

**Minutes of 2024 Annual Meeting
Winhall-Stratton Fire District #1
held Saturday, January 11, 2025**

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
James Reynolds, Member
Christine Collins, Member

Not Present:

Pat Moyna, SMC

In-Absentia Proxy:

Bruce Nelson, Member

Also Present were:

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

1. There being a quorum present, Thomas Snopek called the meeting to order at 4:03PM.
2. The first order of business was approval of the year 2023 annual meeting minutes. Upon a motion of Tom Snopek, seconded by James Reynolds, the minutes were approved as written.
3. The following election of officers took place: Tom Snopek was elected to another 3-year Chair term motioned by Ric Swenson and seconded by James Reynolds. Ric Swenson was elected for a 1-year term as Treasurer motioned by Tom Snopek and seconded by Christine Collins. Rosa Cannella was elected for a 1-year term as Clerk Secretary and as Tax Collector of the Fire District motioned by Tom Snopek and seconded by Ric Swenson.
4. Upon motion of Tom Snopek, seconded by Ric Swenson, the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 water and sewer demand rates and the water usage rates were increased by 1.5%.
5. Upon a motion of Tom Snopek, seconded by Ric Swenson the Committee approved the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 operating budget and capital projects 2025/2026 (copy attached).
6. The Chair stated that the just approved budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 reflects a 1.5% increase in fees and a 2% decrease in total income. It absorbs a 3% wage increase, and 17% and 1% increases in variable and fixed expenses, respectively. Contributions to the capital reserve fund will decrease to balance the budget.

Other Business:

Margaret Dwyer was commended for her good work and the work of her hardworking teammates.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:31PM.

Submitted and signed by Rosa Cannella.