

Minutes of South Alburgh Fire District #2, Annual Meeting June 25, 2025

Chairman John FitzGerald called the meeting to order at 7:02 and introduced the Prudential Committee members and Officers: John FitzGerald, Alton Brusco, and Kathy Rochedieu, committee members. John Chesarek, clerk, and Kathy Rochedieu, treasurer.

Public members in attendance: Tom Jacobsen, Shirley FitzGerald, Judy Higgins, Lorraine Brusco, Tom and Kelly Ward, Lori Bishop, Charlie Shelley, and Cheryl Dunn.

Chairman's Report - After a reading of the Annual Meeting notice and review of meeting procedures chairman FitzGerald gave a report of the past year's progress. He thanked all those involved in getting Phase 2 rolling. He indicated that at the next regular meeting he would begin the process of increasing the board to five members to help with the increased workload created by Phase 2 and to help develop new committee members for future years. He asked Alton to report on the current progress of Phase 2. Alton indicated that the project is progressing well with the new line connected to the main line, the chlorine booster station completed, Middle Road pipe laying completed, and blasting and directional drilling started on the section connecting Middle Road to Route 2. Public members expressed some concern about flagging on Route 2.

Treasurer's Report - Kathy presented the Treasurer's Report with the financial statements current through May, 30 2025 and a comparison of last year's budget to actual. Water sales appear to be lower than expected with no readily identifiable reason. She thanked Cheryl Dunn for the good job she was doing on collecting the delinquent taxes and water bills.

Budget -Kathy then presented the new budget for fiscal 2025/26. This budget was approved by a vote of the attending SAFD#2 members. Kathy then presented a report on the financing of Phase 2 to inform members of the costs involved in the project, the loans obtained to pay for the costs, and other considerations, including interim financing needed. Public members suggested having a statement in the monthly meeting minutes reporting the committee's review of both the physical and financial progress of the project with respect to the budget.

Election of Officers – Chairman FitzGerald ask for nominations for a clerk. John Chesarek was nominated and indicated a willingness to serve. Voters approved the nomination.

Chairman FitzGerald ask for nominations for a treasurer. Kathy Rochedieu was nominated and indicated a willingness to serve. Voters approved the nomination.

Chairman FitzGerald ask for nominations for a tax collector. No nominations were received. The position remains open.

Election of Prudential Committee Member - Chairman FitzGerald ask for nominations for a three year term to the Prudential Committee. Kathy Rochedieu was nominated and indicated a willingness to serve. Voters approved the nomination.

Chairman Fitzgerald called for a motion to adjourn and reminded everyone to consider serving on the Prudential Committee should it expand to five members and to solicit others, possibly “younger people” who live throughout the district to get involved in bringing clean drinking water to all of South Alburgh.

Alton moved and Kathy seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John Chesarek, Clerk