



**Prudential Committee of the Cotuit Fire District
Freedom Hall, 976 Main Street, Cotuit, MA
September 25, 2019
Minutes**

Called to Order at 5:30 p.m.

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

Public Recording

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment: Cynthia Gardner, 94 School Street asked if could readdress the question discussed with Lisa Mycock-Kelly in May. Ms. Gardner will send the questions out to Mr. Genao by email. Ms. Gardner also asked the Committee about Engine 263.

Treasurer Report: Ray Pirrone distributed a handout summarizing where the District stands in terms of revenue and expenditure for the first two months of the fiscal year 2020. Silvio attended the Fire Commissioner meeting where the budget was discussed and the possibility of having a special meeting about the funding situation, Silvio asked if Ray could review the situation with the committee. Ray spoke with Chief Rhude and after reviewing the staff numbers and running rough calculations, if staffing vacancies are covered quickly, he doesn't feel a special district meeting will be needed at this point before the annual district meeting.

Space Needs Assessment Project Update: At the last meeting, architects and the committee discussed the possibility of having a special district meeting to discuss funding for design and move project forward. Discussed moving offices from second floor of the fire station-perhaps have a meeting with the Fire Commissioners to discuss options as part of the space needs assessment. Silvio made a motion for scheduling a special district meeting for the purposes of planning and appropriate design money for this project, the property next to the fire department, second, all in favor.

Freedom Hall Items Update: Fran reported the front door has been repaired, gutters have been cleaned-a few boots need to be repaired, handicap posts changed, piano removed, light in the back of the hall is fixed, and the overnight signs were posted Monday-however the one on the Lodge was removed/stolen. Need to organize a work party to move the tables/chairs before the floor repair. Silvio reported the floor company will start the project the week of October 7th, the calendar is clear and monthly meetings will be at another location. Fran mentioned the floor project must be complete before the November voting-Silvio stated it is in the contractor's contract to have the project complete by the end of October. Ray will make the tax assessor aware that the October 28th tax classification meeting will be held at the fire station.

By-Law Committee Update: Fran not planning on having a meeting until November so it may be at Freedom Hall and recorded properly.

Policy Advisory Committee Update: Silvio has reached out to everyone on the committee and has yet to hear back from anyone, once he does will schedule a meeting in November.

Bargaining Agreement Committee Update: Chairman Kevin Conley is scheduling a meeting probably for the first week of October.

Other Business/Topics not Anticipated by the Chair: Fran discussed contract with Nexamp to get solar credits. Fran spoke with them and it is expected to go online in the next two months. Will then be getting \$4,000 a year.

Silvio referred to Space Needs update-regarding scheduling special district meeting think about setting a formal date including pre meetings, meeting with Civic Association and check the availability of the architects to attend the meeting. Carol Zais commented that the Civic Association meetings are finished for the year except for next weeks Board meeting during which she will let then know the Committee would like to discuss the request. Carol will email the deadlines for the newsletter to Lisa and offered to send information out through constant contact.

Reading/Approval of Minutes: July 22 and August 28 minutes reviewed. Motion made to approve as amended, second, all in favor.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn, second, all in favor