

## Colchester Fire District #1 2004 Annual Meeting Minutes

The duly warned annual meeting of Colchester Fire District, No. 1 was held on Monday, 26 January 2004 in Alliot Hall, on the campus of Saint Michael's College in Winooski Park. Four resident voters were present as was Jay Nadeau of Champlain Water District. The District Clerk, Brian Cummings, called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

1. On a motion by Brian Cummings, SSE, seconded by Scott Foster, Joseph McLaughlin, SSE was unanimously elected as Moderator.
2. The Clerk distributed the minutes of the 2003 annual meeting, after which Marcel Rainville moved, seconded by Joseph McLaughlin, their acceptance; accepted unanimously.
3. The Moderator called on the Treasurer, Brian Cummings, to report. Fr Cummings distributed copies of CFD's annual financial reports for 2003. He noted that the water rates increase of 11.7% approved last year had met the increased cost of water purchased from Champlain Water District (CWD) and that with the assistance of CWD a GPS mapping system had been made of water lines in CFD. He also noted that 'Twin Tower Tank' receivable reflected CFD's share of the construction of new water towers erected by CWD to provide adequate pressure for firefighting and that instead of passing this cost on to all CFD users, Saint Michael's College has agreed to assume CFD's share. In the course of discussion, it was noted that the State appears to have decided to delay rebuilding Rt 15 for ten years; the possible replacement of the District's water main, discussed last year, will likely take place then. After a review and discussion of the reports, Marcel Rainville moved, with the second of Scott Foster, to accept the Treasurer's reports for 2003; so accepted unanimously.
4. Marcel Rainville moved, with the second of Brian Cummings, to approve a District salary of \$10,000 for the Clerk/Treasurer during 2004; motion passed unanimously.
5. Marcel Rainville moved, with the second of Brian Cummings, that a stipend of \$120 per quarter be given to the Prudential Committee members during 2004; passed unanimously.
6. The Moderator opened the floor for nominations to fill a three-year term on the Prudential Committee, the term of Brian Cummings having expired. Marcel Rainville nominated Brian Cummings, seconded by Scott Foster. There being no other nominations, the Moderator entertained a motion to close nominations; the motion passed unanimously and Brian Cummings was elected to a new three-year term as a member of the Prudential Committee. [Scott Foster was elected to a three-year term in 2002; Marcel Rainville to a similar term in 2003.]
7. The Moderator opened the floor for nominations for the offices of District Clerk and Treasurer. Marcel Rainville nominated Brian Cummings for both offices. There being no other nominations, the Moderator entertained a motion to close nominations; the motion passed unanimously and Brian Cummings was re-elected to a one-year term as District Clerk and Treasurer.
8. Brian Cummings moved, seconded by Scott Foster, to set the District's 2004 tax rate once again at zero (\$0); the motion passed unanimously.
9. Brian Cummings moved, with the second of Marcel Rainville, to approve the District making a donation of \$1,000 to Saint Michael's College Fire and Rescue for annual operations. The motion passed unanimously.
10. Brian Cummings moved, with the second of Scott Foster, to approve the District making a donation of \$2,000 to Saint Michael's College Fire and Rescue for the construction of a new firehouse. The motion passed unanimously. [Such donations began in 2002.]
11. Brian Cummings moved, seconded by Scott Foster, to set the date for the 2005 annual meeting of the District for 24 January 2005, the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month; passed unanimously.
12. Under other business, Jay Nadeau of CWD's Retail Dept. asked CFD to consider adopting an ordinance on cross-connection controls similar to one of two prototypes he provided, along with a summary sheet comparing the two. The purpose of such an ordinance is to prevent the back-flow of contaminants from users into the water system. He explained how CWD had developed the ordinances that were adopted by Colchester and South Burlington last year, how they were implemented and the estimated cost of implementation within the District. Following discussion, the proposal was referred to the Prudential Committee.
13. On a motion by Marcel Rainville, seconded by Scott Foster, the annual meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph McLaughlin, SSE