



## **PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE FIRE DISTRICT #2**

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### **ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES MAY 6, 2013**

Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A moment of silence was taken for all those affected by the recent bombing in Boston, the shootings in Newtown Ct., and the fire in Texas.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 7:12 pm as the Clerk informed him that a quorum was present. (40) 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, Kenneth McKenna thanked all the District personnel and fellow board members for their service to the District. Chief Keefe, Assistant Chief's Selkirk and Calkins recognized many of the firefighters who have given/are/will be giving their time in service to our military, remembered two employees, former Fire Chief/Water Superintendent John (Jack) Cleary, and former Water Superintendent Henry (Harry) Crossland, who both died this past year, recognition was given to multiple firefighters who are continuing their education in other states, recognized Lt Brady for his assistance in helping the MHC students in achieving grants for their service to the fire department, and generally thanked all of the fire department employees.

Richard Constant then informed all present that negotiation with Mount Holyoke College for assistance to our F.D. Vehicle Capital Planning program has resulted in a memorandum of agreement for \$20,000.00 per year until 2020. This is an increase of \$10,000.00.

It was also noted that the District is working with the Town of Granby to settle disagreement over the emergency response to the area of Granby annexed into the District many years ago. Legislation has been filed by Granby to remove themselves from the District, and is being looked at by legal representation.

Motion accepted

Article 2        It was moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate, and/or raise from departmental receipts, the sum of \$58,924.00 for the Elected Official Salary Account for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2013 as follows: The sum of \$29,462.00 to be raised by TAXATION and the sum of \$29,462.00 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, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$22,100.00 to be used for the Maintenance and Other Expenses of the Headquarters Building as follows: The sum of \$19,100.00 to be raised by TAXATION, and the sum of \$3,000.00 to be used from District FREE CASH.

Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote.

Article 4        It was moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$29,925.00 for the District Operational Services Account as follows: the sum of \$19,925.00 to be raised by TAXATION, and the sum of \$10,000.00 to be used from District FREE CASH.

Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote.

Article 5        It was moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$118,480.00 for the District Insurance Account for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2013 as follows: The sum of \$118,480.00 to be raised by TAXATION.

Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote.

Article 6        It was moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$7,878.00 to defray the expenses 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 as follows:

The sum of \$6,378.00 to be raised by TAXATION and the sum of \$1,500.00 to be Used from District FREE CASH.

Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote.

Article 7        It was moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from departmental receipts, the sum of \$161,080.00 to be paid by the District Treasurer to the Treasurer Costodian of the Hampshire County Retirement System as follows: The sum of \$109,160.00 to be raised by TAXATION, and the sum of \$51,920.00 to be raised by Water department RECEIPTS.

Motion passed with an affirmative vote.

Article 8 It was moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 by transfer from District FREE CASH, to be used as the Reserve Fund Account.

Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote.

Article 9 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, 2013, 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 10 It was moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,125.00 by transfer from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account to establish a FIRE PREVENTION & ASSOCIATED EXPENSES RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT. Further, the future funding of this account will be generated from permit and fee charges by the fire department of the District.

Motion passed with a majority vote. (1 nay)

Article 11 It was moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$759,146.00 to be used for the Operations of the Fire Department to include paying 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 as follows: the sum of \$704,146.00 to be raised by TAXATION, the sum of \$50,000.00 to be transferred from AMBULANCE RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATIONS, and the sum of \$5,000.00 to be transferred from District FREE CASH.

Motion passed with a majority vote. (1 nay)

Article 12 It was moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from Departmental receipts, the sum of \$567,650.00 for the Operations of the Water Department to include insurances and wages as follows: The sum of \$552,650.00 to be raised by WATER DEPARTMENT RECEIPTS, and the sum of \$15,000.00 to be transferred from WATER DEPARTMENT SURPLUS REVENUE.

Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote.

Article 13 It was moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate by transfer from the Water Systems Improvement Stabilization Fund, the sum of \$120,000.00 to be used for Water Systems Capital Improvements

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

Article 14 It was moved that the District vote to amend its By-Laws, namely, Article 1, OFFICERS, Section 1, by deleting the reference of Clerk/Treasurer as an elected office and inserting a new Section 11 as follows:

“The Clerk/Treasurer of the District shall be an appointed position and said position or any vacancy therein shall be filled by a majority vote of the Prudential Committee then in office.” This By-Law shall become effective upon the retirement of the current Clerk/Treasurer.

Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote.

Article 15 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 2014 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 16 It was moved that the District vote to appropriate to the Fire Department Vehicle Stabilization Fund, the sum of **\$138,000.00 by transfer from the REAL ESTATE STABILIZATION FUND.**

Motion passed with a majority vote. (1 nay)  
(2/3 vote was met)

Article 17 It was moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$112,800.00 for the payment of principal and interest on the portion of bond that is for the Building Debt as follows: The sum of **\$6,000.00 to be raised by TAXATION**, the sum of **\$20,000.00 to be transferred from the REAL ESTATE STABILIZATION**, the sum of **\$86,800.00 to be transferred from FREE CASH**

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

Article 18 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

Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote.

Article 19 It was moved that the District vote to authorize the Prudential Committee to sell and dispose of any surplus personal property belonging to the fire District.  
Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote.

Article 20 It was moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 by transfer from the REAL ESTATE STABILIZATION FUND for the addition to the District Stabilization Fund.  
Motion passed with a majority vote. (1 nay)  
(2/3 vote met)

Article 21 It was moved that the District vote to appropriate by transfer from WATER DEPARTMENT SURPLUS, the sum of \$64,990.00 for payment of principal and interest for the Water Department Capital Expense debt.  
Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote.

Article 22 It was moved that the District vote to appropriate, by transfer 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 23 It was moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, 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 24 It was moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account, the sum of \$38,769.00 for the purpose of payment of principal and interest on the bond for new ambulance purchase.  
Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote.

Article 25 It was moved that the District vote to appropriate by transfer from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account, the sum of \$212,700.00 to be used for the operations of the District #2 Ambulance Service for the Fiscal Year 2014.  
Motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm  
Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Selkirk