

CENTERVILLE-OSTERVILLE-MARSTONS MILLS FIRE DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2017

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The meeting convened at 6:00 p.m.

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

Also Present: Byron Eldridge, Deputy Chief; Attorney, Douglas Murphy

Public Comment: None

Tax Classification: David Lawler made a motion that read as follows:

I would like to make a motion that we support a residential factor of 1 and that we do not adopt any residential exemptions or any commercial exemptions for the upcoming fiscal period.

John Lacoste seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Winn: Chief Winn stated that in an executive session last week, the Fire Commissioners settled Kathleen's contract which was mutually agreed upon, but will need the Prudential member's signatures. The Chief also reported that they are getting through some high speed personnel issues that he hopes to have some reports on by the next month or two. They are also working on their FY 2019 Budget preparations. Chief Winn stated that he has had several conversations amongst the Barnstable Fire Chiefs about areas where we can share services or collaborate on services. He mentioned that they had a meeting with EMT's Inc today, and with the permission of the Prudential Committee he wanted to ask attorney Doug Murphy to look over some information on the paramedic training company. They are affiliated with Dean College in Franklin, Massachusetts. They were previously affiliated with Cape Cod Community College for delivery of a paramedic program on the Cape, but with a change of direction they are looking for a spot to host their paramedic program and asked if we would consider it and develop a business arrangement where they would pay rent for the use of our conference room. Lastly, the Chief mentioned with the paramedic training there is a continuation of a discussion held with Chairman Crocker; he had already offered attorney Murphy's assistance with reevaluating our paramedic student ride along program, making the agreement stronger for the District.

Judy Sprague: Judy distributed and discussed the Cotuit dispatching services invoice; it was agreed to keep the price the same as the previous year. The Chief stated that he should have dialogue with the Cotuit Chief just to make sure he agrees as well.

David V. Lawler made a motion that pending approval by the Chief and his conversations with the Chief of Cotuit that we accept to bill Cotuit the same as we did last year. John A. Lacoste seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Judy also distributed the Appropriation and Expenditures report through October 31. Carlton discussed the proposal for a consultant provided by the auditor. David Lawler asked Judy to draft up a report and prioritize the list as to what services she thinks are necessary with her knowledge as a Treasurer as listed on the proposal and the Prudential members will discuss what they think is necessary at the December meeting. Judy also asked the other members if they wanted to smooth out the assessed FY 17 tax shortfall increase over the course of six relatively equal payments rather than one third in this year and two thirds in next year. It was agreed to spread it over the course of the 6 payments. Judy asked the Prudential Committee if the Prudential Office could be closed the day after Thanksgiving, fire administration usually follows in the lead of the Prudential Committee. It was agreed that the office can be closed if both Judy and Krystal to take the day off since it is usually slow that day. Lastly, Judy let the Prudential members know that the minutes from the Special District meeting have been sent to Department of Revenue and the Governor signed the bill today.

Craig Crocker: Craig stated that they had shut off the water supply to Hyannis on Monday. Craig also discussed a brief land issue of someone who bought some property in Osterville and their property plan shows them being able to use our access road. All the paper work was given to the District's attorney, Doug Murphy, for review and assistance, Craig will keep everyone updated. Craig also distributed a pumpage report, which indicated we are off quite a bit compared to the last two years.

John Lacoste made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2017 meeting as printed, Carlton Crocker seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting: December 13, 2017 at 6:00pm.

Executive Session Minutes Approval: Carlton Crocker said that they will postpone the approval of the minutes from the executive session until next month, since not everyone is up to speed in the matter.

Public Comment: None

John A. Lacoste made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m. Carlton Crocker seconded the motion. It was a unanimous vote.

Krystal Abrams, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer