

Prudential Committee  
Cotuit Fire Station  
64 High Street, Cotuit, MA  
Minutes November 20, 2019  
5:30 p.m.

**Called to order** at 5:30 P.M.

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

**Public Recording:** Amy Kates

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Tax Classification Hearing:** FP requested a motion to re-open the tax classification meeting, LMK made a motion to reopen the tax classification meeting, previously postponed until this evenings meeting, second, all in favor. Mr. O'Neill reviewed town property value went up from 5.8% from the previous year. 14 billion over 15.0 at (unintelligible) total value. The Cotuit Fire District appears to have a 3.2% change from last year. Handouts distributed and reviewed-Cotuit median values increased 5.36% increase. Discussed tax recap sheet-tax levy for the District is \$3,589,408.00. Reviewed what if scenarios for taxation-if Prudential selects as have done in past on the 1.00 (unintelligible) equates to a tax write off of 2.34 for the Fire District, last year was 2.38. SG asked about the recap on page three the rentals-RP answered it is the Freedom hall rentals, SG asked about other charges for services-RP replied ambulance-later corrected was antennae and solar. SG asked about other departmental revenue-RP replied is ambulance and the reason for decline in other charges is because lose revenue in other tower. LMK asked about budget in misc.-RP replied he leaves it a zero. SG asked about services for water -RP replied rate increase in water. Fran Parks asked to make a motion to continue the tax factor of one, so moved, second, all in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:**

**Approval December Bond Sale:** RP distributed handouts and gave an overview as to where stand at the end of October-discussed revenue, tax collections, water rate, fire department ambulance budget and OPED trust. Reviewed expenditure report and debt service. Discussed projects-rehabbing the engine, station roof, air packs, fire station repairs, Freedom hall flooring, repaving station parking lot, Water dept pick up, Space Review, Water Department security system is ongoing- and other remaining projects to be closed out and transferred to either debt or other projects are Lowell's Pond, Main Street mains, water tanks which is under review-comprised of at least three appropriations. SG asked about the water tank appropriations-RP explained about the loans, grants, funding and expenditure, but RP hasn't defined the water tank as of yet. RP discussed upcoming motion to give him the authority to borrow \$970,000 -was stated as \$1,050,000.00 in the handout but RP asked to change it to \$970,000. Lisa Mycock-Kelly moved that the Treasurer is authorized to borrow \$970,000 for the purpose of refinancing the \$1,250,00.00 of notes due on December 20, 2019, second, all in favor, so moved. Silvio Genao moved that the unspent funds from the following projects to be used for the payment of debt due December 20, 2019-\$84,000 and for transfer to the stabilization fund \$3,516.00. Project for Lowell's Pond at annual district meeting article 10, 5/28/2018 \$32,477.00. Project for main street mains annual district meeting article 10, in 5/23/2013 \$45,362. Fire Department utility truck annual district meeting article 9 from 5/30/2018 \$3513.00, Water department utility truck annual district meeting article 13, 5/30/2018 \$6164.00, Fire station parking lot repave Special District Meeting Article 2, 6/26/2018 \$14925.00 total of \$102,441.00 to be used to pay

down debt of \$80,000 transferred to fire station roof repair annual district meeting article 6, 5/30/2018 \$9950 transfer to fire engine repair annual district meeting Article 17, 5/2016 \$10,900 and to transfer to the stabilization fund \$1591.00 for a total of \$102,441.00. Ray wanted to point out previous version and has since made edits. SG made a motion to amend the motion just made as follows. By scratching \$84,000 and replacing with \$80,000 and the second line of the motion and to scratch \$3516 to transfer to stabilization fund and replace it with \$1591, second, all in favor of the amendment-FP want to point out the project for Lowell Pond Article 10 is 5/28/2008. Motion seconded, all in favor. FP asked how much is in the OPED acct, RP replied doesn't have the exact amount, about \$160,000.

**Space Needs:** LMK feels have to come up with a priority of what needs to be done first-prioritize it then come up with a variety of options to address them. FP agrees and the easiest thing would be the records. FP discussed 1998 feasibility study of Freedom Hall. Discussed renting office space in and out of the District-must be ADA compliant. SG discussed short- and long-term issues. LMK wanted to point out that the space needs study was intended to be a full district study not just for the Treasurer's office.

**Freedom Hall floor: floors are** completed, and Mr. O'Neill will put us on a program to refresh the floor-once a year is \$700.

**Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair:** FP discussed who is paying for the streetlights on Whitmore Rd. FP will follow up with Mr. Fontana.

**Minutes:** October 28, 2019 minutes reviewed, accepted, seconded, all in favor

**Public Comment:** Carol Zais (inaudible) then discussed creating a committee to look into the records and she would be happy to assist with that. Cynthia Gardner discussed how disheartened she is by the way misinformation is spoken by the Committee. SG will follow up with the architects to get more information about the study. Amy Kates asked what we need for square footage for document storage-response was needed to first review what documents need to be kept, Ms. Kates then asked how big the current storage area-answer is not large, piles on top of each other. Ms. Kates asked how was it voted on for a \$100,000 kitchen at Fire Station, FP replied it wasn't just for the kitchen, it is for security updates, and other station renovations. Bruce (inaudible) asked about resources being stretched and asked if doing a fair amount of coverage for Mashpee asked if it a detriment to our district-SG replied COMM covers us it is mutual aid. FP replied we are doing less mutual aid with Mashpee then have in the past-it has been negotiated to more of a one to one.

Motion to made to adjourn, second, all in favor.