

**Minutes of 2023 Annual Meeting
Winhall-Stratton Fire District #1
held Wednesday, January 10, 2024**

The Annual Meeting was duly WARNED and held at 4:00PM in-person at the Stratton Mountain Volunteer Fire Company, 5 Brazers Way, Stratton Mountain Vermont.

Present in were:

Thomas Snopek, Chairman
Ric Swenson, Treasurer
Bruce Nelson, Member

Not Present:

James Reynolds, Member
Pat Moyna, SMC

Also Present were:

Diana Stugger, Advisor
Margaret Dwyer, Chief Op TP
Rosa Cannella, Bookkeeper

1. There being a quorum present, Thomas Snopek called the meeting to order at 4:00PM.
2. The first order of business was approval of the year 2022 annual meeting minutes. Upon a motion of Tom Snopek, seconded by Ric Swenson, the minutes were approved as written.
3. The following election of officers took place: Ric Swenson was elected to another 3-year Member term by acclamation motioned by Tom Snopek and seconded by Bruce Nelson. Bruce Nelson was elected to a 3-year Member term by acclamation motioned by Tom Snopek and seconded by Ric Swenson. The Chair noted that the open 3-year Member term will continue to be open to individuals who are willing to serve. Ric Swenson was elected for a 1-year term as Treasurer by acclamation motioned by Tom Snopek and seconded by Bruce Nelson. Rosa Cannella was elected for a 1-year term as Clerk Secretary and a 1-year term as Tax Collector of the Fire District by acclamation motioned by Tom Snopek and seconded by Ric Swenson.
4. Upon motion of Ric Swenson, seconded by Tom Snopek, the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 water and sewer demand rates and the water usage rates were increased by 1.5% and the capital reserve fund will be increased as discussed and reflected in the December 2023 meeting.
5. Upon a motion of Tom Snopek, seconded by Bruce Nelson the Committee approved the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 operating budget (copy attached).
6. The Chair stated that the just approved budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 reflects a 1.5% rate increase overall which absorbs a 3% increase in wages, a 3.3% decrease in variable expenses and a 5.8% increase in fixed expenses. The Chair also noted he anticipates substantial additions to the capital reserves.

Other Business: Margaret Dwyer was commended on a job well done by her and her crew.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:11PM. Upon motion made by Tom Snopek and seconded by Bruce Nelson.

Submitted and signed by Rosa Cannella.