

Minutes of South Alburgh Fire District #2 Regular Meeting February 18, 2026.

Members Attending: John FitzGerald, Alton Brusco, Rod Will, Kathy Rochedieu, Charlie Mackin, John Chesarek, Cheryl Dunn

Public: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm by chairman John FitzGerald. The agenda was adjusted to include a review of the minutes from the January 19 special meeting and a discussion of communication between Amy Galford of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) and Rena Peck of the USDA.

Minutes - The minutes of the Special Meeting on January 19, 2026, held to discuss a possible petroleum contamination that developed during the digging of Phase 2, were reviewed. Kathy moved and Charlie seconded the motion to accept the minutes with a couple typographical corrections. All voted in favor. The regular meeting minutes of January 21, 2026 were reviewed. John F. moved and Rod seconded a motion that the minutes be approved with a name spelling correction. All voted in favor.

Treasurer's Report – Kathy presented a draft of the treasurer's report since there were several numbers still in flux. She was able to pay back \$900,000 of the loan to Union Bank but needed to take out another \$200,000 to pay this month's Dirt Tech bill, which was higher than expected. She will be checking to see what our current interest charge is on the loan. She presented the following warrants:

- \$3858.75 – DuBois & King (D&K), engineering
- \$10,000 – North Country Credit Union (NCCU)
- \$25 – Endyne, water testing
- \$2202.38 - Alburgh Village - water
- \$520,417.70 – Dirt Tech, Phase 2 construction
- \$3193 – UVM Archaeology (old phase 2 bill never paid)
- \$445.75 – Vt. League of Cities and Towns
- \$275 – Vt. Rural Water
- \$738.15 – Core and Main Supplies

The D&K charge is for work done on the contamination incident. John F. felt that D&K's responsibility for the event was not yet clear and so payment should be held until this question was resolved. The \$10,000 warrant to NCCU is a movement of funds from our operating account back to our reserve account. Several committee members felt this was not the time to do so.

John F. moved and Kathy seconded a motion to approve the warrants except for the D&K warrant and the NCCU warrant. \$3686.28 from operating account. \$523,610.70 from construction account
All voted in favor.

Inerlocal Agreement with Village – tabled again. Kathy urged the committee to get this done before the upcoming annual meeting.

Phase 2 Update – Laying of the water pipe is finished on Point of Tongue Road. Culverts and connections remain. Wagner Point pipe laying is also finished. ECI is almost done with work on Summit Road. A drain pipe was broken during digging on Poor Farm Road resulting in water in a basement. Dirt Tech is working to correct the situation. We are still waiting further information from the state regarding the contamination issue.

Rena Peck from the USDA has been in contact with SAFD2 and Amy Galford of the DWSRF regarding the loan we were granted for Phase 2. We did not take that loan due to the government shutdown at the time we needed the loan and the DWSRF offer to provide an equal loan with no interest charged. The USDA loan may still be available for Phase 3 expenses should the District determine a need. We will await further information from Amy or Rena.

Superintendent's Report – Jason was not in attendance. John F. reported that we are awaiting word from State Farm regarding the claim for repair charges for a water hydrant destroyed in a car wreck. Kathy suggested we check with VLCT to determine our coverage through them should the car owner's insurance not pay.

Agenda items for next meeting – Ordering supplies for Phase 2 hookups. Insurance coverage. Report on capital reserve. Union Bank loan interest charges.

Charlie moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:27pm. Kathy seconded. All voted in favor.

Next meeting will be March 18, 2026

Respectfully submitted,
John Chesarek, Clerk