

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

April 16, 2019

The moderator Dennis Stocker called the Annual Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Prudential Committee members present: Martin Santor, Kandie Stocker, and Marianne Goulet the Clerk/Treasurer. There were twenty (20) Fire District Residents, along with seven (7) visitors in attendance.

Moderator Dennis Stocker read the warning.

The legal voters of Fire District No. 1, Wallingford, Vermont are hereby warned to meet at the Wallingford Town Hall (upstairs) on Tuesday April 16, 2019 at 7:00 pm. for the Annual Fire District No. 1 meeting to act upon the following articles. Before moving on to the articles D. Stocker asked for a motion to allow outside the Fire District residents to speak. Mark Barone made a motion that was seconded by Stephane Goulet allowing residents outside the fire district to speak. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

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 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget in the amount of \$392,025.00.

Gordon Lunna made a motion that was seconded by Stephane Goulet to open Article 01 for discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote. D. Stocker then asked if there were any questions.

M. Santor gave an overview of issues, such as the non-approved waste going into the system causing clogs and pump failures costing thousands of dollars in repairs and overtime labor. M. Santor also stated that the fire district had to purchase a back-up pump for the sewer at a cost of \$5,000.00. The fire district was also in the process of purchasing a pump for the pumphouse. The current one is 30 years old and a back-up was needed. If the pump was to fail, the Town would only have 2 days of water. The new one takes roughly 8-10 weeks to arrive and will only be used when the old one burns out.

Hearing no more questions, D. Stocker called for a motion to close discussion and vote. G. Lunna made a motion that was seconded by S. Goulet to close discussion and approve Article 01. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

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 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget in the amount of \$75,925.00.

M. Barone made a motion that was seconded by Kevin Vaughn to open the article for discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote. D. Stocker then asked if there were any questions on Article 02 concerning the General Budget.

Hearing no questions, D. Stocker asked for a motion to close discussion and bring to a vote. M. Barone made a motion that was seconded by K. Vaughn to close discussion and approve Article 02. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

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 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget in the amount of \$128,350.00?

M. Barone made a motion that was seconded by S. Goulet to open Article 03 for discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Hearing no questions, D. Stocker called for a motion to close discussion and vote. M. Barone made a motion that was seconded by S. Goulet to close discussion and approve Article 03. The motion was approved by a 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?

M. Barone made a motion that was seconded by K. Vaughn to open Article 04 for discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Hearing no questions, D. Stocker then called for the vote. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

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?

Jeremy Duchesne made a motion that was seconded by G. Lunna to open Article 05 for discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Hearing no questions, D. Stocker called for a motion to close discussion and vote. J. Duchesne made a motion that was seconded by G. Lunna to close discussion and approve Article 05. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

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

D. Stocker asked for nominations for the 3-year term on the Prudential Committee that is currently held by Martin Santor. D. Stocker nominated M. Santor. Bruce Duchesne seconded the nomination. K. Vaughn made a motion that was seconded by Chelsey Keyes to close the nominations and have the secretary cast one ballot in favor of M. Santor. M. Santor was elected to the 3-year term on the Prudential Committee.

D. Stocker asked for nominations to finish out Scott Sendra's remaining 1-year term on the Prudential Committee as S. Sendra had resigned. M. Barone nominated G. Lunna. K. Vaughn seconded the nomination. B. Duchesne nominated Maureen Duchesne. J. Duchesne seconded the nomination. D. Stocker asked that paper ballots be used for the vote and M. Barone seconded it. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote. M. Goulet handed out the ballots. Rose Regula and Nelson Tift counted the ballots. After the votes were counted, R. Regula made the announcement that there were 15 votes for Gordon Lunna and 5 votes for Maureen Duchesne. M. Barone made a motion that was seconded by G. Lunna to close the nominations and have the secretary cast one ballot for Gordon Lunna. Gordon Lunna was elected to finish the 1-year term for Prudential Committee to finish Scott's remaining term.

D. Stocker asked if there were any nominations for Moderator for a 1-year term. K. Vaughn nominated Dennis Stocker. It was seconded by M. Barone. M. Barone made a motion to close nominations and have the secretary cast one ballot for Dennis Stocker. It was seconded by S. Goulet. D. Stocker was elected to the 1-year term as moderator.

Dennis asked for nominations for two 1-year terms as an Auditor for the Fire District. This is being tabled as no one was interested in the two 1-year terms. The Auditors can be appointed at a later time.

D. Stocker asked for nominations for Fire Chief 1-year term. M. Barone made a motion to nominate the Chief and two Deputy Chiefs in one vote. S. Goulet seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote. S. Goulet nominated Michael Hughes, for Fire Chief 1-year term, John Thomson for Deputy Chief 1-year term and Mark Barone for Deputy Chief 1-year term. It was seconded by G. Lunna. G. Lunna made a motion to close nominations and have the secretary cast one ballot each for Michael

Hughes, John Thomson, and Mark Barone. It was seconded by S. Goulet. Michael Hughes was elected to the Fire Chief 1-year term, John Thomson was elected to the Deputy Chief 1-year term and Mark Barone was elected to the Deputy 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 S. Goulet. D. Stocker called for the vote and it passed with no one opposed.

Article 08: To act on any legal and necessary business.

D. Stocker asked if anyone had any other business to address.

Rose Regula asked why the fire truck vote was postponed. Michael Hughes stated that the vote and informational meeting had been postponed for two reasons. One reason being that the Warning for the taxpayers was not properly worded and had to be revised. The second reason was that M. Hughes wanted to make sure that he is getting the best price for the new truck and he wanted to make sure that the company will lock that price in for 1 ½ years.

As more questions were raised about the new fire truck, the moderator responded those questions should be addressed at an informational meeting not the annual meeting.

D. Stocker asked if anyone had any other business.

Hearing none, D. Stocker asked for a motion to adjourn. S. Goulet made a motion that was seconded by M. Barone to adjourn. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved: 05/23/19

Marianne Goulet
Clerk/Treasurer