

CENTERVILLE-OSTERVILLE-MARSTONS MILLS FIRE DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

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PRESENT: Carlton B. Crocker, John Lacoste, David Lawler, Prudential Committee; Molly Stevens, Clerk/Treasurer; Michael Winn, Fire Chief, Craig Crocker, Water Superintendent

Also Present: Deputy Byron Eldridge

The meeting convened at 5:31 p.m.

Public Comment: None.

David Lawler made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2023 meeting as printed, John Lacoste seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Craig Crocker: Superintendent Crocker presented the latest pumpage report, noting the usage was down due to the rain. Craig also stated the Town of Barnstable sewer project is beginning to head down Phinney's Lane and travel on many roads would be impacted.

Chief Winn: There was a discussion about a tour of the wind farm. Chief Winn announced that Gordon Williams retired the previous Friday. In addition, Jack Tuohy-Bedford graduated the Fire Academy, number one in the class and was the third Richard T. Banks award recipient from COMM. The new recruits were able to begin the Bridgewater Fire Academy eight weeks earlier than planned. Finally, Chief Winn announced the newest ambulance was in Massachusetts. The old ambulance was slated to be traded in for \$15,000.00 toward the new ambulance, Chief Winn asked if we could keep the ambulance as a spare.

David Lawler made a motion to allocate \$15,000 to cover the bill for the new ambulance without the trade-in allowance. John Lacoste seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

The Chief also discussed the ambulances which were approved at the 2022 and 2023 ADMs. The original budgeted amounts will be insufficient to purchase the new ambulances, there is a need to reconfigure how to appropriate the correct amounts to order the ambulances. There is significant lead time needed for all apparatus, and we need to get moving so that we can take possession before the current apparatus ages out.

Chief Winn reminded everyone that Monday is 9/11 and we would be having a ceremony at 9:45.

Molly Stevens: Molly asked the board to grant some time before advertising the Assistant Clerk/Treasurer position in order to familiarize herself with all of the duties that the former assistant was performing and to organize and streamline office tasks. She also expressed interest in taking over the MCPPO classes and obtaining the certification to be the chief procurement officer. Molly stated she had retained a consultant to guide us through the year-end DOR submissions and audit prep. Molly also spoke about the job description and the timeline for getting someone in place.

Next meeting: October 11, 2023 at 6:00pm.

Public Comment: None

Carlton Crocker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m. John Lacoste seconded the motion. It was a unanimous vote.

Molly Stevens, Clerk/Treasurer