

SAFD2 Monthly Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2025

John Fitzgerald, Prudential Committee (PC) Chair called the meeting at 6:18pm, welcomed members of the community, and invited questions.

Tim Reynolds, Goose Point Campground, had multiple questions about how the campground would be charged and what he could expect in monthly fees. The Prudential Committee and other members of the public provided input on how to best estimate the monthly and annual fees. As the campground will not qualify for a permit exemption, Justin Holmes and potentially Roy Hango of Enosburgh were suggested as engineers who could provide documentation.

John Fitzgerald, PC Chair, asked for a review of the minutes from the April meeting. Alton Brusco immediately objected to the agenda and how John manages the meetings. Rather than reviewing the minutes as presented by the Clerk, which specifically indicated that the application fee would be \$2500, beginning May 1, 2025, Alton raised objections to the chair's subsequent decision to continue accepting \$1500 until the day the contractor broke ground. The chairman and Kathy Rochedieu both stated Alton had participated in the discussion on May 11, 2025 outside of a planned meeting, where the three of them agreed to immediately stop accepting \$1500 and require all new applicants to be charged \$2500. This resulted in a long argument between members of the Prudential Committee. Members of the public confronted Alton regarding his obstructive behavior and confronted John for not managing the meeting. Members of the public concluded their comments by stating they are concerned about Alton's ability to contribute productively to the management of the Phase 2 expansion and that they believe his obstructive behavior resulted in the project being 2 years behind schedule and \$2m over initial budget projections.

Kathy Rochedieu made a motion to approve the minutes from last month. John Fitzgerald seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Kathy Rochedieu provided the PC Treasurer report, which documented the movement of \$152K of Phase 2 hook-up funds from the Money Market at NCFCU to the checking account at M & T Bank, the movement of \$2000 from the checking account to Capital Reserves, and included a very preliminary statement about the forthcoming budget for the new fiscal year: see attached for details. John Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, Alton Brusco seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Kathy motioned to deposit additional Phase 2 deposits directly into checking account. No one seconded the motion. The discussion supported continuing to deposit into NCFCU for multiple reasons including traceability of signups.

Village Clerk, Cheryl Dunn provided a report on delinquent assessment fees and water bills. There are two major delinquent bills:

1. \$2600 delinquency with issues but the owner has agreed to pay current bills and will develop a plan to pay the delinquent funds.
2. W Shore delinquent owner is not responding to inquiries.

Alton Brusco provided an update on the Phase 2 expansion:

Dirt Tech has hooked into main line on W shore, is building the chlorine buster station, has completed about 1500 feet of trench work.

New business: Charlie..... is leading the development of an FAQ for Phase 2 expansion. He will request a roundtable meeting with Justin Holmes, Dennis Irick, Jason Beaulac, other volunteers, and the Prudential committee in coming days and is considering the possibility of holding a Town Hall, complete with a PP presentation, to answer questions from the public.

John Fitzgerald reported on his communications with the Vermont League of Cities and Towns on the 5-person board idea. See email for Questions and Answers. The Prudential Committee will discuss this issue again at the June standing meeting.

The Prudential Committee reviewed all warrants. John Fitzgerald moved to approve the warrants as presented, Alton and Kathy both seconded the motion. Kathy Rochedieu signed all associated checks, and John Fitzgerald adjourned the meeting at 8:40.

Minutes taken by Kathy Rochedieu in the planned absence of Clerk John Chesarek