

**COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
VIRTUAL BY ZOOM
COTUIT, MA 02635
OCTOBER 4, 2023**

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

The meeting was called to order at 6 PM by Fran Parks on October 4, 2023 at Freedom Hall, 976 Main Street, Cotuit.

Fran Parks led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was no public comment at this time.

Fran Parks said she called the meeting to talk about a zoom meeting for the second meeting to discuss what will happen with the school. This would allow people unable to attend for various reasons to listen in on the meeting. Mark Lynch asked if it would be zoom only or a hybrid of zoom and in person. Ms. Parks said she would like it be zoom only and provided her hybrid meeting are very hard to run and the recording would be better. Mark Lynch asked if the committee is comfortable that everyone has access and knowledge to use Zoom. He wonders if the Committee doesn't think they might have lack of participation because of these reasons. Fran Parks says she doesn't believe so because if you watch the Town of Barnstable Meetings, the Planning Board, Conservation Committee and Historical Committee are all Zoom. Seth Burdick didn't have an opinion. John Gardner believes if you give enough notice of the meeting people will be able voice their opinions to Prudential Committee or find a way to join the meeting.

Mark Lynch said he is inclined to go with an in-person meeting. He believes you get better interaction with an in-person meeting. He said the Federated Church is available and is ADA compliant. It can handle a large group of people. Fran Park said the problem with the church is parking. Mark agreed there was a parking problem. Seth said he was inclined to in person by it is cumbersome and the Zoom meeting is easier controlled. Mark brought up a compromise to schedule the Zoom meeting on a Thursday when the church is usually available and if they received too many complaints about the Zoom meeting change it to an in-person meeting. It was brought to the Committee attention if they wanted to send out postcard notices they wouldn't be able to change the meeting without a need for new notice being sent out. Mark is for in person, Fran is for Zoom and Seth sided with Zoom meeting.

They next picked a date of November 9, 2023 at 6 PM for the meeting.

Fran said the next issue is signs for notification. She has been looking into Sandwich Board signs. She said four of them would be about \$836.00. The District has gift fund which could be used to buy the signs. **Motion made, seconded and passed to by 4 Sandwich Board signs at \$209.00 each.**

Seth Burdick said the Prudential Committee adopt an official position on the school before going into the meeting. Mark Lynch agrees.

Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting.