

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE
FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
144 NEWTON STREET
South Hadley, Ma 01075

Minutes April 13, 2022

Location: Fire District Headquarters, 144 Newton Street

Present: John Wojciechowski (Chair), Ken Beliveau (Clerk) Bruce Perron (Member),
Bob Authier (Fire Chief), Terie Fleury (Treasurer), Kari Scytowski

Call to Order 4:30pm, Meeting was recorded

Budget Development

Discussion and work on budget.

Total Budget \$5,110,852.00 calculated with the hiring 2 new firefighters

Discussion on funding for one or two new firefighters.

Initial cost of one would be \$125,000.00

Initial cost of two would be \$240,000.00

Motion by John, seconded by Ken to approve the funding of two new firefighters.

Motioned passed, unanimous.

\$3,236,765.00 for the Tax Levy.

LT Scott Walsh joined the meeting and spoke in favor of two new firefighters with his reasons and thoughts.

Minutes

Motion by Bruce to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2022 as amended, the February 9, 2022, and the February 23, 2022. Second by John. Motion passed unanimous.

Clerk / Treasurer's Report

Review of votes for election, write-in votes for Moderator. Ed Wall for Moderator for one year. 158 ballots cast

Bruce Perron ran unopposed for Prudential Board, were also write ins. 158 ballots cast
Water Commissioners, 158 ballots cast.

Ed Wall has accepted the position of Moderator.

A citizen has contested the open meeting law saying it was not necessary to have an emergency meeting for the March 31, 2022, meeting. A response letter has been written and given to the Prudential for review and approval. The response letter was approved to send.

People are 50/50 to have the vote at the high school vs the fire station.

A letter has been drafted and reviewed by the Prudential Committee and approved for confirmation to have the annual meeting June 1, 2022, at the PVPA location.

Draft of the motions of the articles will be coming. Deadline is April 27.

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Comstar Billing

The failed server from Comstar has been repaired and the reports are being worked on.

T-Mobile

Communication with Lawyer by John.

Waiting for a response from the Water Department.

A T-Mobile representative was on location today to transfer over the phones.

Budget Development – Continued

\$3,236,765.00 for the Tax Levy

Motion by Bruce seconded by Ken to approve the budget as presented. Motion passed unanimous.

Bruce to work with Terri on finalizing the budget

New Business

Bruce Perron sworn in as a member of the Prudential Committee, Fire District 1, for a three-year term.

Next meeting May 10, 2022, 4:30 pm.

Motion by Bruce, seconded by Ken. Motion passed unanimous at 5:28 pm

Respectfully Submitted – Kenneth F. Beliveau, Clerk