

Minutes of South Alburgh Fire District #2 Special Meeting with Alburgh Selectboard March 8, 2025.

Attending: Elliot Knight (Alburgh Selectboard Chair), Jim Hokenberg, Damien Henry, Josie Henry (Interim Town Administrator), Alex McCracken (Vice Chair via Zoom), Alton Bruso (SAFD 2 Prudential Committee), John Fitzgerald (SAFD 2 Prudential Committee Chair), Tony Speranza (SAFD 2 Prudential Committee)

**Public Present:** Dan Mathison, John Chesarek, James Layn, Brian Chicoine, Kim Chesarek, David Rocheleau, Gene Parker, Laurie Faulkner, Dan Williams, Robert M. Brown, Gwyneth Brown, Karen and Charlie Lamos, Mary Carroll, Charles Mackin, Kathy Rochedieu, Tom and Kelly Ward, Mike Poquette, Gary Chambers, Jay Carroll, Danielle Simoneau

**Public Present via Zoom:** Charlie Shelley, Rodney Will, Judy Higgins, Carol Yarnell, Rodney Will, K Gokey, Lori Bishop, Charles Goodling, Darlene Mercier

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Selectboard Chair Elliot Knight, who turned the meeting over to the SAFD 2 Prudential Committee to provide a membership update. Prudential Committee Member Tony Speranza announced he was offering his resignation from the committee and asked to read a statement to be placed into the record detailing why. See attached. Prudential Committee Chair Fitzgerald motioned to accept Tony Speranza's resignation, Alton Bruso seconded, all were in favor, and the motion carried. Selectboard Chair Knight stated the town selectboard would appoint a new board member to serve until SAFD2's next election. Prudential Committee Chair Fitzgerald introduced Kathy Rochedieu, briefed the selectboard on her history with the project and committee, then recommended her for appointment. Damien Henry motioned to appoint Kathy Rochedieu as the new Prudential Committee member, Jim Hokenberg seconded, all were in favor, and the motion passed.

The meeting continued under the auspices of the SAFD2. Kathy read a resolution to accept the State of Vermont's forgiveness of debt from Phase 1 for \$\_\_\_\_\_. She moved the resolution be accepted. John seconded. After some discussion of the origin of the forgiveness amount, a vote was taken. John and Kathy voted for, Alton against.

Kathy then moved that SAFD2 Chairman, John Fitzgerald, be authorized to execute any and all necessary documents pertaining to Phase 2 construction. John explained that this would make it easier for him to sign the many documents arising from the Phase 2 project. Alton felt that the entire board should be involved in the decision to sign. The motion was amended to include "with the approval of the prudential committee." John seconded the motion and all three PC committee members voted to accept.

Kathy then moved and Alton seconded a motion to sign a loan document RF3-397-3.0 for the

Vermont State Revolving Loan Fund for \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help fund the Phase 2 project. This motion passed unanimously and the document was signed.

John moved and Kathy seconded a motion to sign an agreement with the Vermont Bond Bank listing conditions for repayment. Motion passed unanimously.

John moved and Alton seconded a motion to enter into a loan with the Vermont Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund for \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Motion passed unanimously.

Kathy moved and Alton seconded a motion to accept a contract with Dirt Tech for \$8,495,932 to construct Phase 2 of the SAFD2 Water System Project. John pointed out that Dirt Tech has agreed to a \$300,000 reduction to be signed on this week. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman John Fitzgerald thanked all the people involved in getting the project to completion and reminded them that there was still much work to be done. He thanked the town of Alburgh for their support.

Meeting as adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John Chesarek, Clerk