

Minutes of South Alburgh Fire District #2 Regular Meeting, April 15, 2026.

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by Alton Brusco, acting chairman. The agenda was adjusted to move Visitor Input up after review of Minutes and to add discussions about the annual meeting and two early water connections.

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

Visitor Input – Russell Duchaine, the Alburgh Town Road Commissioner, questioned what was being done with the Class 4 road extension of Middle Road that was used by SAFD2 for the water line connection to Route 2. It appears that large rocks had been placed and a ditch created to essentially close off the road. Alton suggested that he and Russell get together to see the exact location and determine what would need to be done to restore the road to its original condition.

Treasurer's Report – Kathy presented a report of the account balances and activities for March. A check was written from the construction account to pay off \$500,000 of our loan balance with Union Bank. We will shortly receive another large reimbursement from the state which could be used to further reduce the loan, thus reducing our final interest amount. Rod moved to pay \$200,000 more on the loan. Kathy seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Rod then moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Alton provided a second. All voted in favor. Kathy also presented a letter from the Vermont EPA Drinking Water Revolving Fund showing that we have \$1,770,743.85 remaining on our loan for Phase 2, having spent \$7,776,018.15 up to this point. The general consensus was that this should be enough to complete the project. She also reported that the USDA loan has been formally withdrawn and the withdrawal has been accepted.

Warrants – The following warrants were presented for approval

\$19,617.00 – DuBois & King, engineering

\$154,030.54 – Dirt Tech, Phase 2 construction

\$31, 823.35 – Capital Reserve Fund (previously moved to construction account)

\$337.50 – Monahan, Safar LLC – attorney fees for easement opinion

\$75 – Endyne – water testing

\$118.03 – Vermont Electric Coop – electricity for chlorine booster station

\$1015 – Beaulac Excavation – water line repair on West Shore

Alton moved and Rod seconded a motion to approve the warrants: \$1208.03 from operating account. \$205,803.39 from construction account. All voted in favor.

Old Business-

Inerlocal Agreement with Village – The village will begin working on the agreement after their annual meeting, May 5th. SAFD2 will then join in the discussion.

Phase 2 Updates – Dirt Tech will resume work on Point of Tongue on Monday, April 20. This will include culvert replacement and road resurfacing. Cedarvale work will follow. No tank was found at the contamination site on Route 2. Dirt Tech plans to install 90 feet of ductile iron pipe to replace the current pipe to satisfy state requirements. They have not yet accepted responsibility for laying the original pipe in a contaminated zone.

New Business -

Working meeting for Phase 2 - John F. suggest the board get together to work out the details for the connection processes and supplies for Phase 2. Committee member and Jason will meet Tuesday, April 21 at 9am in the Municipal building.

Discussion of early connections –Two homeowners have already connected to the water line on Point of Tongue, believing that the line was ready for hook up. It is not. State requirements do not allow any attachments until the entire line has been tested and approved. Rod has contacted the two individuals and informed them they need to disconnect. Jason should be there to verify the disconnect.

Annual Meeting – Kathy suggested the committee schedule a date for the annual meeting. The members selected June 24th at 7pm.

Superintendent's Report – Jason is working on a list of Phase 1 meters that are not reading properly. He knows that several are seasonal disconnects. The rest will be repaired or replaced by May.

Rod moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:54pm. Kathy seconded. All voted in favor.

Next meeting will be May 20, 2026

Respectfully submitted,
John Chesarek, Clerk