

Canaan Fire District #1
Annual Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2020

The Canaan Fire District #1 Annual Meeting was opened by Moderator Morgan Wade at 5:38PM. Those present: Jeremy Labrecque, Norman Labrecque, Noreen Labrecque (Prudential Committee Members), Odette Crawford, Al Buckley and Donald Labrecque (members of the voting public) and Diana Rancourt and Gregory Noyes (non-voting).

Moderator Wade read through the Warning then proceeded with the individual Articles.

1. To elect the following officers of the Canaan Fire District No. 1: Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, One Member of the Prudential Committee, so serve until the second Monday of January 2023.

Moderator Wade asked for nominations. The following nominations were made as a slate and voted on.

Jeremy Labrecque nominated Noreen Labrecque for the positions of Clerk, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes and Al Buckley for the Prudential Committee. The nominations were seconded by Odette Crawford. All nominees accepted the nominations. Nominations carried in the affirmative.

2. To see if the Canaan Fire District No. 1 will authorize the Prudential Committee to borrow monies for emergency capital expenses and increase the usage rates to cover said costs, if need be.

Moderator Wade opened for discussion.

No discussion took place. Odette Crawford called the question, seconded by Norman Labrecque.

Article 2 passed in the affirmative.

3. To see if the Canaan Fire District No. 1 will raise and appropriate the sum no less than \$6,000 annually for deposit into the Capital Reserve Fund, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2804(a).

Moderator opened for discussion.

Al Buckley asked why FD2 had \$4000 and FD1 has \$6000.

Jeremy answered, more users and higher expenses.

No further discussion. Motion was made by Odette and seconded by Jeremy to close discussion.

Article 3 passed in the affirmative.

4. To see if the Canaan Fire District No. 1 will vote to accept the proposed budget with revisions, if any, for the ensuing year.

Moderator Wade opened for discussion.

Odette Crawford had some concerns and questions. She questioned the utility cost increase over the past two years. Jeremy explained that the new filtration system uses a lot more power than the old well pump did. She asked if perhaps solar could be used to offset the costs.

Noreen explained that we are getting solar credits from VT Electric from the Solar Farm down in Lemington but the Town and Fire Districts are only seeing 10% of those savings and the company (Green Light Solar) receives 90% of the credits.

Odette inquired about the Water Meter Project in the amount of \$35,000 shown in the budget. Jeremy explained that they will be using Capital Reserve funds and this is to complete the meter replacement project that was started with the USDA Project. The actual costs for the meter replacements were higher than the funds approved by USDA and the board felt that it would be more beneficial for the District if all meters were done at the same time while the company installing is in the area. It is more costly to have a firm remobilize year after year rather than having to mobilize once. Odette felt that the Fire District users are maxed out with increasing costs and asked if the improvements are coming to end. The Committee answered that this is the final project planned.

Motion was made by Odette and seconded by Jeremy to close discussion.

Article 4 passed in the affirmative.

5. To transact any other business which legally may come before this meeting.

Moderator Wade asked for any business.

No other business was brought before this meeting.

Motion was made by Norman and seconded by Jeremy to adjourn the 2020 Canaan Fire District #1 Annual Meeting. Moderator Wade adjourned the meeting at 6:00PM.

Submitted by: Norman Sabueque Date: Jan. 14, 2020

Approved by: [Signature] Date: 1/14/2020