

Chairman's Report

- Just over 10 years ago the Selectboard voted to form South Alburgh Fire District #2.
- SAFD #2 went from a proposed project to receive water from the Town of North Hero to a planned project to receive water from the Village of Alburgh.
- When we concluded the annual meeting last year we were 6 agreements short of the required 49 users to go out to bid.
- We held an informational gathering at the home of Ed and Nancy Fissette.
- We conducted door to door introductions and informed owners of our proposed project.
- By our July 15th meeting we had the necessary signed contracts to move the project forward.
- We met with property owners to stage materials and equipment on their land.
- Voted to go out to bid in early August.
- On August 29th we had 6 submitted bids. Two bids were considered unresponsive (not properly completed) and Munson Earthmoving was the lowest qualified bidder.
- At the September 16th meeting the bid was awarded to Munson Earthmoving. The Notice to Award will be signed when final documents and approvals are in place.
- Final archeological work was done on Mud Point and all documents secured.
- On October 21st, we signed the contract with Munson to build Phase 1 of the project.
- October 27th, pipe, fittings and other materials were arriving on the job sites.
- October 29th, the first length of distribution main (pipe) was installed.
- Early November, Enterprise Trenchless Technologies started the directional bores.
- November 8th, the Final loan closing documents were signed.
- November 18th, meeting. Munson reported having completed 29% of the project and expect to work until December 20th, then shut down for the winter.
- December 18th, official shutdown date. 40% of the pipe installed.
- During the shutdown we have been working on a water ordinance to operate our system, letters to be sent to customers, update letter for all residents in the phase 1 area, resolving a ROW utility conflict with Fairpoint Communications and creating an operating agreement with the Village of Alburgh.
- March 17th met with the Village to discuss operations and personnel responsibilities.
- April 21st, Munson start up date.
- May 19th, filling, flushing, sanitizing, pressure testing and sampling done on first section of pipe from the Village to the Truck Route.
- Fairpoint started installing overhead lines to resolve utility conflict.
- June 2nd, joint meeting with the Village to finalize details of a Memorandum of Understanding (the document for our operating agreement).
- When do we get water?