

**COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT  
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING (VIRTUAL BY ZOOM)  
MARCH 10, 2022**

**Present: Charles Eager, Clerk, Ray Pirrone, Treasurer, Seth Burdick, Prudential Committee, Mark Lynch, Prudential Committee and Fran Parks, Prudential Committee**

The meeting was called to order at 6 PM on March 10, 2022 remotely using the Zoom app.

Fran Parks led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was no public comment.

The first order of business was the new Fire Chief's contract. Fran Parks went over the contract salary and benefits. Mark Lynch asked about any limitations on the personal use of the Fire Department vehicle assigned to the Chief. Fran said he could as he would like except during vacations.

Mark Lynch questioned the Prudential Committee signing of the contract where most member had no say in the negotiations. Fran Parks said her understanding is once the Negotiation Committee reached an agreement it was a done deal. It was asked what would happen if the Prudential Committee refused to sign the contract. The Treasurer said he could not pay the Chief. Mark Lynch said if the Committee was to sign a contract, they should have some input before it would become a done deal. Mark said this should be an item in the Governance Study discussion.

**Motion made by Mark Lynch to accept the Fire Chief's contract as negotiated, seconded by Seth Burdick and passes unanimously.**

Fran Parks contacted David Anthony about doing a pressure test on the oil tank. Mr. Anthony said the oil tank has an alarm system on it and is double hulled. He said this is something that needs to be discussed further. Fran will send Mark Lynch a copy of David Anthony's email. Fran also said in scanning the Town's draft Capital Improvement Plan for 2023 there was a price of \$982,000 for demolition of the Cotuit School. Fran also reported on potholes on the Cotuit School roadway.

Mark Lynch reported in review the warrant for the Fire Department there was an item for regular and bike shoes as part of the uniform allowance. Lisa Haven explained that the collective bargaining agreement allows clothing allowance for fitness. Treasurer will look into the issue and report back to the Committee. Lisa Haven will send Mark Lynch the paragraph in the contract dealing with fitness clothing.

**Motion made by Seth Burdick to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mark Lynch and passes unanimously.**

