

Minutes of South Alburgh Fire District #2 meeting August 20, 2025

Attending: John FitzGerald, Alton Bruso, Kathy Rochedieu, John Chesarek, Cheryl Dunn

Public: Peter Irish, Laura Irish, Dick Ernst

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by chairman John FitzGerald. The agenda was adjusted to include Public Comments with Phase 2 Updates.

The minutes of the August 7th, 2025 special meeting were reviewed. This special meeting was held to review the policy for charging Phase 2 customers with multiple units and seasonal properties as well as with setting the date for electing additional prudential committee members. Kathy moved and Alton seconded that the minutes be approved as written. All voted in favor. The minutes from the regular July 16th meeting were reviewed. There was some discussion about the need to have a separate vote by the District members on the bylaws change. Kathy moved and Alton seconded that the minutes be approved as written. All voted in favor.

Kathy presented the Treasurer's Report. This report included two new checking accounts at Union Bank for Operations (balance \$41,927.37) and Construction (balance \$968,602.92). The current account at M&T bank will be closed after a final payment clears. The Capital Reserve fund account will be moved to the North Country Federal Credit Union due to a more favorable interest rate. It will be separate from the Phase 2 Deposit account at the credit union. Kathy reported that the new Union Bank accounts are working well. The state has been very timely in its reimbursement for construction costs. Due to the large amount of the recent invoice however, she needed to access funds from the Union Bank loan for payment. John F. moved and Alton seconded that the treasurer's report be approved. All members were in favor.

Warrants were presented for Dirt Tech - \$990,933.28, DuBois & King - \$24,963.27, Endyne - \$25, Eastern Sales for new checks - \$256, Islander - \$416, VCLT dues - \$1155, and Alburgh Village for water - \$5027.89. John F. moved that the warrants be approved. Kathy seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Phase 2 updates – Peter Irish wanted to discuss the Wagner Point portion of the project. John F indicated he had previously received a letter from Mr Irish and requested the DuBois & King look into the history of the project's planning. Mr. Irish stated that the plan approved by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation shows a 2000 foot line from Route 2 down Wagner Point Road. Mr. Irish also stated he remembers archaeology testing being done to the 2000 foot mark. John F stated he would look into these issues and see why the current construction plan sops quite a bit short of the 2000 foot mark and if the plan should be adjusted.

The directional drilling crew has successfully completed a bore along the Middle Road cut, however it needs to be increased in size to handle the pipe. Dirt Tech is adding a second crew, which should

speed up the project. Unforeseen ledge is causing some problems. A 14 unit apartment property has been signed on. Goose Point is still to be resolved.

New Business – The special meeting to elect two new board members has been warned for September 17th at 6pm. The next monthly board meeting will start at 6:30pm on the 17th. John F. related an issue with a customer whose garden hose break resulted in may gallons of water wasted. The committee all agreed that the customer was responsible to pay for all the water lost. He also related several issues with the Village water supervisor regarding getting work done and equipment replacement issues. Alton said he would talk with the supervisor about the most time sensitive issue but that the committee should discuss concerns with the Village board. John F. will place an order for needed readers and wires.

No additional public comments.

Agenda items for next meeting – inter-local meeting with Village

invite Ashley Lutz to discuss financing options for future growth

Alton moved and Kathy seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 7:51 pm. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

John Chesarek, Clerk