

# CENTERVILLE-OSTERVILLE-MARSTONS MILLS FIRE DISTRICT

## MINUTES OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

**WEDNESDAY, February 11, 2026**

**PRESENT:** Carlton B. Crocker, David Lawler, John Lacoste, Prudential Committee; Molly Stevens, Clerk/Treasurer; Cristin Van Buren, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer; Patrick Hill, Fire Chief; Michael Rogers, Deputy Fire Chief; Craig Crocker, Water Superintendent

The meeting convened at 6:01 PM.

**Public Comment:** None

**John Lacoste made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2026 meeting as written. Carlton Crocker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Craig Crocker:** Craig shared the latest draft of his operation and maintenance budget. He is still working to fine tune the numbers for chemicals and electricity. He continues to work on the budget articles which were discussed at the last meeting. The cell tower lease in Osterville is up this year and will require an RFP for a new 10-year lease.

Craig reported that he is aware of a couple of frozen service lines that are between the water main and the house in the district due to the extreme cold. He stated that the frost level is around three feet. They have been trying to locate thawing machines to assist the homeowners but have been unsuccessful thus far.

**Patrick Hill:** Chief Hill held the first staffing increase informational meetings for the public in Marstons Mills. He said there were a lot of very good questions from those in attendance about how the department operates. The next one is scheduled for March 3<sup>rd</sup> in Osterville followed by March 9<sup>th</sup> in Centerville.

**Michael Rogers:** Deputy Rogers provided an update on the Station 3 HVAC renovation project. They are expecting to start any day and have a projected completion date of April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Clear gear sizing is underway and should be completed this week. The anticipated production time is six to eight weeks and will be compliant with the new NFPA standard that goes into effect on March 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. All gear will be received well ahead of the compliance deadline for clear of January 1, 2027.

**Molly Stevens:** Molly and Cristin attended the Cape Cod Municipal Health Group meeting to vote on the 2027 rates for active insurance. The members voted not to include a rider for GLP-1 medications for weight loss and voted for an 8% premium increase across the board on all plans. Had the rider been approved, the increase would have been over 17%. Beyond the increase in premiums, the projected claims would have bankrupt the group.

With the insurance rates received this morning, Molly was able to begin plugging numbers into the budget. She expects to have preliminary figures ready soon. She suggested the possibility of a second meeting this month but thinks we will be in good shape for next month.

There was a brief discussion of the Designer Selection Procedures which Molly had sent to everyone to review before the meeting. The written procedure needs to be in place for Attorney Doug Murphy to move forward with the RFQ for the designer for the gas tank project.

**David Lawler made a motion to approve the Centerville-Osterville- Marstons Mills Designer Selection Procedures adopted on 2/11/2026. John Lacoste seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Next Meeting: March 11, 2026 6:00 PM**

**Public Comment:** None

**David Lawler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 PM.**

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**Cristin Van Buren, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer**