

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

Prudential Committee REGULAR Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: May 30, 2019

Location: Fire District Headquarters, 144 Newton Street, South Hadley, MA

This session is being recorded.

Call to Order: 2:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: <u>Prudential Committee</u>	<u>Water Commission</u>
Kevin Taugher	William Schenker
Bruce Perron	Scott Williams

Monica Walton, Jeff Cyr

**JOINT MEETING OF PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE AND WATER COMMISSION**


- Call to Order
- REVOTE appointment of temporary Clerk/Treasurer position
  - B. Perron provided the procedure for the revote. We will be doing first by ballot, then by open vote after the ballot.
  - M. Walton distributed ballots and collected the marked ballots.
  - The ballot vote was announced by M. Walton to be 4 votes for Ira Brezinsky, of 4 votes cast.
  - K. Taugher requested a roll-call vote.
  - B. Perron performed the vote: S. Williams: Ira Brezinsky; W. Schenker: Ira Brezinsky; K. Taugher: Ira Brezinsky; B. Perron: Ira Brezinsky.
  - B. Perron announced the appointment of Ira Brezinsky to the position of temporary clerk/treasurer.
- Appoint committee to negotiate new appointment contract
  - B. Perron called for a sub-committee of two people to negotiate the contract. B. Perron said that labor counsel from Sullivan Hayes would be involved, and that negotiations would begin immediately.
  - B. Perron suggested that the two chairs (B. Perron and W. Schenker) be nominated for this sub-committee. S. Williams moved that B. Perron and W. Schenker form the sub-committee and K. Taugher seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
  - K. Taugher had recommendations for the contract negotiations. It was agreed that any recommendations from non-sub-committee members be transmitted directly to the District legal counsel from Sullivan Hayes. Any updates in status on the negotiation will be transmitted from the legal counsel to the individual PC and Water Commission members.
- Receive nominations and vote candidate to fill vacant seat on the prudential board

- B. Perron called for nominations to fill the position.
- K. Taugher said that the open position should be advertised for. There is not the urgency to fill the position as was necessary for the clerk/treasurer position. K. Taugher said that when he was initially appointed to an open position on the PC, the opening was advertised in the newspaper and resumes were collected and the appointment was made from those candidates.
- K. Taugher moved that the position be advertised. He said it was the only way to ensure the process was fair and above board.
- W. Schenker asked how long the process would be open.
- K. Taugher said we could make a decision at the next meeting at the end of June.
- M. Walton said the position could be advertised on June 7<sup>th</sup> and June 14<sup>th</sup>. The next meeting is on June 20<sup>th</sup>.
- W. Schenker found that schedule to be acceptable and seconded the motion to advertise for the open position on the Prudential Committee. Motion carried 4-0.
- Discussion ensued on where to advertise. M. Walton said she would advertise in the Town Reminder and ask to have it posted on the Town of South Hadley website and the Fire District website.
- New business unforeseen 48 hours or less before this meeting
  - No business was identified
- Confirmation of agenda items for future meetings and next meeting date
  - The Water Commissioners already have a meeting scheduled at 6:30 p.m. on June 20<sup>th</sup>, so B. Perron will schedule the meeting to appoint the Prudential Committee member before that, at 5:00 p.m. at the Water Department office.
  - The meeting scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup> for an update on the clerk/treasurer has been cancelled.
- MOTION TO ADJOURN: K. Taugher moved, and B. Perron seconded for the PC. 2-0 in favor.
  - (S. Williams moved and W. Schenker seconded for the WC. 2-0 in favor.)

Meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

- Voted and approved by the Prudential Committee on November 21, 2019.

A true copy, attest:

  
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Kevin E. Taugher, Clerk