

## **Minutes of South Alburgh Fire District #2 Regular Meeting January 21, 2026**

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm by chairman John Fitzgerald. The following adjustments to the agenda were made 1) add report on hydrant damage, 2) add discussion about repayment of portion of Union Bank Loan, 3) add discussion regarding potential USDA funding.

The minutes from the regular meeting of December 21, 2025 were reviewed. John F. moved and Kathy seconded that the minutes be approved as written. All voted in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy prepared and submitted the treasurer's report. All reimbursements are current or pending. The \$2500 deposited and then withdrawn from the Savings Account was money initially deposited in savings and then moved to the Money Market Account. After reviewing the numbers, Charlie moved the report be accepted. Alton seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

### *Warrants*

Operating account: \$102 Cheryl postage and office supplies, \$25 to Endyne for water testing

Construction account: \$32,781.20 to D&K (Through 12/31/25), Dirt Tech \$294,225.41

Warrants from last month were also signed: D&K \$42,538.42, Dirt Tech \$347,661.35

Kathy brought up the need to replenish the Capital Reserve Account to pay for items such as repair to the hydrant.

Rod moved and Alton seconded a motion to approve all warrants. All voted in favor.

### *Old Business*

Blowoff hydrant run over by a vehicle - John F. has been talking with State Farm which is the insurance company of person who hit the hydrant. The estimate is to fix is \$3000. John is working to get payment from State Farm.

Union Bank loan - Kathy made a motion to reimburse \$800,000 to Union Bank. This reduces the loan and interest payments and leaves approximately \$23k in Construction Account. Rod seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Relationship with USDA – Kathy explained the background related to the shift from USDA to Vermont Drinking Water Fund for the second part of the funding. USDA still has money that could be available and possibly used for expansion (Phase III?). This would require an initial survey/assessment to determine feasibility and user interest. It would also require a new bond vote. Kathy will reach out to Rena Peck to set up a call with the Prudential Committee.

86 Poor Farm Rd - There was a pipe that diverted a spring and drained to the lake. The basement of 86 Poor Farm Rd flooded shortly after installation of the water line in front of the home. Charlie will email Chuck to initiate an investigation.

Interlocal agreement – tabled for now.

Superintendent Report – Jason was not in attendance.

Visitor Input – none

Phase 2 Update – Dirt Tech has mostly stopped working for the winter. There is too much frost to continue to backfill areas within roads. They completed the work on Point of Tongue Rd. and Cedarvale Est. except for the portion of Cedarvale Est. in the road and for replacing culverts on Point of Tongue Rd. Work will resume when soils thaw. ECI should be finished drilling near Summit Road to avoid the old stone culvert. Dirt Tech is still working at Wagner Point. ECI will continue their work.

Kathy moved to adjourn, Charlie seconded. All voted in favor. Adjourned 7:43 pm.

Next meeting will be February 18, 2026

Respectfully submitted by Rod Will on behalf of John Chesarek, Clerk