

Prudential Committee  
Freedom Hall  
Minutes  
April 22, 2019  
5:30 p.m.

Call to order

Prudential Committee: Ray Pirrone, Lisa Mycock-Kelly, Fran Parks, Charlie Eager-Clerk  
Absent: Silvio Genao

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Recording-no one is recording

**Water Commissioners Proposed By-Law Change:**

Mrs. Mycock-Kelly mentioned upcoming By Law meeting on Wednesday, haven't had a chance to meet to discuss this except at a joint meeting with the water commissioners, proposed article will be discussed again on Wednesday when all four members are present. Ms. Parks commented the Committee will need to make a motion to rescind Article 9 Section 5 which this is replacing, Ms. Parks only comment she doesn't think as prescribed in the 2020 water rate change is it necessary to be in there as the executive date is 7/1/19 is all that is necessary. Mrs. Mycock-Kelly asked about the dollar amount at the meter fee, wondering if that needs to be in there in the instance if at some future date that changes then we will have to through and amend the bylaw. If you identified the source of the revenues would that be enough to not have a specific dollar amount. Tom Hoppensteadt replied it was in there from our committees' discussions and a motion was approved to make it \$20 a year, flat rate and all revenues would go into the stabilization fund for sole purpose of the water district. Discussion was held regarding flat rate and how would be accessed out of stabilization fund. Mr. Eager replied to put in/out of stabilization fund needs a 2/3 rds. vote of the district. Mr. Pirrone explained that this is all getting into a very long by-law and suggested basing it off of the census of January and that's the amount that the tax payers approve-\$20 a meter based on the census as of January and that will be what we put in the stabilization fund, but want to make it clean and simple for the auditors to verify amounts-Jen Nash will document amounts for the end of the year totals and that amount will be used for January numbers. Tom Hoppensteadt comment that a change will need to be made in the water departments by laws-wording of the change discussed Mr. Pirrone will work on the wording.

**Treasurer:**

Mr. Pirrone stated the budget is being finalized and would like Tom Hoppensteadt and the Prudential Committee's thoughts-how much of the rate increase we will reflect in the annual district meeting to show the tax payers what the tax increase would be? Have to make that estimate now-it's a no penalty estimate but in November when he makes the tax payer calculation it is more serious as if he over estimates would be a revenue deficit. Mr. Pirrone detailed his idea and recommendation then asked for thoughts.

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last heard will be worked on mid-September to mid-October-that time period has been blocked off on the calendar

**Nonbinding Ballot question:**

Mr. Eager believes Chapter 53, 18A is the nonbinding portion of the statute and 18B is for the binding- Mr. Eager spoke with Mr. Boudreau about this. Ms. Parks asked if they have to ask to have the question withdrawn, Mr. Eager said their answer is probably no. Ms. Parks said even if the answer is no, we still need to institute 18A-will the petition is to institute 18B. Mrs. Mycock-Kelly said 18B is not applicable in the current situation, Mr. Eager said it does have to go in the warrant as written and then a vote will be taken on it. Fran doesn't want binding questions on the ballot. Mr. Eager said the cost would be high as district counsel would have to interview people. Non-binding was not put in the request, just adopting 18A. Mr. Eager explained the two petitions made. Ms. Parks stated two problems, there won't be time for a discussion at the meeting, and if don't declare 18A there is no requirement for X number of people to make the petition. Mrs. Mycock-Kelly doesn't think the rules for 18A apply to 18B, because 18A only applies to nonbinding public opinion. Ms. Parks stated will have to have a discussion about this at the district meeting.

**Such Other Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair:**

Ms. Parks brought up that the CCOA offered to donate a piano, Committee unsure if the current piano is even used.

**Minutes:**

Motion made to approve the Feb 11, 2019 minutes, seconded with slight spelling change, all in favor

Public Comment: NA

Motion to adjourn, seconded, all in favor

Back in Session:

**Space Needs Assessment:**

Have \$25,000 set aside for demolishing 56 High St-if ever do build a building there it will need to be part of the construction process. Ms. Parks suggests taking the \$25,000 and putting it towards continued space needs assessment evaluation of a single-story building at 56 High St. Mrs. Mycock-Kelly asked that even if don't build there don't, we have to raise it after the appeal period from conservation? Ms. Parks replied will have to go back through it for permission to raise it, but if raise it-it changes the zoning status, so keep it there until decide what to do. Ms. Parks proposed to put an article in the warrant to move that money into the special need's assessment, seconded, all in favor

**Motion to adjourn, seconded, all in favor**