

**COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT  
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
COTUIT, MA 02635  
DECEMBER 6, 2023**

**Present: Seth Burdick, Prudential Committee, Fran Parks, Prudential Committee and Mark Lynch, Prudential Committee and Ray Pirone, Treasurer.**

The meeting was called to order at 6 PM by Fran Parks on December 6, 2023 remotely by Zoom Application.

Fran did a roll call of members present.

Fran Parks led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was no public comment at this time.

Mark Lynch explains the District has a ground a ground lease with a cell tower company where the old Water Town stood. The company is about to taken over by a larger company. Mark explains the District has the right to void the lease but can't do so in unreasonable manner. Mark begins his discussion on the transaction with a recommendation the District go along with the request in front of them. He then goes on to explain his reasoning behind the recommendation.

**Mark then makes a motion the District enter into the estoppel and consent relating to the cell tower lease. The motion is seconded and passes unanimously.**

Fran Parks then tells the committee she contacted the Procurement Officers of Massachusetts Organization to see if they could find someone to do a procurement for the District. She received one reply from Tom Watson. He is the head of Public Works Business Manager and Chief Procurement Officer for the city of Newburyport. He would charge \$75 an hour. The first thing he would do is prepare and send out a request for quotes to hire an architectural firm to prepare a Request for Proposal to write the Request for Proposal for demolition of the school. The Committee then had a discussion on what besides demolition of the school would they want to include in their Request for Proposal. Ultimately, it was just the demolition was the way they wanted to go. The Committee asked Fran to contact Mr. Watson to join them by Zoom at the next meeting and send some type of tentative contract to discuss.

Next Prudential Meeting set for December 19, 2023.

The Town of Barnstable Assessor requested the District increase its Abatement Reserve by \$34,293. The Treasurer explains what the Abatement Reserve is. He also explains how the increase was determined by the assessor. The Treasurer although he disagrees with the Town Assessment figure said it is not worth fighting over. It will in crease the District tax rate by 2 cents to \$123.00.

There was only one question during Public Comment. The question was how will the demolition of the school be funded. Fran Parks replied it will be bonded.

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