

**East Berkshire Fire District 1
4454 Water Tower Road
Enosburg Falls, VT 05450**

Prudential Committee Special Meeting
Tuesday, February 15, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.
Berkshire Town Clerk's Office

Unapproved Minutes

- a. Vermont Oath of Allegiance given to Hildy Jamka and Bre Thompson by Emily Fecteau, Berkshire Town Clerk
- b. Chairperson – Fredda Ploof nominated by Hildy Jamka and seconded by Bre Thompson. All voted in favor. Fredda Ploof accepted the nomination.
- c. Vice-Chair – Hildy Jamka nominated by Bre Thompson and seconded by Fredda Ploof. All voted in favor. Hildy Jamka accepted the nomination.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM.

Guests: Paul Sestito from VRWA, Merle Van Gieson, and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hoerner

1. Motion made by Bre Thompson and seconded by Hildy Jamka to approve minutes of December 14, 2021.
Motion made by Bre Thompson and seconded by Hildy Jamka to approve minutes of December 20, 2021.
Motion made by Fredda Ploof and seconded by Bre Thompson to approve minutes of February 8, 2021.
2. Motion made by Bre Thompson and seconded by Hildy Jamka to approve Treasurer's Report.
3. Recognition of Guests:
 - Mr. Merle Van Gieson – recommendation for a different rate increase on water rates: See attachment.
Suggestion – lower Vermont Bond Bank Payment
 - Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Hoerner – discussion on situation of excessive water usage and connections of water system on their property – possibility of capping spigot at end of the barn - request for some information on how to resolve this issue and see if there is any possible assistance for this issue.
4. Review water rates and Bond Payments: addressed in item #3.
5. Tata & Howard – follow-up on O&M Manual – no representation
6. Simon Operation Services – briefed by Bre Thompson
7. Vermont Rural Water Association (VRWA) – Paul Sestito – follow-up on ARPA funding
8. Budget – already approved for this year
9. Exploration for alternate water source:
 - Simon Operation Services and Nick Manosh are starting to look for other water source this month
 - Exploration will be completed by the end of February
10. Follow-up on damages & water pressure for Jamka & Thompson residents – no results
11. Appoint Administrator – not decided
12. Review Water System Ordinances – need to set up a Special Meetings – not decided
13. Tax Collector – undecided
14. Other Business:
 - Audit – still completing – will have assistance
15. New Business:
16. Accounts Payable:
 - Approved invoices: Vermont Electric Co. \$87.85
 - Simon Operation Services, Inc. \$1930.00
 - Walmart & Staples (ink cartridges) \$133.78
 - Town of Enosburgh (property tax) \$1405.64
17. Accounts Receivable – follow-up on past due invoices by Bre Thompson

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Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bre Thompson and seconded by Fredda Ploof

NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Roy
Clerk

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Discussion:

Water Rates – work with Ashley Lucht

Set up meeting with Eric (need a last name) & John Keernan

Question on validity of a 5 member committee changing to a 3 member committee (Ordinances)

Merle Van Gieson:

Suggestion on Bond Payments – Water Service Charge – Reserve for Replacement
Payment Schedule (see enclosed)