

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE
FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
144 NEWTON STREET
South Hadley, Ma 01075

Minutes October 01, 2024

Location: South Hadley Public Library

Attendance: Kurt Schenker, John Wojciechowski, Bruce Perron, Kari Scytkowski, Pauline McClafflin, Bill Schenker

Call to Order

Kurt calls the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Joint Meeting w/ Board of Water Commissioners to Fill Vacancy on the Board of Water Commissioners

Pauline thanks the candidates, Eden DuPerier, Chuck Scott, and Mike Wozniak, for coming tonight and asks each for a statement sharing their motivation for seeking a position with the Board.

Eden notes that she was elected to the Board in April 2023 and held that seat until her forced resignation when she moved out of District 1. She is interested in continuing to serve on the Board, and she feels they were making great progress. She shares her educational history, and she describes her work history along with positions she has held on boards in former towns.

Chuck notes that he was a Water Commissioner in District 2 until he moved. He is proud to see what the Water Board does in this town compared to other towns.

Mike notes he has been a past chair of the Prudential Committee. He shares his military history, interest in serving the town, educational history, and other previous board positions held.

Bruce asks Mike about his work record, noting he seems to have done a lot. He asks if Mike would be looking at this as a short-term or long-term thing and if he lives in the district. Mike notes he does, and he is looking to run for the open seat in April. He asks how Mike would handle an Attorney General's directive. Mike notes he would abide by it. Chuck notes he would also abide by it and answers Bruce's question that he, too, lives in District 1. Eden notes that they have abided by the Attorney General's directive.

Bruce notes there has been an abundance of water leaks in town and asks how each candidate would handle that.

Chuck notes that he would have an account in the budget for repairs. Mike notes he would defer to the superintendent. Eden notes it was always a budgetary line item, and she notes the superintendent and his crew are very knowledgeable and had saved the district a lot of money by taking care of it in-house.

John asks Chuck how long he was on the Board in District 2 and how long ago. He replies that it was roughly 2 years in '08/'09.

The members of both boards vote by ballot, with results showing 4 Eden and 1 Charles.

Re-convene Prudential Committee

The Board of Water Commissioners adjourns their meeting at 6:20pm.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: 04/02/2024, 06/04/2024, 08/06/2024, 09/03/2024

Bruce motions to approve the minutes of 04/02/2024, 06/04/2024, 08/06/2024, and 09/03/2024 as they have been sent by the Assistant Clerk/Treasurer. John seconds. Unanimous.

Chief's Report and Discussion on Any Items Put Forward by the Chief and Vote on Those Items if Needed

September 2024

53 fire calls

189 EMS calls

Total: 242

Year total:

412 fire calls

1,769 EMS calls

Total: 2,181

Inspections:

14 business inspections

13 smoke/COs

4 lockboxes

5 UST removals, oil burners, propane, smoke detector installs

Events:

Fall prevention presentation at COA

SAFE Booth at Big E

Updates:

Lieutenant exam today, and they should have results in 2 weeks.

The new ambulance should be delivered next week.

Ambulance Adjustments and Reconciliation Report with Vote on Acceptance

For the month of August, Bruce would like to make a motion, the adjustment amount would be \$168,299.73. John seconds. Unanimous.

Any New Business Brought to the Board in the Last 24-48 Hours

No new business.

Public Comment

A member of the public asks if the new boat will be stored inside or outside. Chief notes that for the winter, it will be stored inside.

Pauline asks about storing it using a portable tent for quicker response time. Chief notes it will eventually be stored at the Marina from May-October, making for an even quicker response.

Roll Call to Enter Into Executive Session at End of Regular Business Session for the Following Two Purposes;

- In compliance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 30A Section 21(a) subparagraph (2) to conduct a strategy session to prepare for contract negotiations with Chief Thomas Stark.
- In compliance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 30A Section 21(a) subparagraph (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining SH Dist. 1 Professional Firefighters Association where discussion in an open meeting on this subject would have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of South Hadley Fire District No. 1.
- Board will not be returning to open session at the conclusion of the executive session.

Bruce seconds. Roll call vote: John-aye, Bruce-aye, Kurt-aye.

Adjourn
6:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shauna Condon, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer

Approved 01/07/2025