



South Alburgh Fire District #2 2018

What's New?

This January, our district received a SEARCH grant (Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households) from the USDA. Covering all costs up to \$30,000, this grant allowed us to research future water line expansions and see which roads/areas would best be served for the best costs.

The district board is working closely with the engineering Team from DuBois & King. With their expertise, D&K engineers were able to use past work completed by Phelps Engineering and published a comprehensive report titled: SAFD#2 Water System Improvement Project Addendum to Basis of Final Design, 8/31/18.

Analysis of related parameters indicates the best route for a Phase II would be crossing over from West Shore Road via Middle Road and onto U.S. Route 2. There, it will head south all the way until Point of Tongue Road. See map below, Phase II, Option 1.

Cost projections for Phase II are within the current approved Bond limits. The Board is working with D&K to explore funding options from both State and Federal Programs.

Affordability is a primary consideration and can be modulated by grants and/or interest rates.

Customers Growing

When the project to bring water first started down West Shore Road and partially down Route 129 there were 49 users. We're now at 65 and counting. For budget purposes we count on one new user each year and so far have attained more than expected.

Quality Water

Sampling for chlorinated byproducts, *e. coli* bacteria, lead and copper are tested regularly per State of Vermont monitoring standards and our water has been meeting those requirements. Water Superintendent Jason Beaulac flushes the lines twice each year during periods of less activity to ensure the water within the pipes continues to run clean samples.

NOTE: It has been an awful year for many Alburgh residents NOT connected to the existing SAFD2 line. Low water levels and an extremely contaminated draw from Lake Champlain has made it very difficult for many.

Finances

The board and officials of the fire district do their best to keep costs in balance with expenditures. Program and customer costs are primary considerations for Phase II and beyond. There is a possibility of obtaining a Federal Grant for up to 75% of the construction cost of Phase II - available when current water situation presents a health or safety risk. It is the opinion of the SAFD2 Board this situation exists without town water. Engineering work already done down Route 2, saves both time and money.

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Monthly meetings occur every third
Monday of each month

Check us out on the web!
<http://www.safd2.org>

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you are NOT currently connected to town water via SAFD2 line and have experienced water problems relating to your well or lake water system, **PLEASE send us an eMail with your info and details by December 1st. We need to document any HEALTH or SAFETY concerns to help qualify for the Federal Grant.**

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Also, it is the Boards intent, if possible, to consider further expansion past Phase II.

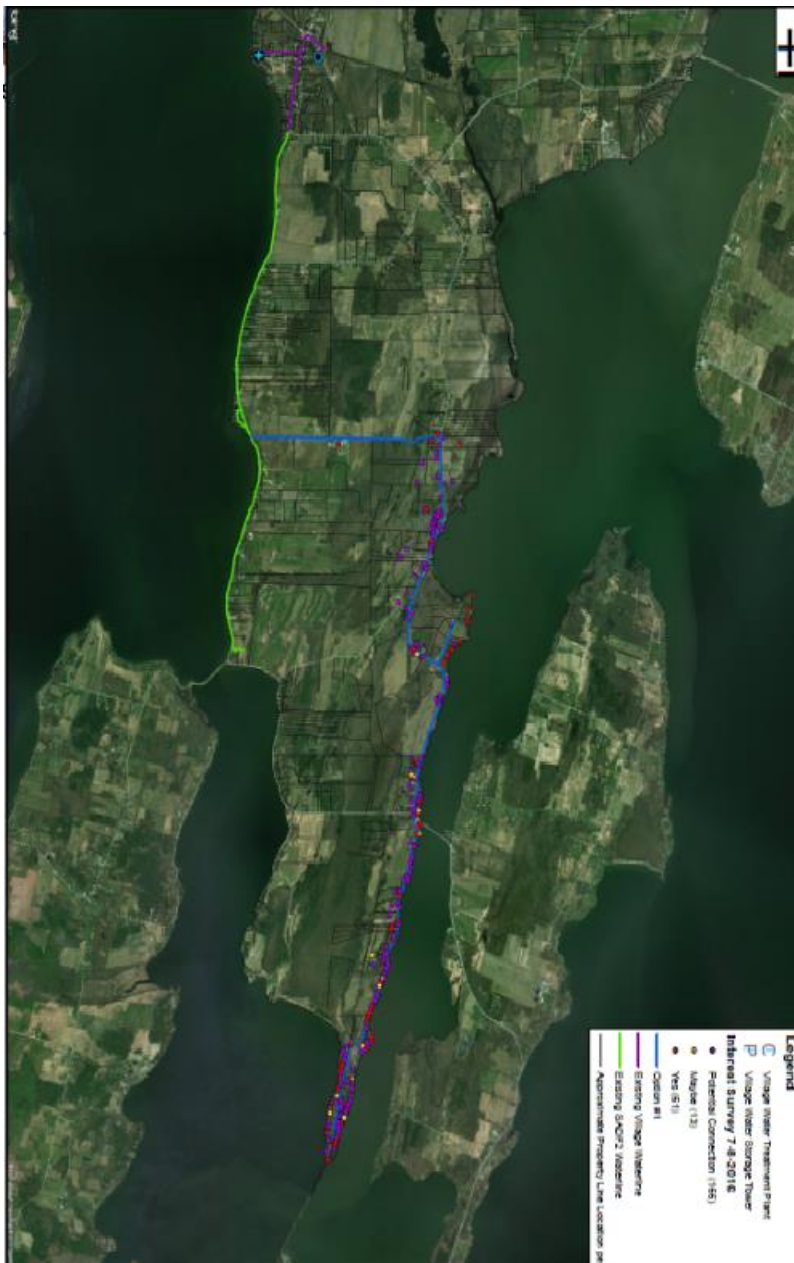


The Board!

As volunteers, the three board members and treasurer meet each month to go over concerns, invoices, revenues, and municipal matters. Their positions are elected each year during the annual meeting, with board terms staggered for voting purposes one per year. The current team of Prudential Committee members are Chair John Fitzgerald, Tony Speranza, and Alton Bruso. Richard Ernst serves as the

district treasurer. Meetings are held in the municipal conference room and are 100% open to the public to attend.

Phase II - Option 1



This map illustrates the proposed Phase II route in **Blue**. It would travel east along Middle Road, reach US Route 2 South and head south. There would be a spur line to Wagner Point, and reach the area of Poor Farm Road, Cedarvale Estates, and Point of Tongue Road.

The current waterline already in place down West Shore Road and a bit down Route 129 is indicated in **Green**.

In 2016 a survey was mailed to residents of the fire district to see where the most interest in municipal water would be. Those results are plotted as **Red** points. **Yellow** points indicated maybes.

Next Steps

Once decisions are made regarding the best source of funding for the proposed water system extensions, the Board will be reaching out again to identify and confirm properties that want to be connected to the new water system. The more connections we can secure, the lower the water rates will be for everyone! The Board recommends that all properties along the route of the proposed water system extensions be connected to take advantage of a reliable potable water supply that meets state water quality standards!!