

Cotuit Fire District  
Prudential Committee  
Minutes  
23 January, 2017

Present: Laurie Hadley, Stan Goldstein, Mike Daley, Charlie Eager, Fran Parks

The meeting was opened at 5:00 P.M.

Amy Kates recording

**Public Comment:**

Cynthia Gardner asked when the agendas, minutes, and budget would be on District website and what the timeframe would be to expect that answer. Fran answered that as far as she knows the Prudential Committee minutes are there, that is our responsibility.

**Treasurer Appointment:**

Fran was at the West Barnstable meeting last Wednesday night when they made a decision for Ray Peron to be the new Treasurer with CPA experience and felt he could learn the municipal treasury side, thought having two people to replace previous Treasurer would be too many. Stan asked what the feeling here is about looking for both a Treasurer and an accountant with CPA or accounting experience as West Barnstable has. Mike said having an accountant gives beneficial addition and worth exploring. Stan stated could always go back to two people to cover all aspects. Laurie has mixed feelings as it is easier to acquire accounting skills then municipal knowledge. Fran would like to hire just one person. Discussion whether this position would have a contractor or be an employee. Answer is would be an employee, and leaning towards someone with an accounting background.

Motion made by Stan to engage Ray Pirron as an employee for the new Treasurer for the Cotuit Fire District, seconded and unanimously approved.

Discussion about Christina to compose the Prudential meeting minutes, Jen is training with the County to post on the website. Possible cross training in the future.

**Freedom Hall:**

Parking lot door that was found ajar was tampered with, has since been fixed. Window wells filling with leaves. Due to the fact that the windows are an odd size, Fran contacted David Kerr to create covers. He is able to construct cover's using pressure treated wood and polycarbonate for all 5 windows. Cost would be about \$1500-\$1700 using account 5901 which is Freedom Hall paint and repairs.

Motion made Laurie, seconded and unanimously approved to have David Kerr to build 5 window well covers.

**Items not reasonably anticipated by the committee:**

Stan asked Mike if received the Bond from the insurance company. Hasn't been received yet, though Mike responded to his inquiry, Fran has forwarded it on to them, Mike said it is presumably in process of issuing performance bond.

Mike learned the federal loan is making its way forward, spoke with bond counsel and the USDA. Mike is going to need a meeting for the final closing paperwork with Federal Government. Will keep apprised. Need to have your meeting, get signatures, get the paperwork back to them in order to close. Maybe first week of February, shooting for a February 15 close date and Feb 18 no payment.

Stan asked if the one of the Commissioners from the Water Department is coming to a meeting to discuss the rate survey. Fran said they are planning on coming to the February meeting.

Motion to adjourn, seconded and unanimously approved