

**COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING (VIRTUAL BY ZOOM)
JUNE 27, 2022**

Present: Charles Eager, Clerk, Ray Pirrone, Treasurer, Seth Burdick, Prudential Committee, Mark Lynch, Prudential Committee and Fran Parks, Prudential Committee.

The meeting was called to order at 6 PM on June 27, 2022 remotely using the Zoom app.

Fran Parks led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. George Foys was introduced by Fran Parks. He was speaking about possible use of the school property. He put out a proposal of using the site as a community center which could house a number of entities. Fran Parks commented when a transfer is made the District would be doing a space needs assessment to see what the District may need. He proposed setting up a non-profit to solicit funds to make this a possibility. The Treasurer he believes to best way to go is make the property an enterprise fund.

Fran Parks discusses Carol Zais's request of Historical Society funding from the District. She talked about how the library's maintenance contribution and war memorials funding started. It required special legislation to allow for this funding. Again, special legislation would be needed to fund the Historical Society. She questioned if this funding is approved what group would be next.

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the minutes of May 23, 2022.

The Treasurer reported Tax Collections are currently ahead of budget but believes after looking at June receipts to date he believes collection will fall about 80,000 below budget which equals 97% of what was estimated. The other categories Water, and Other should finish ahead of budget. Overall, the District should close the year ahead of budget for revenues.

Expenses for most categories are at or ahead of budget except for Freedom Hall salaries and debt service. The Treasurer will ask the Prudential Committee to transfer \$33,000 from the Reserve Account to cure these deficits.

Seth Burdick motioned that the Treasurer be instructed to move \$33,000 from the Reserve Account to the following articles and accounts for unexpected expenses as follows, 1. \$31,000 to Article 12, account 01-710-020-5915-00, Long Term Debt Service, 2., \$2,000 to Article 9, account 01-490-010-5160-00, Freedom Hall Wages. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Fran Parks reported that Freedom Hall had its yearly HVAC inspection. She said she has a request from a group who will be using the Hall several time to use the District's projector. The committee decided to have all group use their own audio/video equipment.

The committee discussed the new streetlight light service contract. **Motion made to accept the Streetlight Service Contract. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

Nothing new on the School Committee negotiations. Mark Lynch believes the sticking point is indemnification against any leak in the oil tank. He says the town has a constitutional issue about indemnification. He will discuss it with Counsel. He will also talk with Counsel about draining the tank.

Seth did not have anything to report on the audio enhancement at Freedom Hall.

Seth reported the Policy Advisory Committee did not meet.

Seth said he would remain on Policy Advisory Committee for the next year. Mark Lynch said he would remain on the By-laws Committee.

Charlie Eager was reappointed as Clerk of the District and Ray Pirrone was reappointed as Treasurer.

Fran Parks was nominated as Chair of the Prudential Committee. **Mark Lynch motioned Fran Parks be Chair of the Committee. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

During public comment Carol Zais asked the process of getting the ability to provide funds to the Historical Society. Fran Parks told her it would be through a Warrant Article to seek the ability to request special legislation amending the District's enabling legislation.

Motion made by Seth Burdick to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mark Lynch and passes unanimously.