

**North Branch Fire District #1
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Minutes of the North Branch Fire District #1, Annual Meeting, March 27, 2018.

This Meeting, having been duly warned, was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Moderator, Sarah Shippee.

Members Present: Cyndee Frere, Thomas Ferrazza, Edward Barber, Brendan Ryan and Karl Braunbach.

Also Present: Ed Floyd, Bart Howes, Mary Beth McGovern, Sandra Barber, Rebecca Snow and Linda Holland.

Article 1. To elect three Members to the Prudential Committee and two Officers by Australian Ballot. Shippee announced that the polls were officially opened and will remain open until 7:00 p.m.

Article 2. To see if the Fire District will accept the Annual Report. Braunbach moved to accept the Annual Report. Seconded by Barber. Passed unanimously.

Article 3. To see if the Fire District will vote to collect taxes by the Treasurer pursuant to Title 32, V.S.A., Section 4791. Frere moved to collect taxes by the Treasurer pursuant to Title, 32, V.S.A., Section 4791. Seconded by Ferrazza. Passed unanimously

Article 4. To see if the Fire District will vote to collect \$434,000.00 from the “users” for Capital Funding. Ferrazza moved to collect \$434,000.00 from the “users” for Capital Funding. Seconded by Barber. Passed unanimously.

Article 5. To see if the Fire District will vote to expend \$1,336,344.00 for Operations. Braunbach moved to expend \$1,336,344.00 for Operations. Seconded by Barber. Passed unanimously. Ryan asked why the large increase in the Operational Budget.

Ferrazza moved to allow Edward Floyd, Linda Holland and Bartholomew Howes to speak on behalf of the Fire District. Seconded by Ryan. Passed unanimously. Howes explained that the overtime hours needed to drain the ponds for construction and the FICA and other payroll related expenses, were a large part of the increase.

Article 6. To see if the Fire District will vote to Raise and Appropriate \$1,118,738.00 for Operations. Ferrazza moved to Raise and Appropriate \$1,118,738.00 for Operations. Seconded by Barber. Passed unanimously.

Article 7. To see if the Fire District will vote to expend \$226,221.00 for Capital Improvements. Ryan moved to expend \$226,221.00 for Capital Improvements. Seconded by Frere. Passed unanimously.

Article 8. To see if the Fire District will vote to release up to \$100,000.00 from the Capital Reserve Account. Frere moved to release up to \$100,000.00 from the Capital Reserve Account. Seconded by Ferrazza. Passed unanimously. It was explained that this account was set up to give the voter's control of future Capital expenditures.

Article 9. To see what sums the Fire District will vote to pay the Prudential Committee Members and Officers for the coming year. Ferrazza moved to keep the rates the same as last year. The Committee will receive \$65.00 per meeting and the rest of the Officers will receive the current Vermont minimum wage. Seconded by Barber. Passed unanimously.

Article 10. To see if the Fire District will authorize the Prudential Committee to borrow in anticipation of taxes. Braunbach move to authorize the Prudential Committee to borrow in anticipation of taxes. Seconded by Barber. Passed unanimously.

Article 11. To see if the Fire District will vote to exempt the Dover Town Offices, The West Dover Fire Department, The Dover Police Department, The Dover Elementary School, Dover Historical Society, West Dover Church and Twice Blessed, Inc. a 501(c) (3) from taxes for the coming year. Braunbach moved to exempt the Dover Town Offices, The West Dover Fire Department, The Dover Police Department, The Dover Elementary School, Dover Historical Society, West Dover Church and Twice Blessed, Inc. from taxes for the coming year. Seconded by Barber. Passed unanimously.

Article 12. To transact any other business that may legally come before this Meeting. No one had any comments.

Shippee recessed the open portion of the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Polls closed at 7:00 p.m. with the following results:

Of 794 voters, 18 ballots were cast.

Prudential Committee for a one year term:	Karl Braunbach	17 votes
Prudential Committee for a two year term:	Thomas Ferrazza	15 votes
Prudential Committee for a three year term:	Cyndee Frere	16 votes
Clerk for a one year term: (write in)	Catherine Kaufmann	12 votes

Moderator for a one year term:

Sarah Shippee

18 votes

Respectfully Submitted:

Linda L. Holland,
Administrative Manager,
Assistant Clerk

cc: C. Frere, T. Ferrazza, E. Barber, K. Braunback, B. Ryan, E. Floyd, B. Howes, H. Terhune, J. Mahon, A. Pritcher, A. Palmiter, M. Himelson, L. Anelli, A. Levine, J. Flanagan, C. Helmstetter, Gray Ghost Inn, J. Desrochers, J. Gooch, Town of Dover, J. Densmore, J. Redd, M. Garber, P. Fisher, R. Reed, S. Dupries, S. Meade, V. Czechorowski, Y. Strus, L. Fraser, A. Perkins, L. Newton, R. Rubin, R. Reed, J. Densmore, C. Turpin, R. Parker-Houghton, G. Golet, V. Czechorowski, S. MacDougall, L. Harkawik, R. William, P. Fitzpatrick, S. Joyce-Albano, R. Caplan, G. Henry, D. Facilla, Deerfield Valley News and the Brattleboro Reformer.

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