

**Prudential Committee Meeting via Zoom**

**December 14, 2020**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order**

**Roll Call-Seth Burdick, Ray Pirrone, Charlie Eager, Fran Parks**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Interviews for Prudential Committee vacancy Mr. Mark Lynch 6:15 PM, Mr. Haenle 6:30PM, Mr. Mike Curtis 6:45PM**

All candidates gave a brief introduction, reviewed qualifications and how they could contribute to the Committee. Chairwoman and Mr. Burdick discussed what the next step would be and qualifications of each candidate-public questions were not asked as the committee does the interviewing. Mr. Burdick moved to appoint Paul Haenle to fill vacant spot on the Prudential Committee, Chairwoman seconded, all in favor by roll call. Chairwoman thanked the other candidates and mentioned hope they join the other District committees.

Charlie Eager swore in Paul Haenle into the Prudential Committee.

**Treasurer**

Mr. Pirrone reviewed and summarized the report including the revenue, expenditures, insurance, and benefits.

Discussed outstanding projects and articles-still have money left from space study, may be able to use it for the school study.

Chairwoman asked if the FEMA and Care Grant are complete? Mr. Pirrone responded no, received an extension and it is now due by the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Discussed the credit system for the water bills. Would be useful if the Civic Association could send out an email about the online payment ability.

Discussed water department policies for overdue bills, and that the district taxes overdue bills have caught up by 50%.

Mr. Haelne asked if Mr. Pirrone predicted any future issues? Mr. Pirrone responded not on the expenditures level, though is concerned about the tax payments especially if covid continues as

people will fall behind on critical payments. Chairwoman stated a future spending may be a new ambulance expense. Chief Rhude stated that would occur in 2023 and be about \$300,000.

### **Freedom Hall**

Chairwoman state the AA group is now using the hall.

Heating system was being serviced for annual maintenance and had to replace the basement motor-\$1,702.70.

Missing streetlight on Old Post Rd-Assistant Treasurer trying to find out who owns the light. Chairwoman may come back to committee to replace the light-will be about \$600.

### **Cotuit School**

Chairwoman reviewed the last meeting. Discussed letting the town know we are serious about investigating taking over the school and will be looking into making a decision about the property. Committee asked that all the District committees make a recommendation to support this discission. Chairwoman made a motion that the Prudential Committee support the school committee in their endeavors to evaluate the property and consider taking it over for the district. Second, all in favor by roll call.

### **Public Comment**

Carol Zais welcomed Paul and asked if could have copies of the Treasurer's report before meetings-Chairwoman responded not able to provide beforehand, but will post info with minutes.

Ms. Zais also asked how much was left in the space needs study? Chairwoman replied \$11,000.

Cynthia Gardner asked about the Treasurer's report and the \$5,000 over because of extra hours awarded. How much over would have been if instead of paying time and half to part time employee we had paid straight time and would have it been within budget? Mr. Pirrone replied no, plus explained the payout is worth it for the grant payment. Ms. Gardner does not have an issue with applying for grants, it is for the paying time and half before an employee has reached forty hours. Believes municipal employees have clear legislation-Chairwoman asked if Ms. Gardner had copies of that legislation, Ms. Gardner replied Inspector General will be contacting the Treasurer with the information.

**Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair.**

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