

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

144 NEWTON STREET

South Hadley, MA 01075

Minutes: July 7, 2026

Location: South Hadley Library

Attendance: Kurt Schenker, John Wojciechowski, Steven Blaney

Call to Order

The Prudential Committee meeting was called to order by the Kurt at 6:02 PM

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes presented for approval: April 27, 2026, May 5, 2026, and March 24, 2026 (Joint Meeting)

John motioned to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Steve seconded. Unanimously passed.

Approval of Ambulance Adjustments, Vote on Acceptance

John motioned to make ambulance adjustments in the amount of \$174,443.42 for the adjustment period of May 2026. Steve seconded. Unanimously passed.

Chief's Report, and Vote on Acceptance

- **Monthly activity**
 - Calls: 52 Fire calls, 202 EMS calls (Total: 254 calls for June).
 - Year-to-Date Totals: 238 Fire calls, 1,200 EMS calls (Total: 1,438 calls).
 - Inspections: 14 Business, 25 Smoke/CO, 9 Lock boxes, 2 Smoke detector installs.
- **Grants & Regulations:**
 - Received \$72,199 from the Ambulance Cost Reporting Grant.
 - Discussion on proposed DPH regulations regarding ambulance fee collections
- Paperwork regarding the capital carpet/flooring contract performance and payment bonds was delayed due to vacation schedules, but submitted shortly before the meeting.

- The contract will be ready for signature by noon the following day. No separate vote is required as funds were pre-approved.

Steve motioned to accept the Chief's Reports as read. John seconded. Unanimously passed.

Treasurer's Report, and Vote on Acceptance

- **Fiscal Year End & System Transition:**
 - Closing out the current fiscal year (final bills due July 10).
 - Transitioned payroll to Harpers Last Week. Employee feedback on the layout has been positive.
- **Expenditure Report Review:**
 - Chief's Salary line item was over 100% due to a December vacation buy-back option.
 - General Insurance line item exceeded 100%, but total operating and overall salary budgets remain fully covered.

John motioned to accept Treasurer's Report as read. Kurt seconded. Unanimously passed.

Discussion from Citizens' Group & Call Activity

- **Fire District Consolidation/Merger Group:**
 - Kurt summarized ongoing discussions with the citizens' study group regarding potential district consolidation. No vote or other action was taken.

New Business

Mitchell Mercier will be retiring in September.

Adjourn

John motioned to adjourn. Kurt seconded. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:33PM.