

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

**Prudential Committee Special Meeting
Tuesday, May 10, 2022
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Berkshire Town Clerk's Office
Unapproved Minutes**

Prudential Committee Members present: Chair: Fredda Ploof,
Vice – chair: Hildy Jamka
Clerk and Treasurer: Rachel Roy

1. Heather Collins, Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division
Discussion on compliances and yield established for springs, operating permit needs to be amended
Ben DeJong, Vermont State Geologist
Discussion on survey maps of possible alternate water sources
John Kiernan, RCAP Solutions, Inc.
Discussion on using Hardship Grant & ARPA funding for alternate source of water
2. Correction on Minutes:
Item 6 on April 12, 2022 minutes, results – Jamka property ~~cause of pressure going down was due to a vacuum created in their water line.~~
Motion made by Fredda Ploof and seconded by Hildy Jamka to replace strikeout phrase with “monitor froze”.
All voted in favor.
Motion made by Hildy Jamka and seconded by Fredda Ploof to approve amended minutes for April 12, 2022.
All voted in favor.
3. Motion made by Hildy Jamka and seconded by Fredda Ploof to approve Treasurer’s Report for May 10, 2022.
All voted in favor.
4. Recognition of visitors:
Heather Collins - VT DECDWSPD; **Ben DeJong** – Vermont State Geologist, Vermont Geological Survey, VT DEC; **Diana Butler** - VRWA; **John Kiernan** – RCAP Solutions, Inc.; **Lance Perlee** and **Ross Dunham** from Simon Operation Services, Inc.; **Shawnee Fairbrother**; **Doreen Johnson**; **Bonnie Stowe**; and **Samantha Elwood**
5. Motion made by Hildy Jamka and seconded by Fredda Ploof to accept Rachel Roy’s resignation as Treasurer of EBF 1. All voted in favor.
Motion made by Hildy Jamka and seconded by Fredda Ploof to appoint Samantha Elwood as Treasurer. All voted in favor. Samantha Elwood accepted the office of Treasurer for EBF 1.
6. Tata & Howard – O & M Manual still under review
7. Simon Operation Services, Inc. - Discussion on filter and house with unusually high water usage – no action taken
8. Vermont Rural Water Services – with their assistance, EBF 1 did receive ARPA funding in the amount of \$45,000 to be used for infrastructure improvements
9. Exploration for water source – already covered by Ben Dejong in #1 – no action taken
10. Follow – up: Jamka & Thompson properties - unresolved
11. Vermont Bond Bank: reference to John Kiernan, RCAP Solutions, Inc. in #1 – no action taken
12. Shawnee Fairbrother – discussion on water usage and concern on high expense – no action taken
13. Separate meters for apartments and costs associated – discussion – no action taken
14. Pigeon Hill leak (barn) taken care of
15. Ordinances: will address on May 17, 2022 at 6:30 pm – discussion and recommendations only
16. Audit – have permission to use USDA funding

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17. Other business:

A motion was made by Fredda Ploof and seconded by Hildy Jamka to go from a 3-member to a 5-member committee. All voted in favor.

A motion was made by Fredda Ploof and seconded by Hildy Jamka to appoint Bonnie Stowe to a position on the Prudential Committee. All voted in favor. Bonnie Stowe accepted the position.

A motion was made by Fredda Ploof and seconded by Hildy Jamka to appoint Rachel Roy to a position on the Prudential Committee. All voted in favor. Rachel Roy accepted the position.

18. Accounts Payable:

Badger Meter, Simon Operation Services, Inc., Vermont Electric Co-op, Inc., Verizon,
Brook Field Service (annual service on generator)

19. Accounts Receivable:

First quarter (January to March) > 90 days past due =\$3,493.80

Second quarter (meter rates: April to June) > 30 days past due = \$17,322.00

20. A motion was made by Fredda Ploof and seconded by Bonnie Stowe to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Roy, Clerk

NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON
TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2022
AT THE BERKSHIRE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
TIME: 6:30 P.M.

East Berkshire Fire District 1
Discussions on May 10, 2022

Discussions:

Heather Collins, Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division:

Discussion on compliances and yield established for springs
can do permit for gravel wells,
have an outstanding compliance, notice of violation,
have a yield established for springs, need to amend operating permit,
USDA left over funding \$117,000 can be used to replace service lines,
hardship grant also can be used for source exploration – needs to be revised to request
for water source exploration, contact person Amy Guiford

Ben DeJong, Vermont State Geologist

presented survey maps for the explorations of possible alternate water sources.
A display of geological maps was brought forward and presented some areas that might be possible.
Discussed problems – blockages while drilling.
Suggested that a starting point could be where there is a well established already.

John Kiernan, RCAP Solutions, Inc.

follow-up on service connections
alternate source will require extra costs, could use Hardship Grant & ARPA funding
use of hydrogeologist to do testing, etc.
Vermont Bond Bank wants a 5-year projection
Payments to Vermont Bond Bank can be started based on accounts receivable

Simon Operation Services, Inc. - Discussion

Filter worked
One of nonresidential houses (2 apartment) - water usage is unusually high
Recommendation – use water leak detection service – need to fill out application

Follow – up: Jamka & Thompson properties

Jamka: back yard, swampy
Thompson: water running constantly
fixed drainage: did not solve problem

Shawnee Fairbrother

Requesting solution on how to make the water bill cheaper
requesting a 2nd meter for other part of house
Suggestion from SOS, Inc. - monitor daily water usage for 90 day
driveway in front of house – destroyed drain to basement – water empties into VT Rte 105
need resolution – might be state's problem due to frontage on property

Separate meters for apartments and costs associated

better for one meter on one curb stop