

**Minutes of 2022 Annual Meeting
Winhall-Stratton Fire District #1
held Saturday, January 14, 2023**

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
James Reynolds, Member
Ric Swenson, Treasurer
Helmer Pearson, Member

Also Present were:

Diana Stugger, Advisor
Pat Moyna, SMC
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 2021 annual meeting minutes. Upon a motion of Ric Swenson, seconded by James Reynolds, the minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

The Chair took this time to acknowledge Amy Kirkpatrick for her service to the Committee.

3. Upon a motion of James Reynolds, seconded by Ric Swenson the Amendment of the By-Laws to Article V Section 5 were reviewed and approved as submitted (copy attached).
4. The following election of officers took place: James Reynolds was elected to another 3-year Member term which was motioned by Tom Snopek and seconded by Helmer Pearson. 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 which was motioned by Tom Snopek and seconded by Jim Reynolds. Rosa Cannella was elected for a 1-year term as Clerk Secretary which was motioned by Tom Snopek and seconded by Helmer Pearson. Rosa Cannella was elected for a 1-year term as Tax Collector of the Fire District which was motioned by Tom Snopek and seconded by Ric Swenson.
5. The Chair said, in summary, that the proposed budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 represents a 1.5% rate increase. This budget includes a 3% wage increase. Within this budget year there is a 2% decrease in total variable expenses and an overall 2% decrease in operating expenses. At the end of this budget year, there is an anticipated surplus of approximately \$212,000 earmarked to continued improvements to an aging infrastructure if we are able to hold to this budget. Upon motion of Ric Swenson, seconded by Helmer Pearson, the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 water and sewer demand rates and the water usage rates were increased by 1.5% and the capital reserve fund will be increased by \$50,000 as of June 30, 2024.
6. Upon a motion of James Reynolds, seconded by Ric Swenson the Committee approved the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 operating budget (copy attached).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:32PM. Upon motion made by Thomas Snopek and seconded by James Reynolds.

Submitted and signed by Rosa Cannella.