

Cotuit Prudential Committee
Zoom Meeting
November 9, 2023

Cotuit School Property

Good News!

- The Deed has been recorded
- Cotuit Fire District (CFD) now owns the property and building;

CFD now responsible for
insurance, maintenance, utilities, etc.

Decision as to how to utilize the property

Cotuit Elementary School, 140 Old Oyster Road, Cotuit, Map 021 Parcel 008



Decision-Making Process

Decision will ultimately be made by CFD voters.

Prudential Committee is the financial and governance arm of the CFD (3 person committee elected by village voters)

After input from village citizens, Pru Comm will *recommend* a course of action

Pru comm proposes an expenditure of funds by warrant.

Warrant is voted on at a Special District meeting by CFD voters.

Decision Making Process

- See Article 2 of Cotuit Fire District Bylaws
- After voter input, a Special Meeting will be called by Pru Comm to vote on a proposed warrant
- Articles can also be inserted in warrant ahead of the Special Meeting by petition of 50 registered voters
- Proposed warrant can be amended by voters at Special Meeting

Possible Uses

- See Prudential Committee website
- Demolish Building (approx. \$1million)
 - Return to nature/protect water supply?
 - Possible site of future firehouse ?
- Rehab all or part of building (\$4-\$5.7 million)
 - CFD offices?
 - Community Center

Pru Comm current *tentative* view

- Demolish Building/Return to Nature
 - Rehab costs prohibitive
 - Lack of interest for CFD offices
 - Best protection of water supply
 - Adds protected land to village center
 - Leaves open possibility of firehouse site
 - If approved by district voters in separate vote
 - No interest by fire department in re-use of building in current state

Community Center?

Long-term lease to third party

Change to enabling legislation needed?

Costs:\$4-5.7 million per Habeeb report and update

Alternative venues/service providers:

Cotuit Library

Cotuit Federated Church

Cotuit Center for the Arts

Association to Preserve Cape Cod

Next Steps

- Input from village citizens
- Drafting of proposed warrant(s) by Pru Comm
- Scheduling of Special Meeting
 - Late 2023/ Early 2024?
- Vote on proposed warrant