

**North Branch Fire District #1  
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PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the North Branch Fire District #1, Annual Meeting, March 26, 2019.

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

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

**Also Present:** Edward Floyd, Rebecca Snow, Bart Howes, Catherine Kaufmann, Valerie Kaufmann, Sarah Shippee and Linda Holland.

**Article 1.** To elect two 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.

Shippee asked the voter's for permission to allow Linda Holland, Edward Floyd and Bartholomew Howes to speak. Frere moved to allow Holland, Howes and Floyd to speak on behalf of the Fire District. Seconded by Ryan. Passed unanimously.

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

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

**Article 4.** Frere moved to see if the Fire District will vote to collect \$459,000.00 from the "users" for Capital Funding. Seconded by Barber. Passed unanimously.

**Article 5.** Ferrazza moved to see if the Fire District will vote to expend \$1,343,571.00 for Operations. Seconded by Frere. Passed unanimously.

**Article 6.** Frere moved to see if the Fire District will vote to Raise and Appropriate \$1,142,251.33 for Operations. Seconded by Ferrazza. Passed unanimously.

**Article 7.** Ryan moved to see if the Fire District will vote to expend \$441,000.00 for Capital improvements. Seconded by Ferrazza. Passed unanimously.

**Article 8.** Frere moved to see if the Fire District will vote to pay the Prudential Committee Members \$65.00 per meeting and all other Officers, Vermont minimum wage for the coming year. Seconded by Ryan. Passed unanimously.

**Article 9.** Ryan moved to see if the Fire District will authorize the Prudential Committee to borrow in anticipation of taxes. Seconded by Ferrazza. Passed unanimously.

**Article 10.** Ryan moved 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. Seconded by Ferrazza. Passed unanimously.

**Article 11.** Other Business. Hearing none, Ferrazza moved to adjourn at 10:08 a.m. Seconded by Ryan. Passed unanimously.

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

Prudential Committee for a one year term, Daniel Facilla with 9 votes.  
Prudential Committee for a two year term. Edward Barber with 21 votes  
Clerk, for a one year term. Catherine Kaufmann with 21 votes  
Moderator, for a one year term, Sarah Shippee with 20 votes

The Fire District has 832 voters, 22 ballots were cast.

Respectfully Submitted:

Linda L. Holland,  
Administrative Manager  
Assistant Clerk

**cc:** C. Frere, D. Facilla, T. Ferrazza, E. Barber, B. Ryan, E. Floyd, B. Howes, H. Terhune, K. Braunbach, 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, C. Turpin, R. Parker-Houghton, G. Golet, S. MacDougall, L Harkawik, R. William, P. Fitzpatrick S. Joyce-Albano, R. Caplan, G. Henry, Deerfield Valley News and the Brattleboro Reformer.

**Posted:** North Branch Fire District #1, Wastewater Treatment Facility & Administrations Building. Dover Town Office.

