

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

MEETING DATE: February 17, 2011 6:00 pm

LOCATION: Fire Headquarters, 144 Newton Street, So.Hadley

ATTENDANCE:  
Prudential Committee: Edward Wall, Chairman  
Raymond Miner  
Raymond Hopfe

CHIEF: Robert Authier

TREASURER: Meg St. Martin

OTHERS: Brian McClafflin, Kurt Schenker, Jim Beauregard, Dennis Hogan and Monica Walton

MINUTES: Minutes of January 5, 20, 25 and February 10 were signed and approved by all attending members.

WARRANTS: Payroll and Bill Warrants were signed and approved by all attending board members.

CHIEF'S REPORT: The roof (on the side that was not repaired) was leaking after the last storm. The Department did a temporary fix. Once the snow melts it will be looked at to see what needs to be done for repairs.

New alarm room console is ready and waiting to be installed. The department is still waiting on one more quote for a new antenna and will be installed with the new console.

Had problems with the generator this week. The alarm room and certain parts of the building lost power. A switch on the generator went bad they are in the process of trying to repair it. The generator is 37 years old and the department would like to invest in a new one.

DISPATCH FEE: See Letter. It is the chief's recommendation to send a letter to discontinue the dispatch fee with the town.

Raymond Hopfe made a motion to give the town a 1 years notice to discontinue the dispatch fee. Raymond Miner seconded.  
Vote: Raymond Hopfe- yes, Raymond Miner-yes, Ed Wall-no

24 HOURS SHIFTS: The fire department will be starting 24 hour shift on March 8<sup>th</sup>. This is a 9 month trial and will be evaluated at 3, 6 and 9 months. The shifts will operate as 24-on, 24-off, 24-on, 5 days off. Each firefighter will be required to work 2 call shifts per month.

WATER CONTRACT: Ed Wall signed the contract between Comcast and the District to allow Comcast to have access to the water towers.

BUDGET: The budget was review. The Prudential Committee is requesting the fire department make cuts of approximately \$42000.00 or more. A meeting will be set up once this is accomplished to finalize budget.

MOTION TO: Raymond Hopfe made a motion to adjourn, motion seconded by Ray Miner.

ADJOURN: Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Raymond Hopfe, Clerk