the Prudential Committee to expend the specific amounts of monies to be appropriated for all necessary Water/Sewer Fund expenses and apportioned by the Prudential Committee for the several purposes provided as per the proposed 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget in the amount of \$369,880.00.

Stephane made a motion to open the article for discussion it was seconded by Kevin Vaughn. Dennis then asked if there were any questions on this article.

Dennis asked if the South Main Street upgrade came out of last year's budget or the current budget. Maureen spoke up and said it is coming out of the current budget.

Scott gave an overview of issues such as the non-approved waste going into the system causing clogs and pump failures which has cost us thousands of dollars to repair. He also stated that the budget is only a small increase over the current budget.

We are beginning the process of bringing all controls above ground for a safer working environment. Scott stated we are trying to work smarter not harder. Scott stated that Mark Simon, the owner of S.O.S. services, had passed away recently, but, he had employees already in place that are carrying on as efficiently as before. Chris Hayes, the Southern

Vermont District Manager, has stepped in and is doing an incredible job with our water and sewer system.

Mark made the motion to close the article for discussion and call for a vote, which was seconded by Stephane. Dennis asked for all in favor and by unanimous vote the budget carried.

Article 02. Will the Fire District vote to approve and authorize the Prudential Committee to expend the specific amounts of monies to be appropriated for all necessary General Fund expenses and apportioned by the Prudential Committee for the several purposes provided as per the proposed 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget in the amount of \$70,226.00.

Mark made a motion to open the article for discussion and it was seconded by Stephane. Dennis then asked if there were any questions on Article 2 concerning the General Budget.

Scott did state that the budget has a small decrease from our current budget.

Dennis stated since there were no more questions on article 2, he asked for a motion to bring close discussion and bring to a vote. The motion was made by Mark and seconded by Stephane. With no one opposed the general budget passed.

Article 03. Will the Fire District vote to approve and authorize the Prudential Committee to expend the specific amounts of monies to be appropriated for all necessary Fire Protection Fund expenses and apportioned by the Prudential Committee for the several purposes provided as per the proposed 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget in the amount of \$136,700.00.

Mark made a motion to open the article for discussion and it was seconded by Stephane.

Scott said the final truck payment is May of this year which allowed for cushions in other areas of the budget. Julie Sharon asked what the plans are for the \$5,000 station expenses line item. Michael Hughes spoke up and stated it is for roof repairs. Some will be for this year and next year they will be budgeting for more roof repairs. The worst section is being repaired this year and the next section will be in next year's budget.

Dennis hearing no more questions called for a motion to close discussion and call for a vote. The motion was made by Mark and seconded by Stephane. The fire protection budget passed by unanimous vote.

Article 04. Will the Fire District vote to have all Fire District Taxes, Water Bond, Water/Sewer Rents payable quarterly to the Wallingford Fire District #1 when due?

Mark made a motion to open Article #4 and go straight to vote and it was seconded by Kevin.

Dennis then called for the vote which carried with none opposed.

Article 05. Will the Fire District authorize the Prudential Committee to borrow such monies as may be necessary to meet the operation expenses of the District?

Mark made a motion to open Article #5 for discussion and it was seconded by Stephane.

Dennis asked if there was any discussion on article #5.

Scott said that it has been at least 12 years since we have had to borrow money due to the fact that we collect quarterly not once a year as it was in the past. Kandie spoke up and said another reason we don't have to borrow is the fact that our delinquent tax collector, Julie, has done an outstanding job collecting past due amounts. The Prudential Committee gave Julie a big thank you for doing such a proficient job.

Dennis then asked if there was any more discussion on article #5 and hearing none asked for a motion to close the article for discussion and bring it to a vote. The motion was made by Mark and seconded by Stephane. Dennis then called for the vote and the article passed with none opposed.

Article 06: To elect all Fire District Officers required by law.

Dennis asked if there were any nominations for Moderator for a 1 year term. Mark nominated Dennis Stocker and it was seconded by Stephane. Mark made a motion to close nominations and have the secretary cast one ballot for Dennis Stocker, seconded by Stephane. Dennis was elected to the 1 year term as moderator.

Dennis asked for nominations for the 3 year term on the Prudential Committee that is currently held by Kandie Stocker. Maureen nominated Kandie and Wendy seconded the nomination. Mark made a motion to close the nominations and have the secretary cast one ballot, seconded by Stephane. Kandie was elected to the 3 year term on the Prudential Committee.

Dennis asked for nominations for the 3 year term for Delinquent Tax Collector currently held by Julie Sharon. Mark nominated Julie, seconded by Dennis. Mark made a motion

to close the nominations and have the secretary cast one ballot, seconded by Stephane. Julie was elected to the 3 year term for Delinquent Tax Collector.

Dennis asked for nominations for two 1 year terms as an Auditor for the Fire District. Lynn and Judy Edmunds were nominated by Dennis, seconded by Wendy. Mark made a motion to close the nominations and have the secretary cast one ballot each, seconded by Stephane. Lynn and Judy were elected.

Dennis asked for nominations for Clerk 3 year term. Mark nominated Marianne Goulet seconded by Dennis. Scott then stated that Maureen is retiring and gave a huge thank you and a round of applause for her years of service. Mark made a motion to close nominations and have the secretary cast one ballot, seconded by Kevin. Marianne was elected to the 3 year term for Clerk.

Dennis asked for nominations for Treasurer 3 year term. Mark nominated Marianne Goulet seconded by Dennis. Mark made a motion to close nominations and have the secretary cast one ballot, seconded by Kevin. Marianne was elected to the 3 year term for Treasurer.

Dennis asked for nominations for Fire Chief 1 year term. Mark nominated Michael Hughes, seconded by Kevin. Mark made a motion to close nominations and have the secretary cast one ballot, seconded by Stephane. Michael was elected to the Fire Chief 1 year term.

Dennis asked for nominations for Deputy Fire Chief 1 year term. Mark nominated John Thomson, seconded by Stephane. Mark made a motion to close nominations and have the secretary cast one ballot, seconded by Stephane. John was elected to the Deputy Fire Chief 1 year term.

Dennis asked for nominations for Deputy Fire Chief 1 year term. Dennis nominated Mark Barone, seconded by Kevin. Dennis made a motion to close nominations and have the secretary cast one ballot, seconded by Kevin. Mark was elected to the Deputy Fire Chief 1 year term.

Article 07: Will the Fire District vote to approve the reports as submitted?

Bruce Duchesne made the motion to approve the reports as submitted and it was seconded by Stephane. Dennis called for the vote and it passed with none opposed.

Article 08: Will the Fire District vote to not have the annual report printed and mailed to all voters unless one is requested.

Kandie explained that this was to help cut down on paper costs, mailing expenses and printing expenses. She also stated that anyone can request a copy to mail, email or stop in at the office and pick one up. The warning will be posted in the Rutland Herald. Mark made a motion that the annual report does not get printed or mailed, seconded by Stephane. Dennis called for a vote and it was unanimous.

Article 09: To act on any legal and necessary business.

Dennis asked if anyone had any other business that had to be taken care of. Hearing none, Dennis then asked for a motion to adjourn. Mark made the motion and it was seconded by Bruce.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved: 04/23/2018

Maureen Duchesne
Clerk/Treasurer