



PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE FIRE DISTRICT #2

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ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES MAY 7, 2012

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 7:00 pm as the Clerk informed him that a quorum was present. The Clerk then read the preface of the warrant. All board members introduced themselves to the audience.

It is noted here that all articles were moved and seconded, although such is not recorded individually here within the minutes.

Article 1 It was moved that the District vote to hear and act upon the reports of the officers of the District and to give recognitions.

Prudential Committee Chair, Richard Constant thanked all the District personnel and fellow board members for their service to the District.

Motion accepted

Article 2 It was moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate, and/or raise from departmental receipts, the sum of \$100,872.00 for the Administrative & Elected Official Salary Account for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2012 as follows: The sum of \$50,781.00 to be raised by TAXATION and the sum of \$50,091.00 to be raised by Water Department RECEIPTS.

Motion passed with an affirmative vote.

Article 3 It was moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate, and/or raise from departmental receipts the sum of \$27,676.00 to be used for the Maintenance of the Headquarters Building as follows: The sum of \$20,288.00 to be raised by TAXATION, and the sum of \$7,388.00 to be raised by Water Department RECEIPTS.

Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote.

Article 4 It was moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for the Firefighter's Association for their use during the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2012.

Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote.

Article 5 It was moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$49,695.00 for the Printing, Election and other Expenses Account, as follows: The sum of \$12,870.00 to be raised by TAXATION and the sum of \$550.00 to be raised by Water Department RECEIPTS, the sum of \$18,000.00 to be transferred from Water Department SURPLUS REVENUE, and the sum of \$18,275.00 to be transferred from the REAL ESTATE STABILIZATION FUND.

Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote.
(2/3 vote met)

Article 6 It was moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate and/or raise from departmental receipts, the sum of \$6,000.00 to be paid for an annual audit of the accounts of the District and its officers as follows:
The sum of \$3,000.00 to be raised by TAXATION and the sum of \$3,000.00 to be raised by Water Department RECEIPTS.

Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote.

It was asked why this article was so high this year. It's due to the purchase of a new accounting and payroll program for the Treasurer. Was asked why we can't go under the town, can't as are separate municipalities.

Article 7 It was moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from departmental receipts, the sum of \$131,584.00 for the Prudential Committee Insurance Account for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2012 as follows: The sum of \$122,584.00 to be raised by TAXATION, and the sum of \$9,000.00 to be raised by Water department RECEIPTS.

Motion passed with an affirmative vote.

It was asked why there's no increase here when the town's insurance rates went up. Our rates did not increase with Hampshire County Group Insurance.

Article 8 It was moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,644.00 to defray the expense of the Tax Collectors and Assessors of the towns of South Hadley, and Granby, incurred through the collection of taxes for the Fire District #2 and a sum of money for supplies used in those assessments and collections.

Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote.

Article 9 It was moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from departmental receipts, the sum of \$181,458.00 to be paid by the District Treasurer to the Treasurer Custodian of the Hampshire County Retirement System as follows: The sum of \$126,002.00 to be raised by TAXATION, and the sum of \$55,456.00 to be raised by Water Department RECEIPTS.

Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote.

Article 10 It was moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00 to be used as the Reserve Fund account.

Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote.

Article 11 It was moved that the District vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Prudential Committee, to borrow in anticipation of the revenue for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2012, in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and acts in amendment thereof, and including in addition thereto, Chapter 849 of the Acts of 1969, as amended, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote.

Article 12 It was moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate by TAXATION, the sum \$3,000.00 to be used for District Capital Improvements.

Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote

Article 13 No motion at this time.

Article 14 It was moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer the sum of \$17,500.00 to be used for the purchase of Fire Department equipment as follows: The sum of \$7,500.00 to be raised by TAXATION, and the sum of \$10,000.00 to be transferred from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account.

Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote.

Article 15 It was moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer the sum of \$27,000.00 for the Maintenance of Fire Apparatus and Equipment as follows:

the sum of \$12,000.00 to be raised by TAXATION and the sum of \$15,000.00 to be transferred from the FD Vehicle Stabilization Fund.

Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote.

Question was asked what the extra money was being used for, Chief replied that Engine 4 is in need of 2 major repairs. Also asked if all monies in this account are being spent each year; answered yes, mostly.

Article 16 It was moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$579,075.00 to pay Firefighters for time spent firefighting, at drills and other duties, and for leave with pay to incapacitated Officers and Firefighters as authorized by Chapter 41, Section 111-F of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote.

Board asked why the fire department payroll is not broken down on the hand out paperwork.

Article 17 It was moved that the district vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,940.00 to be used as the Fire Chief's Expense Account.

Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote.

Article 18 It was moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,617.00 for the Operational Expenses incurred by the Fire Department.

Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote.

Article 19 It was moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer the sum of \$18,100.00 to be used for the purchase, expansion and maintenance of the Fire Alarm and Communications System of the Fire Department as follows: the sum of \$9,900.00 to be raised by TAXATION and the sum of \$8,200.00 to be transferred from District Stabilization Fund.

Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote.

(2/3 vote met)

Article 20 It was moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from departmental receipts the sum of \$4,000.00 to be added to the OPEB Stabilization Fund as follows: the sum of \$2,000.00 to be raised by TAXATION and the sum of \$2,000.00 to be raised by Water Department RECEIPTS.

Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote.

Article 21 It was moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate from Water Department receipts, the sum of \$148,529.00 to be used for Water Department Maintenance.

Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote.

Question was asked as to where the money will come from to paint the second water storage tank when needed.

Article 22 It was moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate from Water Department receipts, the sum of \$229,821.00 to be used for Water Department Payroll.

Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote.

Article 23 It was moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate by **transfer from the Water Systems Improvement Stabilization fund**, the sum of **\$50,000.00** to be used for Water Systems Capital Improvements.

Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote.
(2/3 vote met)

Article 24 It was moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate from **Water Department receipts, the sum of \$10,000.00** for Consulting Services.

Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote.

Article 25 It was moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate from **Water Department receipts**, the sum of **\$86,194.00** to be used for the Water Department Insurance Account.

Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote.

Article 26 It was moved that the District vote to amend the By-Laws of ARTICLE 2, Section 3 as follows:

“The Prudential Committee shall publish the warrant for each District Meeting in print and on the Town and/or District website, to be available to the public at least fourteen (14) days before the holding of such meeting. Said notice shall include by supplemental text, or otherwise, the amount of money intended by the sponsor to be included in any main motion to raise, appropriate, transfer or borrow, a sum of money at such meeting. Failure to cause publication of any intended money amount as provided herein shall not invalidate action taken at a District Meeting otherwise called and held in accordance with applicable law and these by-laws except for said failure. In addition, a simple notice of the date, time, and place of the meeting shall be published in other than the legal notice section.”

Motion passed with an affirmative vote.
(only one nay vote)

Article 27 It was moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$20,500.00 to be used for Professional Fees as follows: the sum of \$500.00 to be raised by TAXATION and the sum of \$20,000.00 to be transferred from the REAL ESTATE Stabilization Fund.

Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote.

Article 28 It was moved that the District vote to authorize the Prudential Committee to defend all suits that may be brought against the district during the Fiscal Year 2013 and to prosecute all suits on behalf of the District, to engage counsel for same, and to settle such suits as they deem advisable.

Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote.

Article 29 It was moved that the District vote to appropriate the sum of \$80,000.00 by transfer from the REAL ESTATE Stabilization Fund, to be added to the Fire Department Vehicle Stabilization Fund.

Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote.
(2/3 vote was met)

Article 30 It was moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available fund the sum of \$115,950.00 for the payment of principle and interest on the portion of bond that is for the Building Debt as follows: The sum of \$4,950.00 to be raised by TAXATION, the sum of \$50,000.00 to be transferred from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account, the sum of \$55,000.00 to be transferred from FREE CASH, and the sum of \$6,000.00 to be transferred from the REAL ESTATE Stabilization Fund.

Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote.
(2/3 vote was met)

Article 31 It was moved that the District vote to allow the Prudential Committee or the Water Commissioners, or the Fire Chief, with the approval of the Prudential Committee, to apply for, accept, and expend any state or federal grants that may come available for Fiscal 2013 and/or to accept any gifts given to the District, and to do so vote to transfer from the District STABILIZATION FUND the sum of \$5,000.00.

Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote.
(2/3 vote met)

Article 33 No motion at this time.

Article 34 No motion at this time.

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Article 35 It was moved that the District vote to transfer and appropriate from Water Department Surplus, the sum of \$66,670.00 for the payment of principle and interest on the portion of the Bond that is for Capital Improvements.

Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote.

Article 36 It was moved that the District vote to transfer and appropriate from WATER DEPARTMENT SURPLUS the sum of \$10,000.00 to be added to the Water Department Vehicle Stabilization Fund

Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote.

Article 37 No motion at this time.

Article 38 It was moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available fund, the sum of \$40,000.00 to be added to the Water Storage Stabilization Fund as follows: the sum of \$15,000.00 to be raised by Water Department RECEIPTS, and the sum of \$25,000.00 to be transferred from WATER DEPARTMENT SURPLUS.

Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote.

Article 39 It was moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate by transfer from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account, the sum of \$36,520.00 for the purpose of payment of principal and interest on the bond for new ambulance purchase.

Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote.

Article 40 It was moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate by transfer from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account, the sum of 166,872.00 to be used for the operations of the District #2 Ambulance Service for the Fiscal Year 2013.

Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm
Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Selkirk