PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

144 NEWTON STREET

South Hadley, MA 01075

Minutes: August 4, 2026

Location: South Hadley Library

Attendance: Kurt Schenker, John Wojciechowski, Steven Blaney

Call to Order

The Prudential Committee meeting was called to order by Kurt at 6:13 PM.

Public Comment

A resident asked about the District's software. The Chief explained that the portal allows community members and businesses to provide relevant information, such as safety and emergency-contact information, and apply for permits online. He noted that, currently, information submitted through the portal remains within Fire District No. 1 and is not shared with District No. 2 or the police.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes presented for approval: December 2, 2025, and January 6, 2026.

A motion to approve the minutes for December 2, 2025 and January 6, 2026 was made by John and seconded. Unanimously passed.

Approval of Ambulance Adjustments, Vote on Acceptance

A motion for ambulance adjustments for the period of June 2026 in the amount of $285,132.34 was made by John and seconded. Unanimously passed.

Chief's Report, and Vote on Acceptance

Monthly activity for July: 58 fire calls and 197 EMS calls, for a total of 255 calls.

Year-to-date: 296 fire calls and 1,397 EMS calls, for a total of 1,693 calls.

Other activity: 9 business inspections, 30 smoke/COs, 24 lock boxes, and 7 oil burners. Events included the Fourth of July fireworks and Big Rig Day.

A motion to accept the Chief's report was made by John and seconded. Unanimously passed.

Discussion of New Ambulance and Vote on Acceptance of Proposal

The Chief reported that the current estimated build time for a new ambulance is approximately three years or longer. If a contract were signed within 30 days, delivery was estimated for late 2029 or early 2030. The Chief reported that 97 units were in the Northeast queue and that the manufacturer builds approximately 250–275 ambulances annually.

The quoted price for an F-Series was approximately $534,000. An E-Series was estimated to cost about $38,000 less. Discussion covered fuel type and consumption, maintenance and tire wear, two-wheel versus four-wheel drive, winter operation, vehicle durability, and the practical needs of the

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crew. The Chief noted that Medic One is a 2019 vehicle and Medic Three is a 2010 vehicle; by the estimated delivery date, they would be approximately 10 and 19 years old, respectively.

A motion to accept the ambulance and get a contract going was made by John and seconded. Unanimously passed.

Treasurer's Report, and Vote on Acceptance

The Treasurer reported that auditors were on site and expected to continue their work over the next few weeks. The Treasurer also reported plans to attend a state audit interview at Town Hall with the Chief. Requested materials included the District budget, annual report, salary information, and an organizational chart.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by John and seconded. Unanimously passed.

New Business

A resident's family sent a thank-you note after the ambulance crew assisted and transported a man from Carlton Street. The family returned a washed blanket and made a $100 donation to the Fire District designated as an ambulance gift.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by John and seconded. Unanimously passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM.

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