

CENTERVILLE-OSTERVILLE-MARSTONS MILLS FIRE DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2022

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

Other: Byron Eldridge, Deputy. Scott Crosby, Kevin Medeiros, Peter Hansen; Water Commissioners, Doug Murphy, District's Attorney, Alex Bartholomew, Brian Jamros; Bartholomew and Company.

The meeting convened at 6:05 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Bartholomew and Company: Brian opened the meeting with a brief introduction to Bartholomew and Company. Alex discussed some main points in our portfolio review regarding our OPEB funds as of September 30th. Alex and James talked extensively about the markets and economy fluctuation in regards to our portfolio and different benchmarks. There was a discussion amongst Bartholomew and Company and the Board with respect to COMM's strategy and approach for our portfolio in the future.

Chief Winn: Chief Winn stated Monday night's Recognition Ceremony was very well attended. Chief Winn stated the CPE, (Certified Public Expenditure Program), for Medicare, is going to reimburse COMM \$238,980.00, which will be a cash check back to the District. This grant comes from the Federal Government and says, "you received this amount for your ambulance trip, but what was the rest of your operating costs for that ambulance trip?", and they have a formula for reimbursing us for those costs.

Carlton Crocker made a motion that the Prudential Committee go into Executive Session with the Board of Water Commissioners at 6:46pm, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 30A ' 21 (a) (3) and for discussion of matters that are subject to the attorney client privilege, for the specific purpose of: Discussing strategy with respect to litigation involving the complaint filed by Paul Rhude in the Land Court (22 Misc. 00486), generally seeking access over certain ancient ways, roads and cart paths traversing positions of the so-called Hayden Well Field and which names as defendants, *inter alia*, the Town of Barnstable, the COMM Water Department and Board of Water Commissioners and for the purpose of avoiding the detrimental affect that an open meeting might have upon such discussion and the Districts litigation position. The Prudential Board will go back into regular session after. David Lawler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There was a discussion between the Boards and Doug Murphy, to decide what the best action to take for the greatest interest of the District.

David Lawler made a motion that the District authorize Doug Murphy to attempt to negotiate a favorable settlement where we will grant certain rights to the plaintiff and to permit access across the land. Roll call was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Scott Crosby made a motion to grant access to the gentleman on purpose. Kevin Medeiros seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

David Lawler made a motion to end the Executive Session at 7:13pm, and reconvene the Prudential Meeting after a second. John Lacoste seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Craig Crocker: Craig distributed the most recent pumpage report, as of October 5, 2022. There was a brief discussion regarding pumpage comparison this time, in previous years. Craig stated the Vineyard Wind Project is moving along. The project is currently between West Main Street and Pine Street. There was a discussion on the projects on-going for the Water Department.

John Lacoste made a motion to authorize David Lawler to represent the District in the Park City negotiations as a host. Carlton Crocker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Byron Eldridge: Byron has received and reviewed the RFP (Request for Proposal) from Coastal Ambulance. There was a discussion amongst the board to extend our 3-year contract for two more one-year contracts. COMM is happy with Coastal Ambulance and Byron is recommending we stay with this vendor. There was a mutual agreement amongst the Board.

Krystal Abrams: Krystal stated that she spoke with Chief Winn regarding Cotuit Dispatch Services last week. There was an agreement amongst all attendees of the meeting to have no increase in cost for the services COMM provides for Cotuit. Krystal advised that the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer are not officially bonded. The positions are covered under a “Dishonesty Policy” with Dowling & O’Neil. Our current carrier will not bond either position because they have held the office more than 30 days. There is an insurance company who will bond the Assistant Treasurer but she will have to provide all personal financial information. Krystal’s replacement will be able to be bonded within the first 30 days in office, through our current insurance with Dowling & O’Neil. A resident has submitted two streetlight requests on Captain Baker, Marstons Mills, one on the corner of Captain DeYoung and one on the corner of Captain Studley. John Lacoste will inspect the area requested, review the petition. John will follow up at the next Prudential Meeting.

John Lacoste made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2022 meeting as printed, David Lawler seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment: None

David Lawler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. John A. Lacoste seconded the motion. It was a unanimous vote.

Alexandra Jackson, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer