

**CANAAN FIRE DISTRICT #1
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
2024**

Moderator Morgan Wade Opened the Canaan Fire District #1 Annual Meeting at 5:30PM. Those present: Morgan Wade, (Moderator) Jeremy Labrecque, Jeffrey Richards (Prudential Committee) Noreen Labrecque (Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes), Zachary Brown. Also present but non-voters: Jody Riley, Tony Wheeler and Diana Rancourt.

Moderator Wade read through the Warning in its entirety.

The Legal voters of the Canaan Fire District #1 are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Canaan Community Office Building in said Town on Monday, January 9, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. for the annual meeting of the District to transact the following business:

1. To elect the following officers of the Canaan Fire District No. 1: Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, One Member of the Prudential Committee, to serve until the second Monday of January, 2027.

Motion was made by Jeff and seconded by Jeremy to open discussion on Article #1. Moderator asked for nominations. Jeff nominated Jeremy Labrecque for One Member of the Prudential Committee, to serve until the second Monday of January 2027. Noreen Labrecque seconded the nomination. Jeff Richard nominated Noreen Labrecque for Clerk for Canaan Fire District #1. Jeremy Labrecque seconded the nomination. Noreen nominated Zachary Brown for Treasurer and Collector of Taxes. This was seconded by Jeff Richards.

All nominations were approved and accepted by nominees.

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 cost, if need be.

Motion was made by Jeremy and seconded by Jeffrey to open discussion on this article.

Standard article – no discussion

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 \$5,000 annually for deposit into the Capital Reserve Fund, in accordance with 24 V.S.A §2804(a)

Motion was made by Jeffrey and seconded by Jeremy to open discussion on Article 3.

No 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.

Motion was made by Jeremy and seconded by Jeff to open discussion on Article 4. A question was raised regarding the Health Insurance Line Item. It was understood at a meeting between the FD#1, FD#2 and Selectboard on October 25, 2023 that all employees would be paying 7% of their health insurance premiums beginning January 2024. Since then, the Selectboard has changed that agreement which could impact that line item. The Canaan Fire District #1 Prudential Committee members present will be inquiring about this change.

On a motion by Jeff Richards and seconded by Jeremy Labrecque the Budget was approved as presented with the understanding that the Health Insurance line would not create a major impact on the total budget. If this would happen then the board would need to reconvene and have another vote.

Motion was passed in the affirmative.

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

No discussion.

Moderator Wade adjourned the Canaan Fire District #1 Annual Meeting at 5:48PM.

Submitted by: Noreen Labrecque Date: Jan. 11, 2024

Approved by: A. Morgen Wade Date: 19 JAN 2024