

**COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT  
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING (VIRTUAL BY ZOOM)  
November 14, 2022**

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

The meeting was called to order at 6 PM on November 14, 2022 remotely using the Zoom app.

Fran Parks led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously to open the Tax Classification Hearing.**

Lane Partridge, Town Assessor explained the options the Prudential Committee has at the hearing. He recommends to not split the tax rate. **Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously use a residential factor of 1.** Fran Park then adjourned the meeting.

**Motion made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of the October 24, 2022 meeting.**

The Treasurer reports after the first four months of fiscal year 2023 the budget is on target for the year. Expenditures are over budget for the year. He explains this is the result of annual payments made at the beginning of the year. A closer look at revenues shows tax collections are lower than projections. Tax liens are substantially over estimates which bring tax collections on budget. Water collections were a little ahead of budget. Fire Department revenues was substantially above budgets due to strong ambulance receipts. Finally, interest income was above budget.

Looking at expenditures Prudential expenses are at 43% due to annual payments of property and casualty insurance and workers compensation insurance. These expenses came in at or below budget but the lump sum payment make the impact greater at this time. All other categories under Prudential were mostly below budget. Overall, The Fire Department is running below budget. The only area where they are running above budget is vehicle repairs and uniforms. Water Department is running below budget. The only area where they are above budget is chemicals and phone.

All the others expense categories are at or under budget except Benefits. Benefits are over because of the annual requirement of full payment being made at the beginning of the year and a variance in medical options.

Fran Parks asked if the other members received the snow plowing proposal for Freedom Hall. Seth said he did and Mark said he didn't. **Seth Burdick made a motion for the 2022/2023 snow removal at Freedom Hall, which was seconded and passed.** Mark Lynch abstained from the vote. Fran Parks said another concern at Freedom Hall were the chairs. The chairs have slowly been falling apart. Fran said she would get prices for new chairs to get back up to 100 chairs. Hall capacity is 150.

Fran Parks suggested getting dates set up for the by-law and policy advisory committees. She will contact Ken Molloy for his appointees to the committees.

Mark Lynch reported the ball is in the Town's court on the school transfer. They were working on getting Planning Board approval either today or in two weeks. They were also preparing some changes to the conservation restriction submitted by the District. The District has made a proposal on the oil tank and has pretty much come to an agreement, but haven't got full approval yet.

The only public comment was from Jim Dannhauser who said the zoom address was not on the agenda on the website.

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