

Cotuit Fire District
Prudential Committee
Minutes
1 December, 2017

Call to order at 4:00

No public recording

Present:

Ray Pirrone, Lisa Mycock-Kelly, Fran Parks, Stan Goldstein, Charlie Eager

Tax Classification Public Hearing FY2018:

Motion made to open the Tax Classification Public Hearing FY18: Motion, made, seconded, all in favor. Mr. O'Neil presented some scenarios to set the tax rate for the Cotuit District. The total value of Cotuit is 1,403,855,760 with a tax levy of 3,186,752,58 which yields a tax rate of \$2.27 which is up a penny from FY17. Also presented is the what if scenario if the body decided to do a shift from the one-zero-zero which is \$2.27 can follow all the way through increments of 5% all the way to the 1.50 shift. As of today, the values have been submitted. The Department of Revenue representative has reviewed the values and is working with the Board of the Fire District to submit the forms so can get this tax rate approved. Lisa asked about the recap as some receipts from FY17 that are no longer part of FY 18 or significantly reduced, most notably under Section 16 is under department revenue-asked if it was the cell tower, response was yes from Ray. Also asked what was the miscellaneous non-recurring on Line 23—Ray Pirrone responded it was the Insurance recovery from the ambulance. Stan asked about an email Ray Pirrone sent out about the tax rate went from 2.26 to 2.27 and that is less than half of one percent, but under the key points is the alarming percentages like 3.65 and 3.98 how does that work into 2.27? Ray responded that it comes down to offsetting increases in real estate values and weighting. The taxes going up a certain percent is only so much of the total money that we intend to appropriate and use in FY18. No other questions. Motion made for a tax factor of one for FY18, seconded, all in favor.

Public Comment:

Don Campbell, Board of Water Commissioners wanted to give a six-month update where the water department is and the projects they have planned. The goal is to complete as many projects as possible that have been started in the past and try to get things caught up to date. With that in mind, the water tower will be completed along with all the small odds and ends and that line item will be shut down and the money left in that line item will be turned back. The cell tower should be completed this summer depending on the permitting process. Had a good meeting with Cape Cod Commission and is going forward. We expect the cell tower revenues to stay as they are for the rest of this fiscal year, but will then will go down once the new tower is up and new agreement is reached with that company so those revenues will go down. The Chemical Feed project that got money for this year should be started and completed before the next district meeting, and think will have enough money to do everything we want to do with that. The security system will not be completed, has been ongoing way too long but have come to a point where to get the project done will have to come before district to ask for more money which we will have a presentation for that. Also working on job descriptions, along with evaluations. Also starting to compare the pay of other employees and do a rate adjustment and try to bring them up to up to a medium with other departments on the Cape. Lowest paid on the Cape, don't want to lose employees once train them. Did received some information from the Mass Mutual Water Rate Survey today with how much people get paid, once get the information enlarged will share it. Goal for next year is to look for more of a future five-year plan. Fran asked about the cost of service study, Don Campbell said will send it out to a list of names he got from Fran and everyone will be included. The Cape Cod Commissioner is meeting again on December 16th at 3:00 in Barnstable by the court house.

Fran discussed and read an email received from a Cotuit resident about the budget not being published on the website in the timeframe desired. Toni had asked if was ok to be delayed due to the holiday, and other personal reasons which Fran Parks approved. The contract with the FF has been signed which is extra work for the Treasury to work with the changes to their salary and monies owed. No one in the Treasurer department is slacking, and the budget will be posted next week. Stan Goldstein suggested for any future delays possibly post a posting about any delays is postings.

Space Needs Assessment:

Stan feels has gone as far as he can go by himself as he is not familiar with MGL's, he did revise the cover letter and the bid/spec sheet and it seems can either go with 7c or with 30b but not sure which way to go. Lisa offered to help once decide how to proceed. What have now does fall under chapter 7c according to AG office, but need to clean it up more. Fran Parks not sure if have money as the district voted \$25,000 to spend on a space needs study and should keep it as narrow as can at this point. or will have to go back the voters and say approximate space needs and costs. Want to make sure people are interested before ask people to spend time on committees. Lisa feels 7C is in-depth and it is very complex-should limit it to space needs, no reference to facilities but keep it generic. Stan has the documents which Lisa will reviewed and mentioned Chief Rhude offered to review it also. Fran asked if at the end of all this would they provide a square foot number of what need, Lisa said they would provide what office space need, and if makes sense to have a common building. Lisa commented there are not a lot of firms on the Cape to handle this sort of thing.

Minutes:

Minutes from October and November meeting, no corrections or additions. Motion made to accept, second all in favor

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, seconded and unanimously approved