

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

MEETING DATE: October 6, 2010 6:00 pm

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

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

TREASURER: Margaret St. Martin

INTERIM CHIEF: Brian McClaflin

OTHERS: Barry Del Castilho, Kurt Schenker, Monica Walton, Gene Os, Mark Beauregard, Mr. & Mrs. Gordon McClaflin Sr., Gordon McClaflin Jr., Jim Beauregard, Pauline McClaflin, Tom Stark, Tom Fusari, Joe Scott, Scott Walsh

CAPTAINS EXAM: Barry Del Castilho and the Prudential Board congratulated the three firefighter's that passed the written and oral exam. Barry recommends all three for now or future appointment. Barry recommends that Kurt Schenker fill the open Captain's position and that the list for future captains will be as follows: 1st Thomas Stark and 2nd Jim Beauregard. Raymond Hopfe asked how long the exam is good for. According to the By-Laws the exam is good for three years.

It is recommended by Chief McClaflin that Thomas Stark takes over as acting Captain until a permanent Chief is appointed.

CAPTAINS MOTION: Raymond Hopfe made a motion to appoint Kurt Schenker to Captain through the process of the written and oral exam and the recommendation from Barry Del Castilho. Raymond Miner seconded. Motion Passed.

Raymond Hopfe made a motion to appoint Thomas Stark as acting Captain until the Chief's position is filled. Raymond Miner seconded. Motion passed.

CHIEF PROCESS: Barry has gone through the By-Laws twice and after further discussion with Mark Beauregard recommends that the District opens the chief's position to the public and qualifying District employees. Mark Beauregard contacted the State and feels there is no reason that the District cannot

advertise the position to the public. Raymond Hopfe asked Mark to put his findings in writing. Mark will do that. All board members have mixed feelings about opening the position up to the public but under the circumstance see no other choice. Meg St. Martin asked how this will affect the future hiring. Will the current By-Laws remain? Mark Beauregard responded yes. This change is only due to the current circumstances. Raymond Hopfe asked how many District firefighters are eligible to apply. Chief McClafin believes it is 7 firefighters. Raymond Hopfe asked if all applicants are going to have to take the test and if current employees will receive extra credit. Barry stated all that is unclear at this point and that he will address the Prudential Board at the next meeting, October 21, with all the details. Ed Wall asked if the board's vote to appoint the Chief had to be unanimous. Mark Beauregard replied yes. Barry is hopeful that the process and decision of hiring a Chief will be complete January 1, 2011.

Gordon McClafin Jr. asked to speak. Ed Wall stated that only those involved in the process of the captains testing/hiring and the chiefs position were being allowed to speak at this meeting.

MOTION TO	Raymond Hopfe made a motion to adjourn, motion seconded by Ray Miner.
ADJOURN:	Motion carried.
ADJOURNMENT:	Meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Raymond Hopfe, Clerk