

CENTERVILLE-OSTERVILLE-MARSTONS MILLS FIRE DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2024

PRESENT: Carlton B. Crocker, John Lacoste Prudential Committee; Molly Stevens, Clerk/Treasurer; Cristin Van Buren, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer; Byron Eldridge, Fire Chief; Patrick Hill, Deputy Fire Chief

NOT PRESENT: David Lawler, Prudential Committee; Craig Crocker Water Superintendent

The meeting convened at 6:01 PM.

Public Comment: None.

Carlton Crocker: Chairman Crocker and John Lacoste talked prior to the meeting about postponing the election of Prudential Committee officers until a full committee is present. It was agreed to table the election until the next meeting.

Byron Eldridge: Chief Eldridge gave a brief department update and shared the minutes of the recent Fire Commissioners meeting. We have two new hires. Tim Booth started on July 1st as the new Fire Prevention Officer who comes to us from the Hyannis Fire Department and is well credentialed in fire prevention. Michael Looney is a local firefighter who has been working at the Eastham Fire Department for the last 2 ½ years. He will be starting at the end of this month.

The new pick-up truck that was ordered a while back was received and Rich is in the process of getting it into service. They met with the dealer's rep for the three new fire trucks that were voted on at the last district meeting to finalize the contracts for the Houston Galveston bid. They are putting together the final pricing with any discounts that are available which will be discussed with Molly once available.

There was a brief discussion of the wind project. Craig was not in attendance to share any information he had received.

John Lacoste made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2024 meeting as written, Carlton Crocker seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Molly Stevens: Molly shared that she and Cristin had been working over the last month to get the new Harpers Payroll system set up and running for payroll this week. Harpers is used by many municipalities in the area. Of the payroll companies that were interviewed, they were the

most specialized with the features we need built in. Molly and Cristin are open and ready to assist anyone who needs to make changes to a direct deposit or anything of that nature.

There was a brief discussion of the balance of the tax overlay and Molly's work with the interim assessor to address it. She is optimistic that the auditors will be pleased with the progress. The budget lines look clean for closing fiscal year 2024.

Next Meeting: September 11, 2024 at 6:00pm.

Public Comment: None

John Lacoste made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 PM.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cristin Van Buren". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a solid horizontal line.

Cristin Van Buren, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer