

# CENTERVILLE-OSTERVILLE-MARSTONS MILLS FIRE DISTRICT

## MINUTES OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021

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

**Also Present:** Byron Eldridge, Deputy Chief

The meeting convened at 6:00 p.m.

**Public Comment:** None

**Chief Winn:** Chief Winn discussed COVID related updates in the district and the vaccination efforts at COMM. Chief Winn stated that Martin MacNeely, FPO, has retired after 35 years, his last day in the building was 12/31/2020 and his retirement date was the last Friday in January. Patrick Hill has replaced Martin as the new FPO. Chief Winn discussed the call logs of 2020, 4619 calls, which is down from 2019 with 5053 calls. Chief Winn explained we had a lull in calls at the beginning of COVID because everyone was staying home. Burning season is on the way, and is going well. The new software for dispatch has been in effect since January 2021 and going well. Chief Winn stated preparations for budget planning FY 2022 have begun. Chief Winn went over his department expenditure statement, he stated we are well over the 26 mark week and in line with the budget. Carlton Crocker asked Chief Winn to discuss the Article requests for FY 2022. Chief Winn discussed the 6 new Article requests in detail. Chief Winn also stated that Jason Davern, EMS Officer, asked for an increase in budget of \$10,000 for FY 2022, for PPE and COVID testing they funded out of their own operating budget this FY 2021. See attached department updates by Chief Winn.

**Craig Crocker:** Craig Crocker started by presenting the Operations and Maintenance Budget. Craig stated he still has not heard from the union regarding negotiations. He stated he is hoping to have some numbers before the next Prudential meeting in March. Carlton Crocker stated his numbers on his line items are pretty close, and wanted to know why Craig thinks the power has cost so much more this fiscal year. Craig stated it was likely because of the consumption of energy during the summer. In some cases pumps were going all day in July & August. The chemical line item is close as well, due to the same reason. Craig stated those are the two line items we can't really predict, as it is based on the weather. Craig discussed that he is looking to reappropriate some existing Articles for a new Pump Station Article for this fiscal year. He is looking to reappropriate money's to other Articles. Carlton Crocker mentioned that himself and

other members of the Prudential Committee, would like to run an Article in the IT budget, to start to upgrade technology and move forward at the Water Dept.

John Lacoste asked how the public is accessing the water department. Craig stated most of the public are dropping payments off in a drop box, but a mask is required to come in and make a payment. Craig stated they have had plexy glass up at the counter since last year for protection as well. Craig stated the sewer and Vineyard Winds companies will have to relocate a large section of the water main from Craigville Beach road, up Strawberry Hill Road, all the way up to RTE 28. Construction is supposed to start mid-March. Craig stated they will do some upgrades to pipes and fire hydrants while they have the hole open. Craig states they will be working with them the best they can as this will be a huge project. Over the next few weeks there will some signage and public outreach to warn everybody of what is going on with the roads, but they are still working out the details.

**Krystal Abrams:** Krystal Abrams stated that she had a ZOOM meeting with Cape Cod Municipal Health Group on February 3, 2021. Krystal states our rates have not increased for the last 3 years, but they will be increasing slightly in FY 2022. Blue Cross Blue Shield will go up 3% and Harvard Pilgrim Health Care will go up 2% but we will get a Premium Holiday in October or November. According to CCMHG there will actually be a little over 6% decrease for both the employee and employer over the course of the year, even with the small monthly increase. Krystal stated she did send out an Appropriations and Expenditures report to everyone as of 12/31/2020 to see where we are budget wise. Krystal is looking for Annual book cover recommendations and asked if anyone at the meeting had any suggestions. Krystal stated that election papers were in the February 7, 2021 newspaper, so you can now take out election papers.

**David Lawler made a motion to approve minutes from December 4, 2020 meeting as printed. John Lacoste seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.**

**Dave Lawler made a motion to approve minutes from January 13, 2021 meeting as printed. John Lacoste seconded the motion, the motions passed unanimously.**

**Next meeting: March 10, 2021 at 6:00pm.**

**Public Comment:** None

**Carlton Crocker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. David Lawler seconded the motion. It was a unanimous vote.**

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**Alexandra Jackson, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer**