

CENTERVILLE-OSTERVILLE-MARSTONS MILLS FIRE DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2016

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PRESENT: Carlton B. Crocker, John A. Lacoste, and David V. Lawler, Prudential Committee; Michael Winn, Fire Chief; Craig A. Crocker, Water Superintendent; Judith Sprague, Clerk/Treasurer; Melissa Abrams, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer.

Also Present: Byron Eldridge, Deputy Fire Chief; Scott Frank, Fire Commissioner,

The meeting convened at 6:08 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Library Article / House Bill 3535 was discussed. The Prudential Committee decided that it would be in the best interest of the District if Attorney Douglas Murphy was contacted as soon as possible. Carlton B. Crocker will contact Douglas Murphy first thing in the morning.

David V. Lawler made a motion to authorize the District's Attorney, Douglas Murphy, to draft a letter and make other contact with the necessary individuals to explain the position of the Prudential Committee with respect to this pending bill before the general court. Specifically the allocation of up to half of one percent of the funds of the District for library purposes. Specifically House Docket #3270, House #3535 filed on January 16, 2015. John A. Lacoste seconded the motion. It was a unanimous vote.

Craig A. Crocker: The FY2017 Water Budget and Articles were passed out and discussed.

Chief Winn: The FY2017 Fire Budget and Articles were passed out and discussed. A proposed landscaping plan for the front of Station One which will include a September 11 memorial was viewed. Everyone was invited to a Pin Ceremony on Saturday, February 27, at 9:00am for Patrick Cox, James Gardner and Richard Sahl who delivered a baby.

Judy Sprague: The FY2017 Prudential Budget was passed out and discussed. The health insurance rates will be increasing 10% for FY2017 and the District will be adding a Harvard Pilgrim PPO plan if the insurance committee approves it. The deadline for the reports to be into the Prudential Office is April 11th. In regards to the Cook & Co/Gowrie overpayment, Attorney Doug Murphy has informed the District that we have to pay it. Water Department has "not" finalized their contract. It was brought up to the Prudential Committee that salaries and benefits need to be determined for the FY2017 budget. Judy brought up to the Chief and the Water Superintendent that there has been an increasing number of District purchases with personal credit cards. Since

we are paying sales tax when we shouldn't be, all avenues should be used to have purchases done through the District.

Minutes: John A. Lacoste made a motion to accept the minutes of January 20, 2016 as printed. David V. Lawler seconded the motion. It was a unanimous vote.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Carlton B. Crocker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. John A. Lacoste seconded the motion. It was a unanimous vote.

Melissa Abrams, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer