

**COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Freedom Hall
COTUIT, MA 02635
April 3, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by Fran Parks on April 3, 2024 @6:00pm at Freedom Hall.

Fran did a roll call:

Present: Ray Pirrone, Mark Lynch, Charlie Eager, and Fran Parks

Fran led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment:

- Not discussed

Minutes from previous meeting

- Not discussed

Purpose of the 04.03.2024 meeting

- Articles for Special District Meeting (SDM) on May 4, 2024
 - Fran stated what she wrote, “Motion to raise and appropriate and/or borrow appropriate or transfer appropriate available funds for purpose of demolishing the Cotuit School located at 140 Old Oyster Road, Cotuit, MA.”
 - Ray stated that what Fran wrote was fine and gave the Committee all of the flexibility
 - Charlie asked Ray had a discussion regarding taxes and statutes (much of the conversation was inaudible)
 - Mark asked for a vote regarding the Prudential Committee recommends the demolition of Cotuit School Property in a binding fashion such that if the vote wins, the demolition can move forward without additional votes.
 - Mark raised the question regarding “raise and appropriate” or “borrow and appropriate” – whichever is the correct term – a specific amount?
 - Fran stated that she did not know the specific amount and that is why she did not put it in there
 - Ray stated that a specific amount can be put in there with the language “not to exceed.”
 - Mark asked if the Committee would be looking to raise and appropriate until next FY
 - Mark stated that it would not need to be reappropriated because the \$207,000.00 previously appropriated specifically calls out demolition as one of the purposes that the money can be spent on so that between now and the next FY in July, the committee would not spend any more than that \$207,000.00
 - Ray stated that in order to define the total cost, an architect would need to be hired to do the RFP

- The article at the meeting will confirm with the district that the above is what the Prudential Committee is going to pursue. Ray recommended putting the language, “not to exceed \$1,000,000.00”
- Mark wanted on the record an explanation on how the Prudential Committee came to this and stated that the original Town of Barnstable Capital Improvement Project calculations from FY22 came to \$756,784.00. If this is increased by 8%/year, the total comes to \$1,029,596.00. With a more conservative figure of 6%, the total comes to \$955,422.00
 - The \$756,784.00 was based on an architect, Mark Marinaccio, who is employed by the Town of Barnstable, Department of Public Works and he based that, in large part on the Habib Report and based in part on the Marstons Mills demolition costs
- Ray stated that the language should now state, “not to exceed \$1.1M”
- Mark stated that it should now read, “Motion to raise and appropriate and/or borrow and appropriate or transfer and appropriate from available funds not more than \$1.1M for the purpose of demolishing the Cotuit School located at 140 Old Oyster Road, Cotuit, MA.”
 - Mark moved that Article I for the SDM on May 4, 2024, to be phrased as described. Fran seconded the motion. All in favor.
- Fran had a question regarding the proposed Article II (Petition Article to Cotuit Fire District regarding the future of the Cotuit Elementary School) language to be omitted and has been sent to CFD clerk
 - Charlie answered (inaudible)
 - Mark read Article II
 - Mark stated that this Article will be raised on May 4, 2024, as well.
 - Fran made a motion to accept the Petition Article II to CFD regarding the future of the Cotuit Elementary School to be voted on at the 2024 SDM.
 - Mark seconded the motion. All in favor.
- Mark moved to make a motion to have Prudential Committee accept Article I. Fran seconded. All in favor.
- Mark moved to make a motion to accept Article II and does not recommend approval at the SDM. Fran seconded. All in favor.
- Discussion between Fran, Charlie, and Mark with many inaudible parts.

Public Comment:

- Not discussed

Fran accepted a Motion to Adjourn. Mark Seconded. So moved. All in favor.