

# **MINUTES OF THE WALLINGFORD FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**

## **Special Meeting**

**September 27, 2023**

The moderator Dennis Stocker called the Special 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 ten (10) 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 Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. to vote by Australian Ballot on the following:

**Article 01.** Shall the voters authorize the purchase of air packs for the Fire Department in an amount not to exceed \$119,785.00 plus interest to be financed over a period not to exceed 5 years.

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 Stocker then asked if there were any questions or concerns.

Dennis Stocker made a motion to allow Michael Hughes, the Fire Chief, to speak as he is Fire District #3, Kyle Stocker seconded it.

Michael Hughes stated that the NFPA sets the standards for the fire regulations. Air packs only have a 15-year life span. The air packs the Fire Department have now are old and have exceeded their life span. Michael stated he was going to have these replaced 2-3 years ago but then COVID hit. For the price of \$119,785.00 plus interest, they are getting a lighter air pack with up-to-date technology. These air packs can also fit the thermal imager on it. They will also sound an alarm if they are stationary for 19 seconds. They are looking to order 12 air packs and they will come with 2 bottles each. Michael stated this is something they have to do. First, it is to keep the firefighters safe. And secondly, if they do not have up to date air packs it could affect the Fire Department rating which can in turn have everyone's homeowners' insurance increase because the Fire Department rating would be lower. The air packs are guaranteed for 15 years.

Dennis asked if there were any more questions or concerns, hearing no questions or concerns, Dennis called for a motion to close discussion and vote by Australian Ballot. Anthony Petrossi made a motion that was seconded by Kaleb LaRock to close discussion

and vote on Article 01 by Australian Ballot. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

After the voting was done Marianne McClure and Julie Petrossi counted the votes. The results were 10 in favor of purchasing the air packs and 0 against the purchase. (10-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:24pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved: 10/18/2023

Marianne McClure  
Clerk/Treasurer