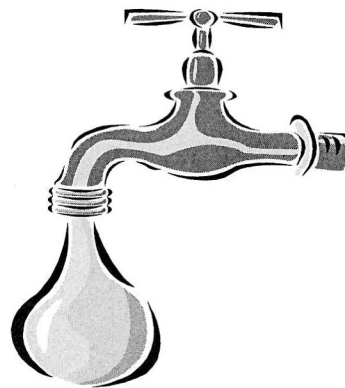


WALLINGFORD FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

WALLINGFORD, VT 05773

2023



~ANNUAL MEETING~

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024

7:00 P.M.

WALLINGFORD FIRE STATION

(17 RAILROAD STREET)

VOTING ON ALL BUDGETS WILL
TAKE PLACE AT THE ANNUAL
MEETING

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Wallingford Fire District No. 1
75 School Street
P.O. Box 87
Wallingford, VT 05773
802-446-2964 (Office)

Wallingford Fire District No. 1 Officers

	YEAR ELECTED	TERM EXPIRES
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE		
Bill Brooks	2022	2025
Kevin Vaughn	2023	2026
Kandie Stocker	2021	2024
CLERK (3 Year Term)		
Marianne McClure	2021	2024
TREASURER (3 Year Term)		
Marianne McClure	2021	2024
MODERATOR (1 Year Term)		
Dennis Stocker	2023	2024
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR (3 Year Term)		
Marianne McClure	2021	2024
AUDITORS (1 Year Term)		
Amy Grover	2023	2024
Chelsey LaRock	2023	2024
FIRE CHIEF (1 Year Term)		
Michael Hughes	2023	2024
DEPUTY CHIEF (1 Year Term)		
John Thomson	2023	2024
DEPUTY CHIEF (1 Year Term)		
Mark Barone	2023	2024

Wallingford Fire District No. 1
WARNING
April 16, 2024

The legal voters of Fire District No. 1, Wallingford, Vermont are hereby warned to meet at the Wallingford Fire Station (17 Railroad Street) on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 7:00 pm. for the Annual Fire District Meeting to act upon the following articles.

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 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget in the amount of \$467,037.33?

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 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget in the amount of \$87,210.00?

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 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget in the amount of \$158,080.00?

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

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

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

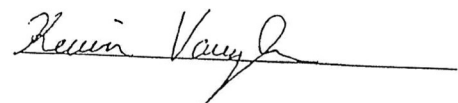
Article 07. Will the District vote to approve the reports as submitted?

Article 8. To act on any legal and necessary business.

The Prudential Committee:

Kandie Stocker 

William Brooks 


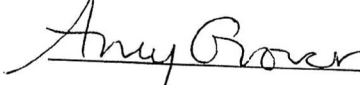
Kevin Vaughn 

Wallingford, Vermont: Dated this 13th day of **March**, 2024

AUDITOR'S REPORT

We, the auditors of Wallingford Fire District No. 1, have examined the cash receipts and disbursements for the accounts pertaining to the Water Fund, Water Bond Fund, Sewer Fund, General Fund, Snowplow Replacement Fund and Fire Protection Fund. To the best of our knowledge and belief, the following financial statements are in balance and present fairly the condition of the Fire District #1 and its operations for 2022-2023 Fiscal Year.

Respectfully Submitted:

Chelsey LaRock  2/28/24
Amy Grover  2/28/24

Chairperson's Report

The operators of the water and sewer plant have been doing a great job of keeping both operations functioning smoothly. They deal with problems quickly and they are very considerate of the true cost of operations. As a board member, it is very reassuring to have them. They are always mindful of doing what is most beneficial to the district on a long-term basis.

The lodge is doing well. Our caretaker, Dennis Phillips, has been doing a wonderful job with the upkeep on the building and grounds to ensure the safety of our guests who rent at the lodge. This year we have added ceilings fans and new lighting in the driveway area and in the kitchen.

We are still having an issue with people disposing of rags, diapers, and other things that should not be flushed into the sewer. This has caused us to prematurely need to replace a few mechanical parts at the sewer plant, which is costly. Unfortunately, if it continues to happen, it will cost the taxpayers in the district. So please be mindful of what you are flushing.

This year the sewer and water system 20-year evaluation was completed it had been submitted to see if we are being required to do anything right away for upgrades.

This year the fire department did purchase new SCBA equipment as ours would be out of date and it is a very important equipment for them to do their job keeping our community safe.

It has always been our motto and goal to "Be Good Stewards" of the district's finances and that commitment will continue unabated.

Our monthly meetings are always open to the public and we welcome any and all who wish to attend. Please verify the meeting night and time on the Wallingford Town Website. We are able to email your sewer and water bills to you. We are also now available to do credit card payments over the phone and walk in the office. We will also have it available online after April 1st, 2024. If you are interested in having this done, please contact the Fire District office or send an email to wallfired1@vermontel.net.

Thank You All!

Kandie Stocker, Prudential Committee Chair.

2023 Water and Wastewater Departments' Report

This was a very productive year in both departments, keeping the crews extremely busy, with several projects being completed.

The State's required 20-year Wastewater collection and treatment facility evaluation has been completed. The finished report was presented to the board members and discussed before final submittal to the State. As expected, signs of an aging infrastructure were noted. The wastewater facility's discharge to the river is still producing water quality within compliance levels. Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) Testing that compares the river water quality to the wastewater discharge quality has also been completed and the results proved favorable. Rags in the wastewater stream remain to be an issue.

The WWTF experienced flooding again this July and December. Several storms also caused tree and property damage to the WWTF access road. The facility was inspected by FEMA and an evaluation by FEMA was made. Evaluation and recommendations were similar to the Engineering report.

There were no significant repairs made to the water system distribution system this year. One fire hydrant was replaced. As always, there were several minor water leak repairs and maintenance issues of the water distribution lines, mostly from individual service lines. One major repair being the Town's well pump and motor control. After 21 years of service a new well pump, motor and motor control were installed at the ball field location.

The new water meters continue to have a positive effect on identifying water loss within the home. Replacement is ongoing.

None of this could have happened without the joint efforts of the onsite SOS staff and the support of the Prudential Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher Hayes
Regional Manager
Simon Operation Services

Caretaker's Report

The 2023 Season went off with no issues. We were booked most of the 2023 Season. Projects that were done in 2023 were:

New ceilings fans were put into the Lodge
Extra lighting for the stairs to the upper camping area was installed
Extra lighting for the dumpster was also installed
A safer fire pit was built

I am looking forward to what 2024 brings and I have some projects that I would like to get done in 2024.

Respectfully submitted;

Dennis Phillips
Caretaker of the Wallingford Lodge

LODGE BUDGET

		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>
		Jul '22-June '23	Jul '23-Jan '24	Jul '23-June'24	Jul '24-June '25
4500 · LODGE FUND INCOME					
	45XX-Prior year Carry Over (Loss)	\$ 12,241.83	\$ 8,822.80		
	4501 · Rentals	\$ 43,650.00	\$ 19,950.00	\$ 49,230.00	\$ 50,821.80
	4502 - Miscellaneous Income	\$ -	\$ -		
Total 4500 · INCOME		\$ 55,891.83	\$ 28,772.80	\$49,230.00	\$50,821.80
5500 - LODGE EXPENSE					
	5501 · Caretaker's Fee & FICA	\$ 8,260.00	\$ 4,208.44	\$ 8,530.00	\$ 9,821.80
	5503 · Caretaker's Cabin Repairs	\$ 15,824.83	\$ 1,632.13	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
	5504 · Maintenance/Repairs	\$ 603.00	\$ 1,332.33	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
	5508 · Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 489.35	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
	5509 · Road Maintenance	\$ 448.47	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
	5510 · Rubbish Removal	\$ 1,279.95	\$ 716.99	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00
	5511 · Supplies	\$ 4,225.71	\$ 937.20	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
	5513 · Lodge Utilities	\$ 5,423.19	\$ 3,628.74	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
	5515 · Contracted Services	\$ 1,860.18	\$ 2,240.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
	5516 · Real Estate Tax	\$ 8,435.60	\$ 4,519.10	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,200.00
	5517 · Insurance	\$ 218.75	\$ 274.61	\$ 500.00	\$ 600.00
Total 5500 · LODGE EXPENSES		\$ 47,069.03	\$ 19,489.54	\$ 49,230.00	\$ 50,821.80
YEAR OVER (LOSS)		\$ 8,822.80			

The Wallingford Fire Chief's Report for 2023

The Wallingford Fire Department had a very successful 2023. We provided assistance, just under 100 times in 2023 for emergency and non-emergency situations throughout the year. Some examples of our responses were, structure fires, auto accidents, water rescues, carbon monoxide alarms, wildland fires, assist Wallingford Rescue with entry to locked areas, also lift assist with rescue, CPR calls, car fires, mutual aid to area towns, elevator rescues, burnt food on the stove, etc.

The department was able to achieve its goal of firefighter training at the same level as a full-time professional fire department, at 24 hours per month or 288 hours per firefighter each year. This training takes place virtually as well as at the fire station on Tuesday evenings throughout the year. We also utilize additional resources for training, with area departments, Wallingford Rescue for CPR, FEMA, the State Fire Academy etc.

We have also made progress with our "Lights on for Safety" program. This program asks you, if you have an emergency at your home, and it is safe for you to do, please turn on as many lights on, in your house while we are responding. This will make it more visible and easier for the fire and rescue departments to find you. But again, only if it is safe to do so.

We have a good roster of men and women volunteers currently, but we are always looking for additional people to join our department. With or without experience, as we will train and help you grow with us. We also have a Junior program, for ages 13 through 17. If you have an interest or would just like to stop in and see us on a Tuesday evening at the fire station, we would love to meet you.

My last request is that you review the location of your house number and assure that is visible from your street, so we can find you quickly.

Please have a safe 2024, and thank you for your support.

Michael Hughes
Fire Chief

FIRE PROTECTION BUDGET

Actual	Actual	Budget	Proposed Budget
July '22-Jun '23	July '23-Dec'23	July '23-June '24	July '24-June '25

4400 · FIRE PROTECTION INCOME				
44XX-Prior year Carry Over (Loss)	\$ 20,881.01	\$ 5,975.37		
4401 · Interest - Checking	\$ 129.94	\$ 64.11	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
4402 · Contract Payment from Town/Tax	\$ 105,194.21	\$ 68,428.39	\$ 142,810.00	\$ 158,060.00
4403 · Miscellaneous Income	\$ -	\$ -		
Total 4400 · FIRE PROTECTION INCOME	\$ 126,205.16	\$ 74,467.87	\$ 142,830.00	\$ 158,080.00

5400 - FIRE PROTECTION EXPENSE

5401 · Administrative Expense	\$ 7,600.00	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 8,600.00
5404 · Emergency Phone	\$ 509.80	\$ 198.45	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
5405 · State Dispatching Annual Fee	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
5406 · Office Equipment Expense	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00
5407 · Utilities	\$ 10,972.58	\$ 2,286.80	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
5408 · Chief's Stipend & FICA	\$ 1,614.75	\$ 1,614.75	\$ 1,625.00	\$ 1,625.00
5411 · Attorney Fees	\$ -	\$ 1,057.50	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
5412 · Insurance Expense	\$ 9,845.93	\$ 3,791.13	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
5413 · Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
5416 · Education/Training Expense	\$ 3,380.97	\$ 359.95	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
5417 · Fire Hydrants/Dry Hydrants	\$ 4,115.67	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
5419 · Firefighter Equipment	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 3,438.79	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
5420 · Pager/Radio/Computer/Software	\$ 1,558.20	\$ 876.46	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
5421 · Fire Vehicles Repairs/Maint.	\$ 4,327.24	\$ 9,143.01	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 12,000.00
5422 · Fire Vehicles - Diesel	\$ 3,028.10	\$ 781.59	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
5423 · Station Expense	\$ 2,244.47	\$ 1,220.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
5427 · Truck Replacement Fund	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 27,000.00
5433 · Testing/Maint.	\$ 6,431.22	\$ 4,712.81	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
5435 · Firefighters Stipend	\$ 7,497.86	\$ -	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
5438 - Air Pack Replacement	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 22,000.00
5439 - Deputy Chief's Stipend & FICA	\$ 2,153.00	\$ 2,153.00	\$ 2,155.00	\$ 2,155.00
5440 - Repeater Radio Fund	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Total 5400 · FIRE PROTECTION EXPENSE	\$ 120,229.79	\$ 86,184.24	\$ 142,830.00	\$ 158,080.00
YEAR OVER (LOSS)	\$ 5,975.37			

GENERAL BUDGET

		Actuals	Actuals	Budget	Proposed
		July '22 - June '23	July '23 - Jan '24	July '23 - June '24	July '24 - June '25
Income					
4300 · GENERAL FUND INCOME					
	43XX · Prior Year Over (Loss)	\$ 26,727.77	\$ 7,027.39		
	4301 · Fire District Tax Current	\$ 44,740.81	\$ 23,209.67	\$ 65,740.00	\$ 67,110.00
	4304 · Miscellaneous Income	\$ -	\$ 394.54	\$ -	
	4307 · Admin. Exp./Water Fund	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,750.00	\$ 4,750.00	\$ 5,000.00
	4308 · Admin. Expense/Sewer Fund	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,750.00	\$ 4,750.00	\$ 5,000.00
	4309 · Admin. Expense/Fire Prot. Fund	\$ 7,600.00	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 8,600.00
	4310 · Office Equip./Water Fund	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00
	4311 · Office Equip./Sewer Fund	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00
	4312 · Office Equip./Fire Prot Fund	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00
	4315 · Interest- Money Market	\$ 122.39	\$ 74.74	\$ -	\$ -
	4316 · Interest-Checking Account	\$ 18.82	\$ 15.82	\$ -	\$ -
Total 4300 · GENERAL FUND INCOME		\$ 88,959.79	\$ 49,072.16	\$ 84,090.00	\$ 87,210.00
Expense					
5300 · GENERAL FUND EXPENSE					
	5301 · Treasurer's Salary & FICA	\$ 16,771.75	\$ 10,630.83	\$ 17,320.00	\$ 17,880.00
	5302 · Clerk's Salary & FICA	\$ 16,771.75	\$ 10,630.82	\$ 17,320.00	\$ 17,880.00
	5304 · Prudential Com. Stipend & FICA	\$ 3,498.62	\$ 1,749.31	\$ 3,650.00	\$ 3,650.00
	5308 · Attorney Fee's	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
	5310 · Insurance Expense	\$ 4,188.43	\$ 2,416.23	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 5,000.00
	5312 · Miscellaneous	\$ 263.85	\$ 84.07	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
	5313 · Office Expense/Supplies/Maint.	\$ 5,760.93	\$ 3,839.12	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 7,000.00
	5315 · Plow Maint/Plowing/Mowing	\$ 3,626.98	\$ -	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 3,500.00
	5316 · Rent Expense	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
	5318 · Street Lights	\$ 17,305.18	\$ 10,575.89	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
	5319 · Utilities/Phone & Fax	\$ 2,981.61	\$ 1,374.82	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00
	5320 · VLCT	\$ 1,095.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,100.00
	5325 · Del. Tax Collectors Expenses	\$ 368.30	\$ 409.35	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
	5326 · Elected Officials Stipend	\$ 300.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Total 5300 · GENERAL FUND EXPENSE		\$ 76,932.40	\$ 45,810.44	\$ 79,090.00	\$ 82,210.00
General Fund Capital Transfers					
	5323 · Snowplow Replacement Fund	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
INCOME (LOSS)		\$ 7,027.39			

WATER & SEWER BUDGET

		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>
		July '22-June '23	July '23-Dec '23	July '23-June '24	July '24-June '25
4600 · WATER/SEWER INCOME					
	46XX-Prior year Carry Over (Loss)	\$ (7,494.53)	\$ (22,350.13)		
	4601 · Water Rents	\$ 178,122.75	\$ 88,196.71	\$ 179,678.80	\$ 189,268.67
	4602 · Sewer Rents	\$ 170,731.57	\$ 83,722.08	\$ 185,678.80	\$ 196,268.66
	4603 · Water Bond	\$ 81,912.40	\$ 39,406.90	\$ 81,500.00	\$ 81,500.00
	4604 · Penalties/Interest	\$ 4,982.23	\$ 1,638.05	\$ -	\$ -
	4605 · Miscellaneous	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total 4600 · WATER & SEWER FUND INCOME		\$431,254.42	\$ 190,613.61	\$446,857.60	\$467,037.33
5600 - WATER/SEWER EXPENSE					
	5601 · Administrative Expense	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 10,000.00
	5606 · Insurance Expense	\$ 4,338.64	\$ 2,640.13	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 5,300.00
	5607 · Licenses/Permits	\$ 4,831.05	\$ 1,024.05	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
	5608 · Dues/Annual Fees	\$ 2,097.39	\$ 400.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
	5609 · Office Equipment Expense	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
	5611 · Hired Labor	\$ 17,979.20	\$ 2,187.70	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
	5612 · Material and Supplies	\$ 44,118.09	\$ 6,042.51	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 24,000.00
	5612A · Chemicals	\$ 8,985.55	\$ 4,552.85	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
	5613 · Testing Fees	\$ 3,802.00	\$ 1,947.50	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
	5614 · Contracted Services	\$ 159,901.57	\$ 69,735.00	\$ 162,657.60	\$ 167,537.33
	5615 · Utilities	\$ 54,159.58	\$ 26,136.01	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 48,000.00
	5616 · Equipment Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 3,302.96		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
	5617 · Plant Maint/Improvements	\$ 421.00		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
	5618 · Sludge Handling	\$ 38,839.13	\$ 25,707.50	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 38,000.00
	5619 · Systems Exp. (Manholes, etc.)	\$ -	\$ 739.05	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
	5621 · Water Bond Payment	\$ 81,446.56	\$ 72,251.23	\$ 81,500.00	\$ 81,500.00
	5622 · Penalties paid to DTC	\$ 1,879.75	\$ 77.07	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
	5623 · Water Capital Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
	5624 · Sewer Capital Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
	5626 - 20 Year Evaluation Fund	\$ 9,185.76	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
	5627 - Meter Upgrades	\$ 8,816.32	\$ 2,562.55	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,200.00
	5628 - Pump Replacement Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00
Total 5600 · WATER & SEWER EXPENSE		\$ 453,604.55	\$ 226,003.15	\$ 446,857.60	\$ 467,037.33
YEAR OVER (LOSS)		\$ (22,350.13)			

Capital Fund Balances as of December 31, 2023

Water Capital Fund Balance:	\$ 79,397.99
Sewer Capital Fund Balance:	\$ 79,722.69
Fire Truck Replacement Fund:	\$ 153,008.11
Air Pack Replacement Fund:	\$ 42,187.89
Snowplow Replacement Fund:	\$ 20,401.32
Repeater Radio Fund:	\$ 6,000.00

Delinquent Tax Collector Report

As of December 31, 2023

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* paid after December 31st
Marianne McClure, Delinquent Tax Collector

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,

Marianne McClure
Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: 05/03/2023

Wallingford Fire District No. 1

WARNING

September 27, 2023

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:

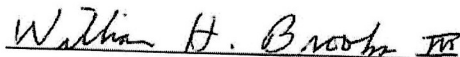
Article 01. Shall the voters authorize the purchase of air packs for the Fire Department in an amount not to exceed \$119,785.00 plus interest to be financed over a period not to exceed 5 years.

The Prudential Committee:

Kandie Stocker



William Brooks



Kevin Vaughn



Wallingford, Vermont: Dated this 23rd day of **August, 2023**

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.

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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