

# CENTERVILLE-OSTERVILLE-MARSTONS MILLS FIRE DISTRICT

## MINUTES OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2022

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**PRESENT:** Carlton B. Crocker, John Lacoste, David Lawler, Prudential Committee; Krystal Abrams, Clerk/Treasurer; Alexandra Jackson, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer, Craig Crocker; Water Superintendent.

**Also Present:** Byron Eldridge, Deputy; Ryan Scott, Paramedic.

The meeting convened at 6:02pm

**Public Comment:** None.

**Deputy Byron Eldridge:** Deputy Eldridge discussed the fire department updates. The deputy also gave an update on the new strain of COVID and how it has effected the department with a slight up rise in COVID related absences. The Deputy stated the department is trying to keep the overtime budget down as much as they can as we will be asking to rescind previous Articles at this year's Annual District Meeting, to cover the departments over time due to a number of reasons discussed in previous prudential meetings.

**Craig Crocker:** Craig gave department updates. There was a discussion regarding gas and diesel bids and the consumption used at COMM. Craig discussed current projects, such as Vineyard Wind and water main work being performed. Previously we were told by the town that all projects on the road would be suspended after Memorial Day, however the town has approved work to still continue through June. There was a discussion regarding the water rate study to be performed. There has not been a contract signed for this yet, Craig will keep us updated on this.

**Krystal Abrams:** Krystal distributed an Appropriation and Expenditure report as of April 30, 2022. Krystal stated the fire budget is on track and according to the calculations and with rescinding the previous Articles at Annual District Meeting this year, should keep the fire department in the positive to end Fiscal Year 2022. There was a brief discussion on where and how COMM will hold this year's Annual Election and Annual District Meeting. The decision was made to hold the voting in the lobby at Station 1 and the Annual Meeting in the tent. Krystal also stated Bill Fraher, CPA and Doug Murphy, COMM's District Attorney, have revised all Articles and the spreadsheet for the tax rate for this year's Annual District Meeting. Everyone is in agreement with what was provided.

**John Lacoste made a motion to approve the minutes of April 14, 2022 meeting as printed. David Lawler seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.**

**Next meeting: June 15, 2022 at 6:00pm. This Prudential Meeting will be held in person in the meeting hall at C.O.M.M. headquarters.**

**Public Comment:** None

**Carlton Crocker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m. John A. Lacoste seconded the motion. It was a unanimous vote.**

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**Alexandra Jackson, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer**