



FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1  
144 NEWTON STREET  
SOUTH HADLEY, MA 01075

**ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

South Hadley Senior Center, 45 Dayton Street, South Hadley, MA  
Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.,

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants of Fire District No. 1, South Hadley, Massachusetts, met at the hour and place designated.

The Annual Meeting was broadcast live on SHCTV 15.

It is noted here that all articles were moved and seconded, although such is not recorded individually here within these minutes.

Moderator John Hine called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. There were 28 people present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by Prudential Committee Chair, Kurt Schenker. A moment of silence was observed in honor of District employees who had passed away.

Moderator Hine recognized Jeffrey Cyr. Jeffrey made a statement acknowledging and thanking Bill Schenker for his 46 years of dedicated service as a Water Commissioner for Fire District No. 1, and recognizing just a few of Bill's many accomplishments during his tenure: construction of the office building in 1984; the Industrial Drive water tank in 1993; the rehabilitation of the Ludlow treatment facility at 444 Fuller Street in Ludlow in 2006; over 15 miles of water main replacement inclusive of the replacement of the Newton Street water main in 2018; and creation of the Critical Water Main Stabilization Account.

Moderator Hine recognized Pauline McClaflin. Pauline acknowledged and thanked Bill Schenker for his dedicated service.

The following business occurred:

**Consent Calendar (Articles 1- 5):** The District voted to approve the Consent Calendar including Articles 1 through 5, as a single consent article.

**Motion passed with unanimous affirmative vote.**

**ARTICLE 1:** The District voted to accept the report of the officers of the District as printed in the Annual Report dated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

**ARTICLE 2:** The District voted to authorize the District Treasurer, with the approval of the majority of the Prudential Committee, to make legal and prudent investments of the District's funds all pursuant of the terms, conditions and restrictions of all relevant sections of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 167.

**ARTICLE 3:** The District voted to authorize the District Treasurer, with the approval of the Prudential Committee, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue for the financial year beginning July 1, 2026, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4 and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

**ARTICLE 4:** The District voted to allow the Prudential Committee to sell surplus equipment or material.

**ARTICLE 5:** The District voted to authorize the Prudential Committee to apply for, accept and expend any State or Federal Grant.

**ARTICLE 6:** The District voted to fix the salary and compensation of the following elective officers of the Fire District No. 1 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026 as provided by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 108, as follows:

Moderator	\$ 288.55	per year
Prudential Committee Chair	\$ 1,674.74	per year
Prudential Committee Clerk	\$ 1,940.40	per year
Prudential Committee Member	\$ 1,674.74	per year
Board of Water Commissioners Chair	\$ 1,500.00	per year
Board of Water Commissioners Clerk	\$ 1,500.00	per year
Board of Water Commissioners Member	\$ 1,500.00	per year
District Clerk/Treasurer	\$82,138.29	per year (includes \$400 Longevity)

**Motion passed with unanimous affirmative vote.**

**ARTICLE 7:** The District voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,906,263.00, transfer the sum of \$1,143,861.00 from the Ambulance Reserve Fund, for a total of \$3,050,124.00, to fund the Personnel Services Expense account.

**Motion passed with unanimous affirmative vote.**

**ARTICLE 8:** The District voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$221,600.00, and transfer the sum of \$185,000.00 from the Ambulance Reserve Fund, for a total of \$406,600.00, to fund the Fire Department Operating Expense account.

**Motion passed with unanimous affirmative vote.**

**ARTICLE 9:** The District voted to transfer from the sum of \$270,000.00 from the Ambulance Reserve Fund, to fund the Ambulance Operating Expense account.

**Motion passed with unanimous affirmative vote.**

**ARTICLE 10:** The District voted to transfer the sum of \$114,750.00 from Free Cash, to fund the Administration Operating Expense account.

**Motion passed with unanimous affirmative vote.**

**ARTICLE 11:** The District voted to transfer the sum of \$225,500.00 from Free Cash, and transfer the sum of \$20,000.00 from the Ambulance Reserve Fund, for a total of \$245,500.00 to fund the Fire Capital Expense account.

**Motion passed with unanimous affirmative vote.**

**ARTICLE 12:** The District voted to transfer from the Ambulance Reserve Fund the sum of \$1,500 to fund the Ambulance Capital Expense account.

**Motion passed with unanimous affirmative vote.**

**ARTICLE 13:** The District voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00, and transfer the sum of \$20,000.00 from the Mt. Holyoke College Gift Account, for a total of \$120,000.00 for the Debt Principal account, to fund the annual principal payment for the Fire Department ladder truck.

**Motion passed with unanimous affirmative vote.**

**ARTICLE 14:** The District voted to transfer the sum of \$7,050.00 from Free Cash, for the Debt Interest account to fund the annual interest payment for the Fire Department ladder truck.

**Motion passed with unanimous affirmative vote.**

**ARTICLE 15:** The District voted to transfer the sum of \$60,000.00 from Free Cash, to fund the Fire Vehicle Stabilization account.

**Motion passed with unanimous affirmative vote.**

**ARTICLE 16:** The District voted to transfer the sum of \$100,000.00 from the Ambulance Reserve Fund, to fund the Ambulance Stabilization Fund account.

**Motion passed with unanimous affirmative vote.**

**ARTICLE 17:** The District voted to transfer the sum of \$50,000 from the Ambulance Reserve Fund, and to transfer the sum of \$100,000.00 from Free Cash, for a total of \$150,000.00 to fund the Fire Department Other Post-Employee Benefits (OPEB) Fund account.

**Motion passed with unanimous affirmative vote.**

**ARTICLE 18:** The District voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$675,000 to be paid by the District Treasurer to the Treasurer Custodian of the Hampshire County Retirement System.

**Motion passed with unanimous affirmative vote.**

**ARTICLE 19:** The District voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$975,000.00, and transfer the sum of \$30,000.00 from Free Cash, for a total of \$1,005,000.00 to fund the Medical, Dental and Life Insurance benefits account for certain qualified persons in the service of the District for health, dental and life insurance benefits at seventy-five (75%) percent of the premium.

**Motion passed with unanimous affirmative vote.**

**ARTICLE 20:** The District voted to appropriate the sum of \$2,303,177.00 to defray the operating cost of the Water Department, from its water receipts for the following:

\$645,627.00 for Wages and Salaries (inclusive of 3% raise)  
\$1,303,000.00 for Maintenance and Operations  
\$18,500.00 for the Office of the Clerk/Treasurer (inclusive of 3% raise)  
\$10,000.00 for the Reserve Fund  
\$3,000.00 for the Travel expense  
\$6,250.00 for the Audit expense  
\$5,000.00 for the Compensation account  
\$203,800.00 for the Amortization of Debt for Newton Street  
\$5,000.00 for Water Tank Upkeep and Repair  
\$3,000.00 for Watermain Leak Detection  
\$50,000.00 for OPEB Trust Fund  
\$50,000.00 for the Critical Infrastructure Account

**Motion passed with unanimous affirmative vote.**

**ARTICLE 21:** The district voted to appropriate the sum of \$292,000.00 for the Health, Dental and Life Insurance Account and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$292,000.00 from the Water Available Surplus.

**Motion passed with unanimous affirmative vote.**

**ARTICLE 22:** The District voted to appropriate the sum of \$170,000.00 for the Retirement account, and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$170,000.00 from the Water Available Surplus.

**Motion passed with unanimous affirmative vote.**

**ARTICLE 23:** The District voted to appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the Computer Equipment and Software Account and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$3,000.00 from the Water Available Surplus.

**Motion passed with unanimous affirmative vote.**

**ARTICLE 24:** The District voted to appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for the Meter Replacement Account, and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$15,000.00 from the Water Available Surplus.

**Motion passed with unanimous affirmative vote.**

**ARTICLE 25:** The District voted to appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 for the Replacement and Installation of New Water Mains Account, and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$100,000.00 from the Water Available Surplus.

**Motion passed with unanimous affirmative vote.**

**ARTICLE 26:** The District voted to appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the Maps Water System Account, and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$3,000.00 from the Water Available Surplus.

**Motion passed with unanimous affirmative vote.**

**ARTICLE 27:** The District voted to appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the Computer Meter Reading and Equipment Account, and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$2,000.00 from the Water Available Surplus.

**Motion passed with unanimous affirmative vote.**

**ARTICLE 28:** The District voted to appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 for the Utility Truck Account and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$30,000.00 from the Water Available Surplus.

**Motion passed with unanimous affirmative vote.**

**ARTICLE 29:** The District voted to appropriate the sum of \$8,000.00 for the SCADA System Equipment and Maintenance Account and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$8,000.00 from the Water Available Surplus.

**Motion passed with unanimous affirmative vote.**

**ARTICLE 30:** The District voted to appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 for the Leaping Wells Watershed Account and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$4,000.00 from the Water Available Surplus.

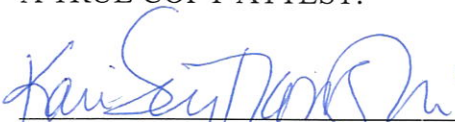
**Motion passed with unanimous affirmative vote.**

**ARTICLE 31:** The District voted to appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 for the Water Tank Painting Account, and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$40,000.00 from the Water Tank Stabilization Fund.

**Motion passed with unanimous affirmative vote.**

Moderator John Hine adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

  
Kari Scytkowski, District Clerk