

## **BY-LAWS**

### **WINHALL-STRATTON DISTRICT NO. 1**

#### **ARTICLE I**

##### **Name**

Section 1. The name of the Fire District shall be Winhall-Stratton Fire District No. 1.

#### **ARTICLE II**

##### **Limits of District**

Section 1. The limits of the Fire District shall be as defined by the Selectmen of the Towns of Winhall and Stratton, respectively.

Section 2. The limits of the Fire District may be altered from time to time in the manner provided by law; subject, however, to the requirement that any such alteration shall require the concurrent approval of the Boards of Selectmen of the Town of Winhall and the Town of Stratton, regardless of whether or not such alteration occurs only within one Town.

#### **ARTICLE III**

##### **Legal Status of Fire District**

Section 1. The inhabitants of the Fire District shall be a body corporate.

Section 2. Persons residing within the limits of the Winhall-Stratton Fire District No. 1 who are voters in town meetings shall also be voters in Fire District meetings.

## ARTICLE IV

### Water and Sewer Facilities

Section 1. The Fire District shall have the powers to acquire, construct, operate and maintain sewage systems and water systems, and all other powers necessarily incidental thereto or granted by law for the lawful and efficient discharge of such powers. The District shall also have the power to enter into contracts, agreements and other arrangements providing for the acquisition, construction, operation and maintenance of such facilities by third parties for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Fire District.

Section 2. The District may levy taxes on the taxable real estate therein as provided by law to accomplish its purposes.

## ARTICLE V

### Officers and Annual Meetings

Section 1. The District shall have a Clerk, a Treasurer, a Collector of Taxes and a Prudential Committee consisting of a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5) persons, all of whom shall be elected according to statute.

Section 2. The District shall not have a chief engineer until such time as the District hereafter votes at an annual or special meeting to have a chief engineer.

Section 3. The annual and any special meetings of the District shall be warned and held in accordance with statute.

Section 4. For the purpose of transacting business, the voters present at the annual or any special meetings of the District shall constitute a quorum and any action adopted by a majority of the voters at a meeting shall be the action of the District.

Section 5. Unless specifically authorized by action of the General Assembly, all officers of the District, except the Tax Collector, must be resident voters of the District. In the event that there are no residents of the Winhall-Stratton Fire District No. 1 available to fill a vacancy on the Committee, a non-resident of the District who is a registered voter of either the Town of Winhall or the Town of Stratton may be elected according to statute. Candidates eligible for election, if residents of the District, must be in good standing concerning their District utility bills. For the purpose of this eligibility, good standing is defined as not being 90 days or more in arrears in payment of their District utility bill. Any existing Committee member who becomes 90 days or more in arrears in payment of their District utility bill is ineligible to serve on the Committee and is required to offer an immediate resignation therefrom.

Section 6. All officers of the District shall be bonded for the proper performance of their duties.

Section 7. The Chairman of the Prudential Committee shall preside at annual and special meetings of the District. In his absence, another member of the Prudential Committee shall preside.

Section 8. The annual Fire District meeting shall be held on the second Saturday of January or at such other time as the District at any regular or special meetings may determine, and shall be warned by the Clerk, or in his absence or neglect, by a member of the Prudential Committee. Special meetings shall be warned in the same manner on application in writing by three or more voters of the District.

Section 9. The Prudential Committee shall fill any vacancy of office in the District until the same shall be filled at a duly warned meeting.

Section 10. The Prudential Committee shall hire at least annually an independent public accountant to audit the books of the Fire District. The report of the accountant shall be available to the public at least three weeks prior to the annual meeting.

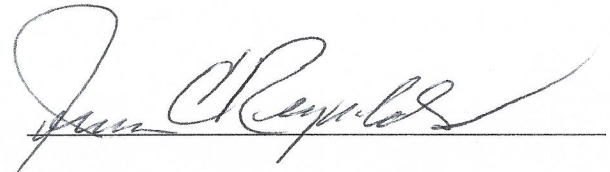
Section 11. Action without a Meeting. Any action which may be authorized or taken at a meeting of the Prudential Committee may be authorized or taken without a meeting by the written consent (which shall include consent by facsimile transmission or e-mail) of the majority of those members, who would be entitled to notice of a meeting for such purpose, which written consent shall be filed with and entered upon the records of the District.

#### ARTICLE VI

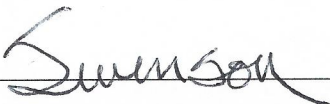
Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended by a majority of those voting at a duly constituted annual or special meeting of the District, provided that the text of the proposed amendment to be voted upon is set forth in full in the warning for such meeting.



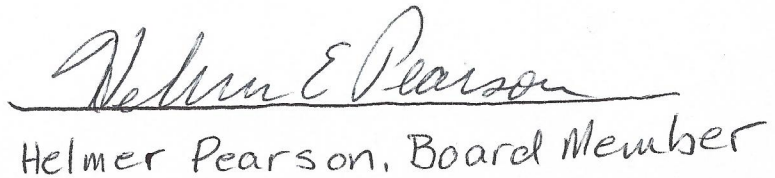
Thomas J. Snopek, Chairman



James Reynolds, Board Member



Ric Swenson, Treasurer



Helmer Pearson, Board Member