

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

MEETING DATE: April 6, 2011 7:05 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, Dennis Hogan, Jeff Cyr, Dave Daly,  
John Mikuszewski, Bill Schenker and Monica Walton

BUDGET: Raymond Hopfe made a motion to accept the budget for fiscal year 2012  
as prepared for tonight's meeting. Raymond Miner seconded. All  
Approved.

REGIONAL  
DISPATCH: The Prudential Committee and Chief Authier had a meeting at District 2  
regarding regional dispatch. Ed Wall is concerned with the cost and where  
the money will be going. Everyone was in agreement that no money  
should be going to pay for police dispatch salaries. Ed Wall would like the  
Chief to explore different avenues. The Chief, Kurt Schenker and Brian  
McClafflin all tried to explain that regional dispatch is the correct path to  
follow and would like to see finances negotiated with the town, including  
the \$800,000.00 that the town has from past ambulance revenue. Ed Wall  
and the Chief will be meeting with Town Administrator Paul Beecher on  
Monday, April 11, 2011.

NEW TREASURER/  
CLERK SALARY: Ed Wall and Raymond Miner wanted to set a default salary for the  
incoming Treasurer/Clerk. The amount they suggested was \$35,000.00.  
Raymond Hopfe was against this. There was heavy discussion for and  
against this. It was questioned by members of the audience if this was  
legal for the Prudential Board to do and was believed that this was a  
decision of the people not the Prudential Board. Meg stated that she has  
never had any raise in her 12 years as Treasurer/Clerk except for the cost  
of living raises that all district employees received. Ed Wall and Raymond  
Miner stated that in the private business no one walks into a position at the

current salary. The Prudential Board was asked to meet with the Water Commissioners on this matter since the Treasurer/Clerk position is an elected district position. There will be an emergency meeting at the Water Department Thursday, April 7, 2011 at 7:00pm with both boards. Attorney Mark Beauregard will be invited to attend.

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

ADJOURN: Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Raymond Hopfe, Clerk