

**COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT  
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
NOVEMBER 22, 2021**

**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 November 22, 2021 at Freedom Hall, Cotuit, MA and could be seen virtually on the Zoom app.

Fran Parks led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were motions made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the Prudential Committee public meetings of October 25, 2021, November 8, 2021 and the executive session of October 25, 2021.

There was no public comment.

The Treasurer went over his reports on year-to-date revenues and expenses. Treasurer reported that we are at or ahead of budget for all revenue items. Expenses are either at or below budget for the year except for the annual one-time payment categories, such as property and casualty insurance in Prudential which was paid in July. If you take out the payment Prudential budget is below budget. Other one-time payments are in debt with the first payment made in October and in benefits for retirement assessment payment made in July. These one-time payments distort the expense budget until the end of the year. Little activity in the articles area. He stated all state reports have been filed and accepted. Free cash has been certified in excess of 1.2 million dollars. Mark Lynch questioned if the high free cash was due water revenues. Treasurer replied about one half is from water revenues. Fran Parks asked if the Treasurer knew if the District would receive any of the \$4.1 billion the state received from the federal government for infrastructure? He said heard about money coming but didn't know if the District would benefit. He said he would look into it future.

Fran Parks stated the Policy Advisory Committee suggested the District should have a five-year capital plan in place. She requested the other committees look into pulling together a plan for their departments. Fran then started a discussion in what should be in the Prudential Committee's plan. Some of the item include improvement to Freedom Hall dealing with the septic system, parking lot and ceiling, Cotuit School and possible technology updates for the District such as putting the whole billing system on the same software.

Fran Parks asks Mark Lynch if the negotiating committee has a schedule meeting with the Town. He replied there is a meeting scheduled for December 15, 2021. The Town and the committee have been meeting monthly. Fran Parks asked the Prudential members what would be their preference for December's meeting date. There was a consensus to hold the meeting on December 20, 2021.

Seth Burdick said that governance of the District was brought up by the Policy Advisory Committee. He requested it be added to the December agenda for discussion. Mark Lynch suggested the Board of Fire Commissioners and Board of Water Commissioners be invited to the meeting for their input.

Mark Lynch said he would try to set up a meeting of the By-law Committee but it may not happen until next year.

Carol Zais had some public comment. Carol offered to develop a system for video meetings. Fran Parks said they will be meeting with Nantucket Sound to fix the problem. Fran Parks thanks Carol for her offer.

**Mark Lynch made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Seth Burdick and passed unanimously.**