

**North Branch Fire District #1
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Minutes of the North Branch Fire District #1, Annual Meeting, March 29, 2016.

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

Members Present: Thomas Ferrazza, Hobie Terhune, Cyndee Frere, Edward Barber and Daniel Facilla.

Also Present: Ed Floyd, Bart Howes, Joseph Mahon, Louise Severance, Valerie Kaufmann, Rebecca Snow and Linda Holland.

Mahon asked the voters permission for Edward Floyd, Bartholomew Howes and Linda Holland to speak. Facilla moved to allow Floyd, Howes and Holland to speak. Seconded by Frere.

Article 1. To elect two Members to the Prudential Committee and two Officers by Australian Ballot. Mahon 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. Ferrazza moved to accept the Annual Report. Seconded by Facilla. 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. Facilla 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 \$150,000.00 from the “users” for Capital Funding. Ferrazza moved to collect \$150,000.00 from the “users” for Capital Funding. Seconded by Terhune. Passed unanimously.

Article 5. To see if the Fire District will vote to expend \$959,023.00 for Operations. Terhune moved to expend \$959,023.00 for Operations. Seconded by Facilla. Passed unanimously.

Article 6. To see if the Fire District will vote to Raise and Appropriate \$772,920.42 for Operations. Ferrazza moved to Raise and Appropriate \$772,920.42 for Operations. Seconded by Frere. Passed unanimously.

Article 7. To see if the Fire District will vote to expend \$223,193.00 for Capital Improvements. Snow moved to expend \$223,193.00 for Capital Improvements. Seconded by Terhune. Passed unanimously.

Article 8. 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 \$9.60 per hour or the current minimum wage. Seconded by Terhune. Passed unanimously.

Article 9. To see if the Fire District will authorize the Prudential Committee to borrow in anticipation of taxes. Ferrazza move to authorize the Prudential Committee to borrow in anticipation of taxes. Seconded by Barber. Passed unanimously.

Article 10. 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 and the West Dover Church from taxes for the coming year. Facilla moved to exempt the Dover Town Offices, The West Dover Fire Department, The Dover Police Department, The Dover Elementary School, Dover Historical Society and the West Dover Church from taxes for the coming year. Seconded by Terhune. Passed unanimously.

Article 11. To transact any other business that may legally come before this Meeting. Facilla asked that Ed Floyd speak about the current status of the treatment facility. Floyd explained that the studies on the North Branch of the Deerfield River indicated no Significant Alteration of Aquatic Biota (SAAB) for the first time in over 20 years. The Ellis Brook still has a SAAB but experts suggest planting trees along the stream to allow some shading of the brook. Floyd reminded those present, that the plant cannot expand as long as there is a SAAB in the streams. Floyd also stated that the sub surface effluent disposal is working fine. Floyd spoke briefly about upgrading the Clarifiers, the Sludge Centrifuge, 2 new buildings, Pond Liners and Yard Piping Changes. A preliminary engineering report should be finished by September 2016.

Mahon closed the open portion of the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

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

Of 738 voters, 21 ballots were cast.

Prudential Committee for a one year term: Edward Barber 21 votes

Prudential Committee for a two year term: Thomas Ferrazza 18 votes

Clerk for a one year term: Catherine Kaufmann 21 votes

Moderator for a one year term: (write Sarah Shippee 8 votes

Respectfully Submitted:

Linda L. Holland,
Administrative Manager,
Assistant Clerk

cc: H. Terhune, D. Facilla, E. Barber, E. Floyd, T. Ferrazza, Cyndee Frere, Bart Howes, Ed Floyd, Joe Mahon, Amiee Pritcher, Arlene Palmiter, Donald Albano, Linda Anelli, Adam Levine, Jeannie Flanagan, Deerfield Valley News and the Brattleboro Reformer.

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

