

# CENTERVILLE-OSTERVILLE-MARSTONS MILLS FIRE DISTRICT

## MINUTES OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2014

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**PRESENT:** Carlton B. Crocker, John A. Lacoste, and David V. Lawler, Prudential Committee; Michael J. Winn, Fire Chief; Judith Sprague, Clerk/Treasurer

**Also Present:** Byron Eldridge, Deputy Chief; Jeff Rudziak, Barnstable Town Assessor

The meeting convened at 6:08 p.m.

**Public Comment:** None

**Tax Classification:** Jeff Rudziak came to the meeting to present the board with the tax levy options for the District. He suggested that since there would only be a \$.04 difference by adopting anything other than a residential factor of one and any residential exemptions it would be a minute change.

**John Lacoste made 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 year. Carlton Crocker seconded the motion. It was a unanimous vote.**

**Chief Winn:** The chief passed out an email from Paul Hodnett and a new law passed by Governor Patrick relating to Domestic Violence and how employers with 50 or more employees, which is the District, need to follow the mandates of the law. It is still not clear what has to be done in the case of paying or not when and employee needs to take time off for domestic violence but the chief is going to check with Paul Hodnett to clarify and work with Judy Sprague and Craig Crocker on a District policy. The FEMA grant has begun and there has already been a few classes held. We have gotten our first payment from the grant and will have a series of training classes in December, January & March. The chief asked the Prudential Committee for their approval to sell the old 1991 Boston Whaler boat to the Dartmouth Harbor Master. The Prudential Committee approved this as long as it was sold for the NADA guide value of \$16,490.00 and then declared the boat as surplus. The District received the SAFE grant again this year but instead of using it on school children education the department is going to reach out to seniors and offer free home safety inspections by our fire inspectors. Ladder 307 is going to need extensive repairs and David Scott does not have the time to devote to this so we are going to hire Richard Randall and Karl Sulkala to do the work. It has been discussed with Judy Sprague, Paul Hodnett and Doug Murphy on the best way to handle this and decided to make them temporary employees for this specific job. It should take 4-6 weeks. The chief has also cleared it with the new union.

**Judy Sprague:** Judy checked with David Silver from Siemens today and he told her that the streetlight conversion is 45-50% complete. It should be done in a few more weeks. Glacial has contacted Judy again about past due invoices but these are the same ones that we received before for a prior fiscal year and cannot

pay. The new Utility Billing software from KVS is in its third phase and should be going live the week of December 8<sup>th</sup>. There are still a few issues to work out with the Water Department but it should be done next week. Our bond counsel contacted Judy and told her that the new SEC (Security Exchange Commission) Municipal Continuing Disclosure Initiative has involved the District since there was a late filing of our audit in FY2010. The audit letter shows a completion date of March 9, 2011 but it was not filed until June 24, 2011. The bond counsel advised us not to worry about this unless something should arise which they feel won't. The board would like Judy to find out who and why this happened. Bartholomew & Co. had a good month in earnings. We made \$6,180.09 this month. Judy passed out an Appropriations & Expenditures report through October 31<sup>st</sup> so the Prudential Committee could see the expenses thus far in the fiscal year. Everything is still on target.

**Minutes: David V. Lawler made a motion to accept the minutes of October 8, 2014 as printed. John A. Lacoste seconded the motion. It was a unanimous vote.**

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, December 10th at 5:00 p.m.

**Public Comment:** None

Carlton Crocker brought up a confidential letter he received from Doug Murphy about Attorney Sacco. The board decided to let the Chairman handle the matter.

Also the board decided to give Melissa Abrams a raise, effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, to \$21.50 per hour and to \$22.00 per hour as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. Judy Sprague will receive a raise of 3% for the fiscal year 2015, retroactively.

**Carlton B. Crocker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. John A. Lacoste seconded the motion. It was a unanimous vote.**

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**Judith C. Sprague, Clerk/Treasurer**