

CENTERVILLE-OSTERVILLE-MARSTONS MILLS FIRE DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, May 13, 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; Craig Crocker, Water Superintendent

NOT PRESENT: Michael Rogers, Deputy Fire Chief

The meeting convened at 6:01 PM.

Public Comment: None

John Lacoste made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2026 meeting as written. David Lawler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Molly Stevens: Molly shared the expenditure report. Although we are in pretty good shape, there will likely be a need for some budget transfers to be approved at the next meeting or the July meeting.

Attorney Doug Murphy approved the abbreviated reading of the warrant articles at the meeting next week. Molly will have a PowerPoint presentation with the full articles on the screen for the audience in addition to the printed warrant books. Moderator Chuck Sabatt will be in tomorrow to review the articles.

In the event the meeting is attended by more residents than the upstairs meeting room can hold, Molly has prepared an overflow room downstairs. It would require the moderator to appoint an assistant moderator for that room, but it would eliminate the need to postpone the meeting.

Molly recently reached out to the assessor to request a release of overlay. They have agreed to release \$250,000.00, which will help with the free cash certification.

Craig Crocker: The pumpage report is tracking a little higher than in past years. There was a brief discussion about the watering schedule recently sent out to customers via email. We are still in a drought, so conservation is strongly recommended.

The budget is tracking along as it normally does this time of year. There are a couple of line items that will be close, but Craig doesn't anticipate anything unforeseen coming up between now and the end of the fiscal year.

Attorney Murphy finalized the lease renewal for the cell tower in Osterville and Craig expects it to be ready for signatures if approved by the voters at the District Meeting next week.

Patrick Hill: Chief Hill distributed the minutes of the last Fire Commissioner's meeting with a snapshot of where the current budget is. As Molly had mentioned, there will be a couple of transfers at the end of the fiscal year.

The new Verizon phone system is now live as of April 23rd. Rich Sargent has been working to correct a couple of minor issues but overall, it's working out well.

He highlighted the following personnel updates: Chris Taylor has completed his in-house orientation and will be assigned to group one. Bill Botelho is graduating from the Fire Academy this Friday. Fire Prevention Officer Shawn Lehane intends to retire at the end of July or beginning of August. Tom Degraan is a certified Fire Prevention Officer and will be stepping into that role.

The centennial celebration is scheduled for July 11th at the Osterville Library. They plan to display memorabilia and have been working on a short video with both retirees and new firefighters. Full department participation will be encouraged.

There was a brief discussion about building maintenance and handicapped accessibility. An internal ADA audit was suggested.

Next Meeting: Tentatively scheduled for June 8, 2026 6:00 PM

Public Comment: None

John Lacoste made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 PM.



Cristin Van Buren, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer