

**DORSET FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
PO BOX 341
DORSET, VT 05251**

Warning

**2016 Annual Meeting of Dorset Fire District #1
Dorset Firehouse on Route 30 – Monday, May 9, 2016– 7:30 PM**

The legal voters of Dorset Fire District #1 are hereby warned and notified to attend this meeting to transact the following business:

- ARTICLE I - to read the minutes of the 2015 annual meeting, May 11, 2015, and act upon the same.
- ARTICLE II - to hear reports of Officers of the Fire Department and the Prudential Committee.
- ARTICLE III - to elect members of the Prudential Committee, one to a three year term, and two to one year terms.
- ARTICLE IV - to elect a clerk-treasurer, a collector of delinquent taxes and a moderator.
- ARTICLE V - to act upon the proposed budget for the Fire Department for the fiscal year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, and authorize the board of the Fire District to set the tax rate following the publication of the Grand List.
- ARTICLE VI - to act upon the proposed budget for the Water Department for the fiscal year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, and authorize the board to set the rates for the water.
- ARTICLE VII - to authorize the Fire District to borrow money, if necessary to meet expenses in anticipation of tax revenue and or water revenue.
- ARTICLE VIII - Shall the Prudential Committee of the Dorset Fire District No. 1 explore entering into inter-local contracts or other similar contract with the Town of Dorset to provide fire services, emergency aid, and search and rescue services as a means of raising funds for the Fire District in lieu of levying a tax on the Fire District?
- ARTICLE IX - Shall the Prudential Committee of the Dorset Fire District No. 1 explore turning over the management and/or the entire water system of the fire district to the Town of Dorset?
- ARTICLE X - to transact any other business to properly come before the meeting.

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

[New or changed language italicized. Deleted language overstruck.]

ARTICLE XI - Shall Section 2 of the Bylaws of Dorset Fire District No. 1 be amended to read:

2. The Fire District shall have all of the powers, so far as the as the same may be applicable, now given by ~~Sections 2601-2607 and 2671-2675 Chapter 171~~ of Title 20, ~~§3304~~ *Vermont Statutes Annotated and Chapters 89 and 129 of Title 24* of Vermont Statutes Annotated. These include but are not limited to: asset management of the Fire Department and water Company; providing efficient fire protection; insuring a pure and adequate water supply; *entering into inter-local contracts or other similar private contracts to provide fire services, emergency aid, and search and rescue services to others*; and levying a tax and assessing annual water use fees, subject to a vote at annual or special meetings of the Fire District. It shall be governed by a Prudential Committee.

ARTICLE XII - Shall Section 21 of the Bylaws of Dorset Fire District No. 1 be amended to read:

21. Meetings: The Prudential Committee shall meet monthly on the second Monday except in May when it will be the first Monday to allow for the annual meeting. The time of the meetings will be 7:30 pm and are open to the public, except such portions of said meetings as may be deemed "executive session" under Vermont law. *Special or emergency meetings of the Prudential Committee may be called in accordance with the requirements of other municipal boards as set forth in 1 VSA §312(c) and (d).*

Article XIII Shall Section 22 of the Bylaws of Dorset Fire District No. 1 be amended to read:

22. Special Meetings: *Special Meetings of the Fire District may be called upon application in writing of five percent of the voters of the district and shall be warned by the clerk, or, in the clerk's absence or neglect, by one of the prudential committee. A warning for a special fire district meeting shall state the business to be transacted. The time and place of holding the meeting shall be posted in two or more public places in the district not more than 40 days nor less than 30 days before the meeting and recorded in the office of the clerk before the same is posted.. and duly warned by the Chairperson, or upon 10 or more of the legal voters of the Fire District, upon written notice stating the objects(s) for the meeting and given 15 days in advance of said meeting. Eligible voters present at this meeting shall constitute a quorum*

[Clarifies this type of special meeting is one of Fire District and makes changes to conform to changes made to the state statute.]

Jack Stannard
Chairman