

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

April 18, 2023

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 eleven (11) Fire District Residents, along with five (5) 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 (75 School Street) on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. for the Annual Fire District Meeting to act upon the following articles. Face masks are recommended for those who are not fully vaccinated for COVID-19.

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 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget in the amount of \$446,857.60?

Anthony Petrossi 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.

Dennis asked if there were any questions, hearing no questions, Dennis called for a motion to close discussion and vote. Kyle Stocker made a motion that was seconded by Anthony Petrossi to close discussion and approve Article 01. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

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 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget in the amount of \$84,090.00?

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

Dennis asked if there were any questions, hearing no questions, Dennis called for a motion to close discussion and vote. Kyle Stocker made a motion that was seconded by Anthony Petrossi 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 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget in the amount of \$142,830.00?

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

Dennis asked if there were any questions, hearing no questions, Dennis called for a motion to close discussion and vote. Kyle Stocker made a motion that was seconded by Anthony Petrossi 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 Stocker made a motion that was seconded by Chelsey LaRock 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 Stocker made a motion that was seconded by Chesley LaRock 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?

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

Dennis Stocker stated that in the past 11 years since Kandie Stocker has been on the Board, they haven't had to borrow any money.

Hearing no questions, Dennis called for a motion to close discussion and vote. Kyle Stocker made a motion that was seconded by Kaleb LaRock 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 Kevin Vaughn. Dennis nominated Kevin Vaughn; Kyle Stocker 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 Stocker made a motion that was seconded by Anthony Petrossi to close the nominations and have the secretary cast one ballot in favor of Kevin Vaughn. Kevin Vaughn was elected to the 3-year term on the Prudential Committee.

Dennis asked if there were any nominations for Moderator for a 1-year term. Kevin Vaughn nominated Dennis, seconded by Anthony Petrossi. Dennis asked three times if there were any other nominations from the floor. Kyle Stocker nominated Anthony Petrossi, no one seconded it. Dennis asked again if there were any more nominations from the floor. Hearing none Dennis called for a motion to close nominations and vote. Kevin Vaughn made a motion that was seconded by Bill Brooks 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 two 1-year terms as an Auditor for the Fire District. Dennis nominated Amy Grover for one of the positions. Kaleb LaRock 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 Stocker made a motion that was seconded by Anthony Petrossi to close the nominations and have the secretary cast one ballot in favor of Amy Grover. Amy Grover was elected to the 1-year term for Auditor. Dennis asked for nominations for the second 1-year term for Auditor. Dennis nominated Chelsey LaRock, seconded by Kaleb LaRock. 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 Stocker made a motion that was seconded by Anthony Petrossi to close the nominations and have the secretary cast one ballot in favor of Chelsey LaRock. Chelsey LaRock was elected to the 1-year term for Auditor.

Dennis asked for nominations for Fire Chief 1-year term. Dennis nominated Michael Hughes; Kyle Stocker 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 Stocker made a motion that was seconded by Anthony Petrossi to close the nominations and have the secretary cast one ballot in favor of Michael Hughes. Michael Hughes was elected to the 1-year term for Fire Chief.

Dennis asked for nominations for Deputy Chief 1-year term. Dennis nominated John Thompson; Kyle Stocker 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 Stocker made a motion that was seconded by Anthony

Petrossi to close the nominations and have the secretary cast one ballot in favor of John Thomson. John Thomson was elected to the 1-year term for Deputy Chief.

Dennis asked for nominations for Deputy Chief 1-year term. Dennis nominated Mark Barone; Kyle Stocker 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 Stocker made a motion that was seconded by Anthony Petrossi to close the nominations and have the secretary cast one ballot in favor of Mark Barone. Mark Barone was elected to the 1-year term for Deputy Chief.

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

Kevin Vaughn made a motion that was seconded by Kyle Stocker 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 Stocker made a motion that was seconded by Anthony Petrossi to close discussion and approve Article 07. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

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

Dennis made a motion that was seconded by Kyle Stocker 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.

Dennis made a motion to allow Mark Barone to speak as he is Fire District #2, Kyle Stocker seconded it.

Mark Barone asked the board a question about the Air Pack Replacement Fund and if it was a concern because it is a 7-year loan. Kandie stated that the money in there now will go every year and that it is set up that the line item will be the same and stay that way every year.

Hearing no more questions, Dennis asked for a motion to adjourn. Kyle Stocker made a motion that was seconded by Anthony Petrossi to adjourn. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved: 05/03/2023

Marianne McClure
Clerk/Treasurer