

CENTERVILLE-OSTERVILLE-MARSTONS MILLS FIRE DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, July 8, 2026

PRESENT: David Lawler, John Lacoste, Cameron Crocker; 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

NOT PRESENT: Craig Crocker, Water Superintendent

The meeting convened at 6:01 PM.

Public Comment: None

Patrick Hill: Chief Hill distributed the fire commissioners report from their June 15th meeting and shared a brief department update. The Centennial Celebration is scheduled for this Saturday, July 11th. There will be two tents set up outside the library. One will have all the memorabilia under it and the other will have seating and two big screen TVs to show a short documentary. The Chief expects it to be less than an hour.

They received 145 applications for their most recent job posting to fill five spots; four of which are for the staffing increase, and one is due to Shawn Lehane's retirement next month. They will have coffee to celebrate Shawn's retirement at headquarters on Friday, August 7th from 10-12.

Also happening on August 7th, Boston 25 News will be at Craigville Beach for their "Zip Trip". They will be highlighting COMM Fire during that event.

There was some discussion of the challenges with the purchasing of new fire apparatus which were recently in the news. The anticipated delivery schedule for the trucks we ordered is still late 2027 to early 2028.

Molly Stevens: Molly passed out the expenditure reports for each department through June 30th and requested budget transfers to cover unencumbered balances that remain for fiscal year 2026.

John Lacoste made a motion to approve the budget transfers totaling \$264,711.87 as written for fiscal year 2026. Cameron Crocker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Molly shared that much of the work being done now is to close the fiscal year. The deadline to pay any outstanding bills for fiscal 26 is coming up on July 15th. Once that is complete, she can begin working towards having the free cash certified. She is unable to provide an estimate until the final warrants are complete, though she has been working on getting a lot of the figures plugged in.

There was a short discussion about a stipend versus a salary increase for Molly due to the added duties that come with being the Chief Procurement Officer. Molly will track the amount of time she spends working on procurement related activities to determine what a reasonable amount would be. If a stipend is done this year, they will incorporate it into her salary for next year. A more thoughtful discussion will take place at the next meeting.

John Lacoste made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2026 meeting as written. Cameron Crocker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Lastly, the topic of skipping the August meeting was discussed. It has historically been skipped because Molly and Cristin attend the MCTA Annual School during that time.

John Lacoste made a motion to skip the August meeting and resume in September. Cameron Crocker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: September 9, 2026 6:00 PM

Public Comment: None

John Lacoste made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 PM.


Cristin Van Buren, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer