PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

144 NEWTON STREET

South Hadley, MA 01075

Minutes: October 6, 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 6:00 PM.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes were not available for review. Approval was tabled until the next meeting.

Approval of Ambulance Adjustments

A motion to approve the ambulance adjustments for August 2026 in the amount of $232,350.68 was made by Kurt and seconded. Unanimously passed.

A motion to approve the ambulance adjustments for September 2026 in the amount of $215,598.31 was made by Kurt and seconded. Unanimously passed.

Chief's Report

Monthly activity for September 2026: 41 fire calls and 206 EMS calls, for a total of 247 calls.

Year-to-date: 398 fire calls and 1,853 EMS calls, for a total of 2,251 calls.

Other activity: 9 business inspections, 3 school inspections, 23 smoke/CO inspections, and 5 lock boxes.

Station work: The flooring project was completed, and the trucks were moved back into the bays.

Events and training: The department participated in the September fire drill and the Gentlemen's Breakfast event. A SAFE grant application was submitted for Senior SAFE and school programs. There was also a regional dispatch meeting.

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Personnel: Leo Couture was reported to have departed after three years with the department. William Rooney was identified as his replacement. The Chief noted that the department has experienced seven retirements over the past three years.

A motion to accept the Chief's report was made by Steve and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer noted she did not have anything to report at this time. Additional bills had arrived, and the Treasurer had recently returned from vacation. The Committee agreed to table the Treasurer's report and related business until the next meeting.

New Business

The Committee discussed the status of the new ambulance purchase. It was confirmed that the contract had been signed in August 2026. The anticipated delivery date is no earlier than fall 2028, with the first quarter of 2029 being a more likely timeframe.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Steve and seconded. Unanimously passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:21 PM.

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