

Colchester Fire District #1 2002 Annual Meeting Minutes

The duly warned annual meeting of Colchester Fire District, No. 1 was held on Monday, 21 January 2002 in Alliot Hall, on the campus of Saint Michael's College in Winooski Park. Two resident voters were present as were Peter DeGraff of Otter Creek Engineering and Jay Nadeau of Champlain Water District. The District Clerk, Brian Cummings, called the meeting to order at 7:16 pm.

1. On a motion by Marcel Rainville, SSE, seconded by Brian Cummings, SSE, Brian Cummings, SSE was unanimously elected as Moderator.
2. The Clerk distributed the minutes of the 2001 annual meeting, after which Marcel Rainville, SSE, seconded by Brian Cummings, SSE, moved 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 2001. He noted that income exceeded expenses, thus adding to net assets, while water rates remained level. He also noted that the District continued to retain the services of Otter Creek Engineering for advice and had renewed membership in VLCT and its insurance plan. After a review of the reports and discussion of them, Marcel Rainville, with the second of Brian Cummings, moved to accept the Treasurer's reports for 2001; so accepted by unanimous vote.
4. Marcel Rainville moved, with the second of Brian Cummings, to approve a District salary of \$10,000 for the Clerk/Treasurer during 2002; 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; passed unanimously.
6. The Moderator opened the floor for nominations to fill a three-year term on the Prudential Committee, the term of Scott Foster having expired. Marcel Rainville nominated Scott Foster, seconded by Brian Cummings. There being no other nominations, the Moderator entertained a motion to close nominations; the motion passed unanimously and Scott Foster was elected to a new three-year term as a member of the Prudential Committee. [Marcel Rainville to a three-year term in 2000 and Brian Cummings to a three year term in 2001.]
7. The Moderator opened the floor for nominations for the offices of District Clerk and Treasurer. Marcel Rainville nominated Brian Cummings for both offices; seconded by Brian Cummings. 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. Marcel Rainville moved, seconded by Brian Cummings, to set the District's 2001 tax rate once again at zero (\$0); the motion passed unanimously.
9. Marcel Rainville moved, with the second of Brain Cummings, 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. Marcel Rainville moved, with the second of Brian Cummings, 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.
11. Marcel Rainville moved, seconded by Brian Cummings, to increase residential and commercial water rates by 12.25 % as of July 1, 2002 to cover the wholesale rate increase by Champlain Water District. The motion passed unanimously.
12. Marcel Rainville moved, seconded by Brian Cummings, to set the date for the 2003 annual meeting of the District for 20 January 2003, the 3rd Monday of the month; passed unanimously.
13. Other business included discussion of the following with Peter DeGraff and Jay Nadeau. a) St. Michael's College should apply for a new connection for each new building even if the College is tapping into the water system on campus lines which the College maintains. b) Jay Nadeau suggested that the District officially adopt the Champlain Water District manual on Specifications. The Prudential Committee will consider this suggestion at a later meeting. c) Peter DeGraff suggested that the District should request design plans for the Fletcher Allen expansion at the Fanny Allen campus. All were in agreement with this recommendation.
14. On a motion by Marcel Rainville, seconded by Brian Cummings, the annual meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Cummings, SSE