

Prudential Committee
Freedom Hall
September 24, 2018
5:00 p.m.
Minutes

Call to order

Present: Ray Pirrone, Lisa Mycock-Kelly, Fran Parks, Silvio Genao

Public Recording: No one is recording

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment: no public comment

Nexamp Solar contract: Fran received an email from Mr. Nutter saying they have a current user who is interested in taking more of their credits and asked if still interested, answer is yes. Also, they gave two people to contact regarding reviews-both were satisfied and had no problems. Fran made a motion to accept the net metering credit purchase and sales agreement from Dartmouth Farms Solar LLC a Delaware Limited Liability Company, seconded, no discussion, -comment made that Mark Boudrea reviewed this and said it was fine, Silvio asked how long the contract was for-20 years with renewable clauses every five years, all in favor.

Treasurer:

- **Town Assessor petition For Release of Overlay funds:** Town Assessor said we missed Sept. 12 meeting for overlay review but he would put us on the October 10 agenda. Ray sent him an email explaining important for us to get this tied down before the tax recap was finalized, he understood and hopefully will get it through-Ray will send him an email before the 10th to remind him. Fran asked if it was clarified that they didn't have to have a special district meeting-Ray checked with the DOR and it is up to the Prudential Committee once the Assessor releases it you are free to spend it on any lawful purpose.
- **Space Needs Assessment:** Brown/Lindquist sent Lisa a worked-up contract which including a few exhibits we hadn't included, they are not new just incorporating their prior proposal timeline and our design meeting memorandum. The only revision they made was to identify those with respect to the scope of the project which is appropriate, plus they sent two copies so we could have an original. Had previously voted on signing this, but Lisa is making a motion to execute the agreement between Cotuit Fire District and our consultant Brown, Lindquist, Fenuccio and Raber Architects in respect to our space needs and new office space feasibility study for the Cotuit Fire District, second, all in favor. Note: they have provided a Certificate of Insurance. Fran asked if they gave a date, Lisa will inquire about that.

Water Rate Study: Fran went to the Water Commissioners meeting where they reviewed the water rate study to date. (documents distributed and reviewed) Discussed current rates and the revenue billed and from other sources. Also discussed coverage and increase that would leave more of a balance uncovered. They haven't decided how to approach, maybe switch to quarterly billing no discussion the period of time to implement this. Fran commented to the committee a suggestion they have more than one public meeting to address this to the public, and to develop a protocol for those in serious need of help paying their bills. Lisa asked what the status of collections-at this point there is not a policy to

know about outstanding bills. Ray gets a receivable from the water department what he hasn't done is to compare the receivable to see if there's someone who appears constantly in the past due column. Fran is going to bring this up at the Policy Advisory Committee also, but noticed in the paper that COMM had sent the last demand notice for water bills out and if not paid in a certain amount of days, the water would be shut off. Cotuit's water department has had a long-standing policy not to turn off water and Fran doesn't understand why they don't send out demand notices and do what COMM does, instead Cotuit waits all year and puts out liens. Which, unless you want to repair or sell your house the lien just sits there. Lisa said it depends how much outstanding we have out there, the higher the number the more it is an issue and they will need to change their practice. Fran feels it needs to be more of a professional business approach rather than just putting a lien on the house. Silvio echoes what both Fran and Lisa said, and commented about the deficit in FY19. Silvio suggested if they changed the rates and get more efficient in billing. Ray commented that if in the public meetings (looking at the first figure in the distributed paperwork) you translate that into a tax rate for the average home that would drive it home about what has to be done.

Men's Bathroom repair: floor been repair and painted. Spencer Hallet will put it back together

Matters not anticipated by the Chairwoman:

- On Sept 21 Cape Light Compact sent a notice regarding two questions, one about the contract for the street light maintenance (whether joining in them the RFP as did before) second regarding a rate case where required the street light committees to look at variable rates (taking credit for (unintelligible) controls) approval estimated to happen soon. We have the LED lights, want to know if of interest to us if we want to work collaboratively with them. Fran sent them an email with two questions, one how much do the controls cost -installed, and second what the cost saving would be. Many of the towns are interested in learning more, including Cotuit. Lisa asked if Fran had experience in the past dealing with the maintenance-Fran thinks the contract is three years. (comment made, unintelligible) Silvio asked how many lights we have-answer 35. Fran's concern if do this, do it to all of them and what the cost of a dimmer would be.
- Lisa asked about the floor-Fran feels best time is either Jan/Feb or Feb/March. Fran asked if anyone could recommend someone to work on antique floors. Silvio may know someone.

Minutes: Motion made to approve August, 2018 minutes with no changes, seconded, all in favor

Adjourn: Motion made to adjourn, seconded, all in favor