

CENTERVILLE-OSTERVILLE-MARSTONS MILLS FIRE DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

MONDAY, MAY 12, 2021

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

Also Present: Byron Eldridge, Deputy

The meeting convened at 6:01pm

Public Comment: None.

Chief Winn: Chief Winn opened the meeting with confirmation that the Fire Department Local 2343 has reached an agreement for contracts for Fiscal Year 2022. Chief Winn gave an update on COVID-19 and stated the numbers are the best he has seen yet. COMM has loosened some of our COVID-19 restrictions at all the stations, but are still requiring masks in the building. Chief Winn states he is monitoring the CDC guidelines daily for anymore guidance on loosening more restrictions. Chief Winn discussed some of the projects that will be taking place within the District, one being the Bell Tower Mall will be converting the second floor into residential living, a bar opening on Bumps River Road, contractor bays on Main Street, Osterville and a solar project at Cape Resources. Chief Winn gave department updates. Deputy, Byron Eldridge, gave an update on the transition into the new software's in the Fire Department. Deputy Eldridge gave update on the COMIRS Radio Grant Program. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is in the process of transitioning the current MSP 800 MHz radio system and an analog system to a digital P25 System. Through this program the District will be receiving approximately \$175,000 worth of radios for approximately \$25,000 cost to the District. Chief Winn gave an update on this Fiscal Year's budget and stated he has put out a spending freeze. The hiring committee had their first round of interviews for new hires on April 29, 2021. The Deputy gave a full report on the Information Technologies Department as it is now a new Article for Fiscal Year 2022. COMM is currently using THRIVE, and we have asked THRIVE to pull back on the 24 hour services and just focus on the servers and backing up processes. In replacement, retired Captain, Richard Sargent will be fulfilling the duty at COMM as a part-time in house Information Technologies person. Doing this has decreased our monthly expense to THRIVE by approximately \$3200.

Craig Crocker: Craig gave department updates. Craig stated that annual bids started last week and he will be meeting with his board next week to go over the proposals. Craig and the

Prudential Committee had a discussion about private wells in the District. Craig did not have an updated pumpage report but the monthly pumpage is in line with last April. The bidding for the materials, including brass goods, pipe fittings and valves has been awarded to Ferguson Waterworks, who is a long time vendor of COMM. The Vinyard Wind project was approved by the Federal Government today. Craig stated they will most likely be starting the work in the fall 2021 as we are so close to Memorial Day.

Krystal Abrams: Krystal has been working closely with the Water Department in implementing their new utility software. Training is underway and moving forward. Krystal distributed an updated budget report as of April 30, 2021 for each department.

John Lacoste made a motion to approve the minutes of April 14, 2021 meeting as printed. David Lawler seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting: June 9, 2021 at 6:00pm. This Prudential Meeting will be held in person in the meeting hall at C.O.M.M. headquarters.

Public Comment: None

Carlton Crocker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m. David Lawler seconded the motion. It was a unanimous vote.

Alexandra Jackson, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer