

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

Members Attending: John FitzGerald, Alton Brusco, Rod Will, Kathy Rochedieu, John Chesarek, Cheryl Dunn, Jason Beaulac

Public: Peter Irish, David Smail

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by chairman John FitzGerald. The agenda was adjusted to move Visitor Input to the top.

Visitor Input – Peter Irish and David Smail attended to ask questions about their options for Phase 2 hook ups on Wagner Point. John F. told them what he knew regarding the current curb stops, a main trench, and the possible need for permits. He suggested the Wagner Point parties get together with Justin Holmes, an engineer with experience with SAFD2, to discuss their options and cost sharing of the digging.

Minutes - The minutes of the February meeting were reviewed. Kathy moved and Alton seconded that the minutes be approved. All voted in favor.

Treasurer's Report – Kathy presented a corrected copy of last month's report. The account values did not change but errors in some of the supporting information were corrected. John F moved to accept the report. Alton provided a second. All voted in favor. She then presented the March report. The construction account appears to have sufficient funds to allow us to pay back a good portion of the current loan balance. We have accrued \$36,700 in loan interest through February. John F moved to accept the report. Alton provided a second. All voted in favor. A discussion ensued regarding restoring funds to the Capital Reserve account. These funds had been moved to the construction account last year when cash was needed to pay Dirt Tech. John moved and Kathy seconded that \$31,823.35 be moved from the Union Bank construction account to the Capital Reserve account at NCFCU. All voted in favor.

Warrants – The following warrants were presented for approval

\$19,697.17 – DuBois & King (D&K), engineering

\$\$267,835.79 – Dirt Tech, Phase 2 construction

\$25 – Endyne – water testing

\$\$394.76 – Vermont Electric Coop – electricity for chlorine booster station

John F. moved and Alton seconded a motion to approve the warrants: \$419.76 from operating account. \$287,532.96 from construction account. All voted in favor.

Old Business-

Inerlocal Agreement with Village – John F said that Cheryl was working on updating the document. He asked Jason if any new duties should be added to his job description. Jason mentioned the maintenance of chlorine supplies at the booster station.

Phase 2 Supplies - A discussion was started about ordering supplies now for the new hookups needed for Phase 2. It was decided to hold off on further discussion until we know exactly what meter supplies are covered under the construction contract.

Replacing Draft Minutes – John C questioned why past meeting minutes on the SAFD2 website were still in DRAFT form. Cheryl felt that she did not need to update the minutes on the website since copies of the corrected minutes were on file in a notebook in the Town office. John C expressed the opinion that district members shouldn't have to come in to the office to see the corrected minutes if the draft minutes could easily be replaced on the website with the corrected minutes. He volunteered to take over the posting function from Cheryl to facilitate this process. Cheryl agreed to this change. Kathy moved that John C be given access to the SAFD2 website for the purpose of posting minutes. Alton seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Insurance Claim – State Farm sent SAFD2 a check for \$3000 to pay for damages to a hydrant on West Shore Road that was damaged by an auto. John F said he contacted Dennis Irick and told Dennis to go ahead and replace the flush valve.

Superintendent's Report – Jason reported on a pressure problem reported by a homeowner on West Shore Road. It was determined that the pressure loss was due to a blockage, and digging was required to make the repair. He suggested an account be established with a chlorine supplier to facilitate supplying chlorine to the booster station once it comes online. The committee reiterated the need for good communication with the superintendent as we approach hook up time for the new Phase 2 customers.

Kathy moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:02pm. John F seconded. All voted in favor.

Next meeting will be April 15, 2026

Respectfully submitted,
John Chesarek, Clerk