

Cotuit Fire District  
Prudential Committee  
26 September 2016

Present: Laurie Hadley, Stan Goldstein, Fran Parks, Clerk Charles Eager, Treasurer Mike Daley

Meeting opened at 5 PM

Amy Kates recording

Public Comment: Ms. Kates noted that the AG's noted on in his findings of the Agnes Murray open meeting law complaint that the minutes of the prudential Committee in transcription form is not compliant with the MGL.

Ms. Hadley noted that the CFD had checked with the AG's office prior to installing the sound system and was told that a transcript was acceptable.

Chris Wiseman, Water Department Superintendent advised the Prudential Committee that they were not ready at the meeting to have the Cell Tower and Solar panel project contracts signed. The committee voted unanimously to have the Chair. Fran Parks sign for the committee when the contracts are ready.

Treasurer Search: The advertisement for a treasurer is ready for publication. The committee voted unanimously to authorize \$300 for the advertisement to be run three times. The District will be sharing the expense with West Barnstable Fire Department.

Mr. Daley advised the committee the current financial software used by the district is outdated and frequently in need of tech support. The software is malfunctioning when Toni tries to input figures. The software is placing some inputs into the wrong accounts. Northern Data has not been able to correct the problem. Mr. Daley will bring the committee prices on replacement software.

56 High Street property: The structural report by the Mackenzie firm was reviewed. The report stated a new foundation will be needed which would require that the building be lifted in order to accomplish this work. All the utilities need to be replaced to bring them up to current building code requirements. The support structure for the second floor is inadequate. In summary, the Mackenzie report stated "--there would be significant cost to upgrade the building structurally to meet the current building code's structural requirements. The district will need to weigh these costs with the desire to restore a historic building versus the cost of designing and constructing a new modern building with space specifically designed for the intended use." The committee voted unanimously to have an architectural evaluation done to get an estimate of the cost of restoring the building versus building a new building.

Freedom Hall: The new panic bars and automatic closers have been installed on the side and basement doors. The firm the District used for snow plowing in the past is no longer available and we will need to find a new company. The water department has offered to plow the parking lot in an emergency. The water department further stated that they had plowed the Freedom Hall parking lot in the past prior to

the Prudential Committee contracting for a private plowing service and that they could do so in the future with the caveat that the water department's properties must take precedence.

District web site: The email is still not functioning. Fran has been contacting the IT Department head Bill Traverse and Ryan Johnson in the tech department asking about getting the email working but has had no response. Stan Goldstein will contact Mr. Traverse to see if he can get the problem resolved.

The meeting was closed at 5:45pm

Exhibits: McKenzie Structural report, Northcross email advertising fees, Option and Lease Agreements for parcels 023023 and 038004 associated with the solar cells project, Option and Lease Agreement associated with the cell tower project to be installed in the immediate area of the existing west Street water tower.