

MINUTES OF THE FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 ANNUAL MEETING

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants of Fire District No. 1, South Hadley, Massachusetts, met the hour and place designated.

It took 30 voters twenty-eight minutes to discuss and vote on the thirty-seven articles on the warrant during the Annual Meeting on Monday, April 28, 2014 in the Fire Department building at 144 Newton Street.

The Annual Meeting was digitally voice recorded.

The District Moderator pointed out the following changes/amendments to the annual report:

In the Prudential Board Estimated Budget FY2015 (page 6)

Printed- Ambulance Stabilization Acct.	\$110,000.00
<b>Amended-</b> New Ambulance Acct.	\$190,000.00
Printed- Total Capital Expenses	\$1,143,953.72
<b>Amended-</b> Total Capital Expense	\$1,223,953.72
Printed- Total FY 15 Estimated Budget	\$3,585,267.74
<b>Amended-</b> Total FY 15 Estimated Budget	\$3,665,267.74

Printed- Proposed Funding of Estimated Budget	
Appropriations	\$2,449,267.74
From Ambulance Reserve fund	\$636,000.00
From Free cash	<u>\$500,000.00</u>
Total Estimated Funding	\$3,585,267.74

<b>Amended-</b> Proposed Funding of Estimated Budget	
Appropriations	\$2,449,267.74
From Ambulance Reserve fund	\$636,000.00
From Free cash	\$500,000.00
From Ambulance Stabilization Acct	<u>\$80,000.00</u>
Total Estimated Funding	\$3,665,267.74

In the Warrant (page 24-25):

PRINTED- ARTICLE 4. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available surplus or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Wage Accounts as found in the Prudential Committee's budget.

**AMENDED/ADDED-** ARTICLE 4. To see if the District will vote to fix the salary and compensation of the following elective officers of the Fire District No. 1 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2014 as provided by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 108, as amended: Moderator, Prudential Committee Members, Clerk/Treasurer, Water Commissioners.  
**Adding the additional article moved all other articles after number 4 up one number.**

Printed- ARTICLE 12. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available surplus, or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Ambulance Stabilization Acct.

**Amended-** ARTICLE 13. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available surplus, or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purchase of a New Ambulance.

The following is the action taken on the articles:

Article 1. Voted unanimously to accept the Prudential Committee Report found on Pages 3 thru 7 in the annual report dated for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2013.

Article 2. Voted unanimously to accept the Water Commissioner's Report as found on pages 16 thru 21 of the Annual District Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013.

Article 3. Voted unanimously to accept the Treasurer's Report as found on Pages 8 thru 15 in the annual report dated June 30, 2013.

Article 4. I move that the District vote to fix the salary and compensation of the following elective officers of the Fire District No. 1 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2014 as provided by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 108, as amended: Moderator, Prudential Committee Members, Clerk/Treasurer, Water Commissioners as follows:

Moderator                      \$271.99 per year

Prudential Committee:

Chair                              \$1,625.96 per year

Clerk                              \$1,883.88 per year

Member                         \$1,625.96 per year

Clerk/Treasurer              \$ 59,646.60 per year plus \$1200.00 a year for car allowance

Water Commissioners:

Chair                              \$1,500.00 per year

Clerk                              \$1,500.00 per year

Member                         \$1,500.00 per year

The Clerk/Treasurer, Monica Walton made a motion to amend article 4 to offer the Clerk/Treasurer the same 3% raise that is being recommended to the rest of the district.

Amendment:

**Clerk/Treasurer \$ 61,436.00 per year which includes the 3% raise being recommended to the rest of the district, plus \$1200.00 a year for car allowance**

Monica Walton Spoke in favor of the amendment

Kevin Taugher and Greg Sheehan spoke against the amendment

The moderator, Mark Beauregard called for a hand vote on the amended article.

Yes votes- 18                  No votes- 6

Article carries as amended

Article 5. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,932,414.02 including a 3% raise for the Wages and Salary Account as found in the Prudential Committee's budget and to meet said appropriation, raise \$1,410,984.06 and transfer from ambulance reserve fund account \$521,429.96

Article 6. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$246,900.00 for the Fire Operating Expense Account as outlined in the Prudential Committee's budget.

Article 7. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$105,500.00 for the Administration Operating Expense Account as found in the Prudential Committee Budget.

Article 8. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$156,500.00 for the Ambulance Operating Expense Account and to meet said appropriation, raise \$41,929.96 and transfer the sum of \$114,570.04 from the ambulance reserve fund account.

Article 9. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the Air Compressor Account.

Article 10. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 30,000.00 for the Building Improvements and Preventative Maintenance Account to the Fire Station Building at 144 Newton Street.

Article 11. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 12,000.00 for the Fire Department Major Equipment Repair Account.

Article 12. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the Ambulance Computer System Account.

Article 13. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$190,000.00 for the New Ambulance Acct and to meet said appropriation, raise \$110,000.00 and transfer the sum of \$80,000.00 from the Ambulance Stabilization Account.

Article 14. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for the Fire Gear Replacement Account.

Article 15. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 for the Alarm Radio Console Account.

Article 16. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,500.00 for the Fire Truck Note Account.

Article 17. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,806.25 for the Fire Truck Interest Account.

Article 18. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 for the Fire Department Vehicle Stabilization Account.

Article 19. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for the Fire Department Unfunded Liability Account.

Article 20. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the Actuary Report Account.

Article 21. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$344,814.75 for the Fire Retirement Account to be paid by the District Treasurer to the Treasurer Custodian of the Hampshire County Retirement System.

Article 22. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$531,832.72 for the Fire Department Health, Dental and Life Insurance Account and to meet said appropriation, raise \$31,832.72 and transfer from Free Cash \$500,000.00.

Article 23. Voted unanimously to authorize the District Treasurer with the approval of the Prudential Committee, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue for the financial year beginning July 1, 2014 and July 1, 2015. In accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, section 4, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, Section 17.

Article 24. Voted unanimously to allow the Prudential Committee to sell surplus equipment or material.

Article 25. Voted unanimously to authorize the Prudential Committee to apply for, accept and expend any state or federal grants.

Article 26. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$ 1,754,084.02 to defray the operating cost of the Water Department and to meet said appropriation and to meet said appropriation raise from its water is Water Receipts,

\$589,949.00 for Wages & Salaries, includes a 3% raise

1,090,000.00 for the Maintenance & Operations

51,633.79 for the Amortization on Debt

10,000.00 for the Treasurer Salary

3,000.00 for the Travel Expense

3,500.00 for the Audit Expense

5,000.00 for the Compensation Account

1,001.23 for the Loan Fees

\$1,754,084.02 Total from Water Receipts

Article 27. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$ 217,000.00 for the District Health, Dental & Life Insurance Account and to meet said appropriation transfer the sum of \$217,000.00 from the Water Available Surplus.

Article 28. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$114,938.25 for the Retirement Account and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$114,938.25 from the water Available Surplus.

Article 29. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$13,349.68 for the Ludlow Facility Interest Account and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$13,349.68 from Water Available Surplus.

Article 30. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 for the Water Tank Stabilization Fund and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$50,000.00 from the Water Available Surplus.

Article 31. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$175,000.00 for the Replacement and Installation of New Water Mains and to meet aid appropriation, transfer the sum of \$170,200.00 from the Water Available Surplus and transfer the sum of \$4,800.00 from the Improvement Fund.

Article 32. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 for the Water Meter Replacement Account and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$40,000.00 from the Water Available Surplus.

Article 33. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the Water Main Leak Detection Account and meet said appropriation transfer the sum of \$5,000.00 from the Water Available Surplus.

Article 34. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for Reserve Account and to meet said appropriation transfer the sum of \$10,000.00 from the Water Available Surplus.

Article 35. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$8,000.00 for the leaping Wells Watershed Account and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$8,000.00 from the Water Available Surplus.

Article 36. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Account and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$5,000.00 from the Water Available Surplus.

Article 37. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for the Water Tank Upkeep and Repair Account and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$20,000.00 from the Water Available Surplus.

Motion was made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at twenty-eight minutes after eight o'clock.

**I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Annual Meeting and a true record of the doings at said meeting.**

Monica G. Walton  
Clerk