

# **CENTERVILLE-OSTERVILLE-MARSTONS MILLS FIRE DISTRICT**

## **MINUTES OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, June 10, 2026**

**PRESENT:** David Lawler, John Lacoste, Cameron Crocker; 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

**Also Present:** Mark McCartin, Hilb Group; Carlton Crocker, resident

The meeting convened at 6:00 PM.

**Public Comment:** None

**John Lacoste nominated David Lawler to be the Prudential Committee Chairman, Cameron Crocker seconded the motion. David abstained. The motion passed.**

**David Lawler nominated John Lacoste to be the Prudential Committee Vice Chairman, Cameron Crocker seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.**

**Mark McCartin:** Mark McCartin of The Hilb Group gave a presentation of the Business Insurance Policy Proposal for Fiscal Year 2027 and an overview of the policies. The total package policy increase over last year is 7%. An optional increase in the VFIS weekly compensation reimbursement for 111F was discussed, but historical claims will need to be reviewed before deciding. Mark reviewed the coverage at length to ensure clear understanding of what is included in the premiums.

**John Lacoste made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2026 meeting. Cameron Crocker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

There was a discussion about the Chief Procurement Officer vacancy left due to Carlton Crocker's retirement. Molly completed her certification in procurement last year and has begun continuing education programs to be recertified in May 2028. As CPO, she would have the authority to delegate some of the tasks to the various department heads, with Molly overseeing the process to ensure compliance.

**Public Comment:** Carlton Crocker voiced his support for Molly to take on this role as she has been training for it all along. He feels that she is the best person for the job.

**John Lacoste nominated Molly Stevens to be the Chief Procurement Officer. Cameron Crocker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Patrick Hill:** Chief Hill distributed the fire commissioners report, a budget sheet, and a list of surplus items for disposal.

Department photos were taken last month by a company called Thin Line Department Photo. The large metal group and headshot photos will be on display at the centennial celebration on July 11<sup>th</sup>, and will be hung at headquarters after that. There will be a 15-minute video played at the celebration, old memorabilia and photos on display, as well as activities for kids. He also announced an antique fire engine parade planned for Osterville Village Day on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Best Buddies event was held at the end of May at Craigville Beach. Chief Hill commended Captain Malone for his efforts in coordinating with the Barnstable Police Department, Best Buddies, and Peak Entertainment to create a comprehensive incident action plan following the partial tent collapse last year. Despite the bad weather again this year, the event went off smoothly.

There was a brief discussion of the items listed as surplus that was distributed by Chief Hill. Items of some value will be posted for sale online, as we have done in the past. He would like to donate an old stretcher to the Cape Cod Community College for their EMT/Paramedic program.

**John Lacoste made a motion to dispose of surplus equipment. Cameron Crocker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Craig Crocker:** Craig distributed the pumpage report. The rainfall we've had is still short of what we normally get during this time of year. As we've done in previous years, there is a voluntary water ban in place.

Craig has 15% of his total budget remaining with two warrants and two payrolls remaining in this fiscal year.

The sewer project on Route 28 will be coming to an end next week and will resume in the fall. Craig has a member of his crew on site when they are crossing under the water main that feeds the plazas.

Attorney Doug Murphy is reviewing an RFP for a lease on water department property located on Old Town Rd in Centerville. Craig will email a copy to David and Molly when he gets it back from him. There is no urgency with it as it requires approval at an annual district meeting.

**Molly Stevens:** Molly graduated from her certificate program at Suffolk last night. She thanked everyone for their support over the last several months while she attended classes.

Molly and Cristin will be attending the Mass Collector and Treasurer Association conference next week but will be available via text or email. Florence will be covering the office on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday morning. Molly will be on vacation the following week.

No ambulance write-offs were reviewed. The outstanding balance of \$823,000.00 is lower than it's been in the past, but Molly will discuss it with the auditors. They recommend timely review and write-off of uncollectible funds.

**Next Meeting: July 8, 2026 6:00 PM**

**Public Comment:** None

**John Lacoste made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM.**

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