

CENTERVILLE-OSTERVILLE-MARSTONS MILLS FIRE DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, April 8, 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 6:00 PM.

Public Comment: None

John Lacoste made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2026 meeting as written. David Lawler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Patrick Hill: Chief Hill distributed the minutes of the last Fire Commissioner's meeting with the current budget numbers attached. They are on track going into the fourth quarter.

He received a bid of \$32,354.00 for painting the second floor at Station One, to begin at the end of April or the beginning of May. It will be completed by the same company that painted the first-floor last year.

The Chief provided an update on the Centerville Cove project which has been revised by Great Marsh Development. They are no longer proposing a three-story apartment building but are proposing 36 three-bedroom single family homes. He is pleased with the design changes from an operational and emergency service access standpoint.

Michael Rogers: Deputy Rogers announced that the HVAC project at Station Three is expected to be completed tomorrow after a final test being done today. The heat pumps were running when he was there earlier.

Molly Stevens: Molly distributed each department's budget for review. There were a few last-minute changes to the fire department budget so that has gone down slightly. She also reported that the ambulance receipts for March have come in which was more than anticipated.

Molly also shared a spreadsheet containing six options for funding OPEB and the HVAC replacement at Station 2. She reviewed other funding sources that would be available for capital projects and fire apparatus. Each of the scenarios presented had a minimal effect on the tax rate. The Board unanimously agreed upon scenario A-2.

The IT budget has remained unchanged since last month; however, the Prudential budget has changed due to the exponential increase in insurance costs. The Medicare cost is unknown until October.

There was a brief discussion about the renewal of a 10-year wireless lease in Osterville. Per our enabling act, leases can only be in 10-year increments for districts. Towns are allowed 20-year contracts.

Molly went through the proposed articles and the standard language used. She will clarify if the PFAS settlement funds must go into a separate stabilization or if they can be part of the existing emerging contaminants stabilization fund.

There was a discussion about reading motions during the District Meeting. She will discuss further with Attorney Doug Murphy when she sends everything to him for review. She requested that any updates to reports be given to her as soon as possible. She would like to have the warrant books to the printer by April 17th.

Craig Crocker: Craig shared the latest pumpage report which shows a slight increase in usage. He attributes the increase to extra water main flushing and recent water main breaks.

Craig recently held the bid opening for the cell tower lease in Osterville that was previously discussed as one of the warrant articles. Attorney Murphy is reviewing the lease now and Craig expects it to be ready to go if approved by the voters at the District Meeting in May.

Craig gave a brief update on the sewer work happening on Route 28. He doesn't foresee any issues with them going under the water mains that feed Bell Tower Mall as they are ductile iron, in a 16-inch ductile sleeve, and are not that old.

Next Meeting: May 13, 2026 6:00 PM

Public Comment: None

John Lacoste made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 PM.



Cristin Van Buren, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer