

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

May 18, 2021

The moderator Dennis Stocker called the Annual Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Prudential Committee members present: Kandie Stocker, Bill Brooks, Kevin Vaughn and Marianne McClure the Clerk/Treasurer. There were nine (9) Fire District Residents, along with six (6) 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 Boys Camp (Lodge – 386 Waldo Lane) on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 7:00 pm. for the Annual Fire District Meeting to act upon the following articles. State guidelines will be followed. People will need to wear a mask as well as social distance 6 feet apart.

Dennis made a motion from the floor for an amendment to the warning as the incorrect fiscal year dates were listed on the warning. Marianne had spoken to VLCT and the Secretary of State and they told her what needed to be done regarding the minor graphical error on the warning. Chelsey Keyes seconded it. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Article 01. Will the 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 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget in the amount of \$423,900.00?

Chelsey Keyes made a motion that was seconded by Kyle Stocker to open Article 01 for discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote. Dennis then asked if there were any questions.

Shane St. Clare asked if the board was targeting water/sewer rates or doing another bond. Kandie said that the water/sewer rates would be increased to cover the costs. Shane stated that way back in 2001 there was a contract with the State that would charge a set rate. He stated on that contract there would be a bond cost for the recent repairs to the system, a service fee of approximately \$125 per meter which would include 40,000 gallons of water annually and the rate would be approximately \$2.50 per 1,000 gallons for anything above that. Shane stated that right now it's almost impossible for low-income families to

afford the water/sewer. Shane believes that bonds would be better than raising the rates. Dennis stated that the State regulations have changed. Kandie and Bill both said that they would try and find some more information to look into this further at a future Prudential Committee Meeting.

Dennis asked if there were any more questions, hearing no questions, Dennis called for a motion to close discussion and vote. Chelsey made a motion that was seconded by Kyle to close discussion and approve Article 01. The motion was approved (8-1).

Article 02. Will the 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 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget in the amount of \$83,400.00?

Kyle made a motion that was seconded by Anthony Petrossi to open Article 02 for discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote. Dennis Stocker then asked if there were any questions.

Shane asked if any of this budget would raise the water/sewer rates. Kandie said no, this is the general budget and the money raised for this comes from the Fire District taxes on the water/sewer bill. Dennis asked if there were any more questions, hearing no questions, Dennis called for a motion to close discussion and vote. Kyle made a motion that was seconded by Anthony to close discussion and approve Article 02. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Article 03. Will the 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 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget in the amount of \$126,100.00?

Kyle made a motion that was seconded by Anthony to open Article 03 for discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote. Dennis then asked if there were any questions.

Shane asked if any of this budget would raise the water/sewer rates. Kandie said no, the Fire Protection budget and the money raised for this comes from the Fire Protection taxes on the Town of Wallingford's tax bill. Dennis asked if there were any more questions, hearing no questions, Dennis called for a motion to close discussion and vote. Kyle made a motion that was seconded by Anthony to close discussion and approve Article 03. The motion was approved 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?

Kyle made a motion that was seconded by Kevin to open Article 04 for discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote. Dennis then asked if there were any questions.

Hearing no questions, Dennis called for a motion to close discussion and vote. Kyle made a motion that was seconded by Chelsey to close discussion and approve Article 04. The motion was approved by 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?

Kyle made a motion that was seconded by Kevin to open Article 05 for discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote. Dennis then asked if there were any questions.

Hearing no questions, Dennis called for a motion to close discussion and vote. Anthony made a motion that was seconded by Kyle to close discussion and approve Article 05. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

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

Dennis asked for nominations for the 3-year term on the Prudential Committee that is currently held by Kandie. Kyle nominated Kandie, Bill seconded the nomination. Dennis asked three times if there were any other nominations from the floor. Hearing none Dennis called for a motion to close nominations and vote. Kyle made a motion that was seconded by Chelsey to close the nominations and have the secretary cast one ballot in favor of Kandie. Kandie was elected to the 3-year term on the Prudential Committee.

Kevin made a motion seconded by Kyle to have the Clerk and Treasurer together in one vote. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. Dennis asked for nominations for the Clerk and Treasurer 3-year term that is currently held by Marianne. Kandie nominated Marianne seconded by Bill. Dennis asked three times if there were any other nominations from the floor. Hearing none Dennis called for a motion to close nominations and vote. Kandie made a motion to close nominations and have the secretary cast one ballot in favor of Marianne for Clerk and Treasurer, seconded by Bill. Marianne was elected to the 3-year term for Clerk and Treasurer.

Dennis asked if there were any nominations for Moderator for a 1-year term. Kevin nominated Dennis, seconded by Bill. Dennis asked three times if there were any other nominations from the floor. Hearing none Dennis called for a motion to close nominations and vote. Kyle made a motion that was seconded by Kevin to close the

nominations and have the secretary cast one ballot in favor of Dennis. Dennis was elected to the 1-year term for Moderator.

Dennis asked for nominations for the 3-year term for Delinquent Tax Collector that is currently held by Marianne. Kandie nominated Marianne, Bill seconded it. Dennis asked three times if there were any other nominations from the floor. Hearing none Dennis called for a motion to close nominations and vote. Kyle made a motion that was seconded by Kandie to close the nominations and have the secretary cast one ballot in favor of Marianne. Marianne 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. Kandie nominated Amy Grover for one of the positions. Kevin seconded it. Dennis asked three times if there were any other nominations from the floor. Hearing none Dennis called for a motion to close nominations and vote. Kyle made a motion that was seconded by Kandie to close the nominations and have the secretary cast one ballot in favor of Amy. Amy was elected to the 1-year term for Auditor. Dennis asked for nominations for the second 1-year term for Auditor. Kandie nominated Chelsey, seconded by Kevin. Dennis asked three times if there were any other nominations from the floor. Hearing none Dennis called for a motion to close nominations and vote. Kyle made a motion that was seconded by Kandie to close the nominations and have the secretary cast one ballot in favor of Chelsey. Chelsey was elected to the 1-year term for Auditor.

Dennis asked for nominations for Fire Chief 1-year term. Kyle nominated Michael Hughes, Dennis seconded it. Dennis asked three times if there were any other nominations from the floor. Hearing none Dennis called for a motion to close nominations and vote. Kyle made a motion that was seconded by Dennis to close the nominations and have the secretary cast one ballot in favor of Michael. Michael was elected to the 1-year term for Fire Chief.

Dennis asked for nominations for Deputy Chief 1-year term. Kevin nominated John Thompson, Kandie seconded it. Dennis asked three times if there were any other nominations from the floor. Hearing none Dennis called for a motion to close nominations and vote. Kyle made a motion that was seconded by Anthony to close the nominations and have the secretary cast one ballot in favor of John. John was elected to the 1-year term for Deputy Chief.

Dennis asked for nominations for Deputy Chief 1-year term. Kevin nominated Mark Barone, Kandie seconded it. Dennis asked three times if there were any other nominations from the floor. Hearing none Dennis called for a motion to close nominations and vote. Kyle made a motion that was seconded by Kandie to close the nominations and have the secretary cast one ballot in favor of Mark. Mark was elected to the 1-year term for Deputy Chief.

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

Kyle made a motion that was seconded by Kevin to open Article 07 for discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote. Dennis then asked if there were any questions.

Hearing no questions, Dennis called for a motion to close discussion and vote. Kyle made a motion that was seconded by Bill to close discussion and approve Article 07. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

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

Kyle made a motion that was seconded by Anthony to open Article 08 for discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote. Dennis then asked if anyone had any other business to address.

Hearing none, Dennis asked for a motion to adjourn. Kyle made a motion that was seconded by Kevin to adjourn. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved: 06/02/2021

Marianne McClure
Clerk/Treasurer