

**COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING (VIRTUAL BY ZOOM)
MAY 9, 2022**

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

The meeting was called to order at 6 PM on May 9, 2022 remotely using the Zoom app.

Fran Parks led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

No public Comment.

The Treasurer provided an overview of the budget before going into each budget. The budget is up 14.39%. Will use 95% of Free Cash available. Using last year valuation, the FY 2023 tax rate is estimated to be about the same as FY 2022 at 1.70 per thousand.

The Treasurer then got into the budget articles. He explained what each Department was requesting. The Clerk notified the Treasurer the number of articles in the budget book didn't equal the number of Warrant articles. The Treasurer said he would look at his numbering.

Fran Parks asked Mark Lynch was satisfied with the By-law articles. Mark stated he had a conversation with the Clerk regarding a few minor changes. With changes being made he was satisfied with the articles.

Fran asked if the District wanted to send out postcard for the election and meeting. She said last year's cost was \$2,415. Mark Lynch said although the cost was higher than he expected he thought it was a good idea to notice of the election and meeting.

Motion made by Mark Lynch to send out postcards to District residents notifying of the election and meeting, seconded by Fran Parks and passed.

Fran Parks said she received a phone call from Mark Boudreau stating the Town Legal Department was inquiring if the District wanted to join in an Opioid producer class action lawsuit. She is unsure what this about but thinks it might be recouping some of the Fire Department costs doing Opioid overdoses rescues. She is unsure what type of material they would want from the District. Mark Boudreau will be sending the paperwork and as much information he can find on the matter. Once, the District has the information the Prudential and Board of Fire Commissioner can decide if they would want to join the class action suit.

Fran Parks said a meeting on the streetlight RFP was cancelled. She believes the closing date for the RFP is the end of the month. At that time there will be discussion about the proposals.

Mark Lynch asked about the Long-Term Strategy Committee dealing with water filtration and/or new fire station. He would like to go ahead and schedule the first of those meetings. Mark is willing to setting up the first meeting. The first meeting would have all members of the three committees. Fran said they could do it in June. Mark will look into finding dates.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2022.

Motion made by Mark Lynch to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Fran Parks and passes.