

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE FIRE DISTRICT #1  
144 Newton Street  
South Hadley MA 01075

Prudential Committee Minutes

Date: 9-17-2020

Call to order: 4:05pm

Members present: Kevin Taugher  
John Wojciechowski  
Bruce Perron  
Terie Fleury  
Brendan (unknown)

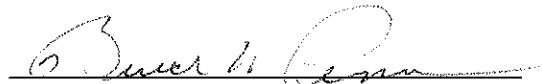
- The treasurer will send out a status report on the current trial balance numbers and details of the report, and will also email to Tom Scanlon
- KT moves accept 4-16 minutes BP 2<sup>nd</sup> unanimous affirm, JW moves accept 6-24 minutes BP 2<sup>nd</sup> unanimous affirm, KT tables 5-28 and 5-21 for his further review
- Annual meeting observations: KT indicates that the votes on Articles 38, 39, and 40 should be printed on the annual report. The treasurer received no numbers from the moderator. Terie will reach out to Mark, and after hearing back will post the annual meeting minutes.
- report and adjustments to be approved: Bruce moves to make an adjustment of \$207,758.74 for the month of June, John seconds, unanimous affirmation. Bruce moves to make an adjustment of \$156,562.06 for the month of July, John seconds, unanimous affirmation. Bruce moves to make an adjustment of \$197,736.34 for the month of August, John seconds, unanimous affirmation.
- Discussion and vote on virtual meeting platform: There was discussion about switching from GoToMeeting to another platform such as Zoom. There was also discussion about preparing the meeting room in compliance with COVID-19 regulations. A decision is made for the chief to come up with a plan, make sure the health director approves, and the Committee will make a decision at the next meeting about how to move forward. Discussion also ensued about increasing the number of delegates on Terie's GoToMeeting account and including a member of the Water Board as one of the delegates.
- Chief's monthly update on events: Bob reports the July calls for service as: fire: 60, and EMS: 181; and the August 2020 calls as: fire: 55 and EMS: 190. He indicates that as of September 01, the year-to-date calls were fire: 371 and EMS: 1,500. Bob also reports the July 2020 inspections as: business: 13, smoke/CO: 22 and lockbox: 1; and August 2020 inspections as: business: 18, smoke/CO: 21 and lockbox: 2. He reports that the

department is litigating an order to install sprinklers at properties on Grant and Warner (?) Street, both licensed by the town as lodging and boarding houses.

- Department update: the dive team continued to drill monthly, CPR training was conducted at the station for all members, the Halo machine training is being conducted for all members, and the EMS refreshers are being scheduled for the department's basics and paramedics and will likely be held virtually
- Continued discussion from the 11-21-2019 meeting: the 11-21-2019 minutes were reviewed. KT does not believe that expectations for the chief outlined in the 11-21-2019 meeting have been fulfilled. A motion is made for a 1% raise for the chief, the motion is seconded. A proposed amendment to the motion is made so that the 1% raise would be effective retroactively, beginning on 02-24-2020. The amendment is seconded. Vote: 2-1, the motion carries. It is decided that Bob will speak with his attorney and a meeting will not be scheduled until he can provide the Committee with a week's notice before a given meeting to go over the job description.
- Agenda items for next meeting: a meeting is scheduled for 10-21-2020 at 6:00pm. The regular agenda will be followed, and there will be a budget review to assess standing for the first quarter, as well as what planning must be done other than routine items for the next fiscal year.
- Roll call vote to enter into executive session in compliance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 30A Section 21(a), subparagraph 1 for the purpose of discussing the results and resolution of an investigation into a complaint against a member of the organization where discussion of the matter in open session would be detrimental to rights and reputation of individuals involved. We will not return to open session at the conclusion of executive session: 2-0 affirmative at 4:56pm. J.W, aye, B.P. aye

Clerk Prudential Committee

Bruce H. Perron

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bruce H. Perron", written over a horizontal line.