

CENTERVILLE-OSTERVILLE-MARSTONS MILLS FIRE DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, December 10, 2025

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

Public Attendance: John Curran, Town of Barnstable Assessor

The meeting convened at 5:56 PM.

Public Comment: None.

The Public Hearing for Tax Classification was opened at 5:56 PM.

John Curran presented options for shifting the tax levy between residential and commercial properties for the FY 2026 tax classification hearing. The total value of the district is \$13,739,740,801.00 which represents an overall growth in property values of 2.75% for fiscal year 2025 based on real estate sales in calendar year 2024. The total amount to be raised is \$15,800,007.00. With 95% of the properties in the district being residential, the board agrees that any shift would not be economically feasible.

David Lawler made a motion to accept a residential factor of one for the next fiscal year. John Lacoste seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Carlton Crocker made a motion to close the public hearing and begin the Prudential Committee meeting at 6:03 PM. David Lawler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

David Lawler made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2025 meeting as written. John Lacoste seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Patrick Hill: Chief Hill summarized the minutes of the November 17th Fire Commissioners' Meeting. Interviews were held for a vacant Acting Lieutenant position resulting in the promotion of firefighter Gus Riley. They are on track with their budget at this point in the fiscal year.

The Fire Commissioners gave their approval to the staffing proposal Chief Hill previously presented with the understanding that a lot more work needs to go into it prior to it being finalized. He has scheduled three speaking engagements for public outreach: Marstons Mills Village Association on February 3, 2026; Osterville Business & Professionals Association,

OPBA on March 3rd, and the Centerville Civic Association on March 9th. These meetings are generally well attended.

Fire Prevention continues to visit local schools and day care facilities teaching fire safety. They also taught a fire safety program to a group of young adults with special needs. Last month, they participated in story times at the Centerville and Osterville Libraries, as well as the Centerville Fall Festival where they handed out glow sticks for kids going trick-or-treating.

The Chief has signed a contract for the NFPA cancer and cardiac screening physicals in accordance with FY26 Article 20. While contracts for medical, physical, and professional health services are exempt from MGL Chapter 30B procurement rules, they did request bids from multiple vendors.

Chief Hill provided an update on the RFP for the underground storage tank project. It is currently ready to be opened on Beacon Bids; he is open to suggestions from the Board about how long to allow vendors to submit proposals.

Deputy Rogers discussed new rescue equipment on our engines for vehicle stabilization. The old rescue jacks were cumbersome to use.

David Lawler made a motion to authorize the fire department to sell the surplus rescue jacks on GovDeals. John Lacoste seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Molly Stevens: Molly opened the floor for discussion of the purchasing policy she presented last month. There were no questions or comments.

David Lawler made a motion to accept Policy 2025-2. John Lacoste seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Molly presented the Board with information on the Cotuit Dispatch costs. Her goal is to present them with a figure for FY27 before they finalize their budget. The last time we increased their rate was 2012. It was agreed that Chief Hill would talk to Chief Brown and we would vote on it at the next meeting.

David Lawler made a motion to bill Cotuit Fire for the current year at the current amount and authorized Chief Hill to have discussions with Chief Brown regarding future charges for the following fiscal year. John Lacoste seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Molly shared the expenditure reports and stated that we are at 42% to 43% through the end of November. She would like to sit down with the department heads the first week of January to discuss budgets for next year ahead of our next meeting.

Molly would like to have the election calendar finalized at the next meeting so the nomination papers can be ready near the beginning of February.

Lastly, Cape Cod Municipal Health Group has notified us that Blue Cross and Harvard Pilgrim will no longer cover GLP-1 drugs for weight loss. They have put forth an optional rider for those who self-fund their claims, which CCMHG does. Molly explained that each entity has one voting board member. Each year the insurance companies present their offers and the voting members decide based on four to five options that are given by the Steering Committee of CCMHG. The financial impact of any change to the plans was discussed at length but until we have the proposed rates from the carriers, we don't have a lot of information. Molly will notify each union representative of the proposed changes and schedule meetings with them.

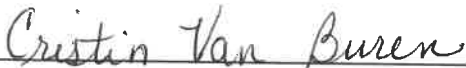
Craig Crocker: Craig shared the most recent pumpage report. The shoulder months continue to be very consistent year over year. The Summer months are very dependent on the weather.

Craig passed out a very early draft of his FY27 operation and maintenance budget. He will continue to work to fine tune the numbers once he has more information about the filtration plants, vehicle needs, and chemical costs.

Next Meeting: January 14, 2026 6:00 PM

Public Comment: None

Carlton Crocker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:52PM.



Cristin Van Buren, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer