

MINUTES OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE
OF THE COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING
November 10, 2011

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Laurie Hadley, at 5:30 PM. Also present were the District Treasurer and the District Moderator.

The Director for Assessing for the Town of Barnstable gave a brief presentation on the process required to prepare the tax bills. He then asked the committee to vote on the tax factor to be adopted. The committee unanimously voted to adopt a "factor of one," setting one rate for both residential and commercial property within the District.

The meeting was recessed until 6 PM.

The meeting was again called to order at 6:00 PM. Also in attendance in addition to those listed above were Fire Chief Olson; Fire Commissioner Ronald Mycock; Ms Frances Parks; Mr Rich Boden, President of the Cotuit Civic Association; and Mr James Gould as well as other members of the public.

The Chairman made a motion that a citizen's committee be created to address the problems with Freedom Hall and possibly come up with recommendations for short and long term solutions to these problems that might be accomplished more quickly than the Prudential Committee, with input from the Policy Advisory Committee, had been able to. After much discussion, some quite heated, the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

At this point, a member of the audience (Cynthia Gardner) suggested closing the Hall. Mr Barry made a motion that this be done, with the building being closed until such time as the entire building was judged by the Board of Health to be safe for public use. It was pointed out by Ms Murray that the District already had scheduled events for the month of December and closing the building would have a detrimental affect on many people. After discussion, the motion was seconded and passed with two (Barry and Kates) voting for and one abstention (Hadley).

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

LAURIE C. HADLEY
Chairman and Clerk