

**COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 25, 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 October 25, 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.

Fran Parks asked if there was any Public Comment? Ms. Gardner requested the Prudential Committee members to respond to an email she sent earlier today.

Fran Parks asked if everyone knew the Chief was retiring on November 19, 2021? Everyone knew he was retiring.

The Treasurer went over his reports on year-to-date revenues and expenses. Nothing seems out of the ordinary. Retiree health insurance rates have been announced. There will be a health insurance premium holiday in December. Health Group will be offering a new program to provide case management estimated to start late this year or early next year.

Treasurer noted the Tax Classification hearing with the assessor is set for December 8, 2021 at 2 PM. The Treasurer explained the Tax Classification here was to determine if the District will use a single rate or a split rate. The split rate will place more of the tax burden on the industrial, commercial and personal property. Since, the District has such a small industrial, commercial and personal property value the split rate will result in a small change for the residential tax rate. Historically, the District has adopted a single for all property groups.

Fran Parks said her preference was to have a Zoom Meeting so people who wished to could participate and the recording would be clear as long as the material were available before the meeting. Mark Lynch said he would favor this also because he would not be in Town that day.

Fran Parks explained to the Committee the maintenance contract with Siemens is ending. Siemens was going to split off the maintenance division which hasn't happen yet. Cape Light Compact has requested all the municipalities not sign the agreement regarding the split off but to renew with Siemens alone.

Fran Parks addressed the sound issues with the Zoom Meetings saying the Committee will try to have only the speaker's mic unmuted. Hopefully this will help. She also said she will consult with Jerry from Charlie Music who installed the system for any suggestion he might have.

Fran Parks then spoke about Freedom Hall explaining one side of the safety gate leading down to the basement has pulled apart, blue stone out from is loose and one of the window cords is broken and all need to be fixed. She has contacted David Kerr to do the repairs.

Fran Parks mentioned that the Chairman of the Water Commissioners offered to use some of their funds and engineers to check on the oil tank at the old school for any leaks. Mark Lynch is okay with the Water Commissioners offer because the tank should be assessed even if the school is not acquired. It with their duties.

Mark Lynch made the following motion. **I move we go into Executive Session under Purpose 6. To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair so declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body and to discuss a response to an Open Meeting Law complaint and will not come back to Public Session. Seth Burdick seconded the motion. All members were polled. Seth Burdick, Mark Lynch and Fran Parks voiced in the affirmative to leave Public Session and go into Executive Session and not return to Public Session at 6:29 PM.**