



## PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE FIRE DISTRICT #2

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### Minutes of August 11, 2022

Convened: 5:30 p.m.

Adjourned 6:24 p.m.

#### Present

Prudential Committee Chair: Kenneth LeBlanc

Members: Robert Bak

John Moriarty

Clerk/Treasurer: Barbara Miller

Fire Chief: Todd Calkins

Others Present: Linda Young

Meeting called to order by Chairman LeBlanc. It was announced that the meeting is being recorded.

Payroll and Vendor Warrants were reviewed by R. Bak and J. Moriarty. Per Sections 57-58 of the Municipal Modernization Act and PC votes of 12/15/2016 and 3/10/2020 warrants were previously approved by K. LeBlanc, PC Chair.

#### Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the Prudential Committee meeting July 12, 2022 made by R. Bak seconded by J. Moriarty. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

#### Fire and Ambulance Report

Chief Calkins reported they are in full inspection mode at the campus. He has been working with the Lawrence House committee to make it as safe as it can be. Chief stated that there were 81 calls in July of which 57 were basically rescue and emergency. Chief reported repairs to A1 emphasizing the need to retain A2. Chief reported 54 ambulance calls in June, highest number to date. He credited the staff for keeping things running smoothly during those heavy months when we were very limited in staffing. MHC has a new president and other new people, so they will need to meet them and connect regarding the MOU. Chief congratulated Leo Couture who was excepted for a full-time position with Fire District No. 1. Chief reported that he spoke with the person from MHC that is working with a Town Emergency Plan document. He answered a few questions and stated his case that he thinks the Town and the Districts should work better together. The Districts are working together and Chief would like to see more with the Town.

#### PC Chair Discussion Items

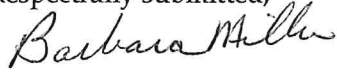
Elmer Brook Update – B. Miller addressed the 7/15/2022 email from Anne Capra, Director, Planning & Conservation. In response to the first question regarding the District contributing half (\$10,000) of the money to the Town's match (\$10,000) for the aquifer study to be conducted by UMass Amherst. B. Miller reported that she sent A. Capra a copy of the annual District meeting vote approving the ten thousand dollars.

Question 2 – K. LeBlanc will contact Attorney O'Toole regarding Article 97 restrictions.

Question 3 asks if there have been further discussions as to whether or not the District is willing to own and manage a formal recreational access parking lot, trail and bridge across Elmer Brook. There was considerable discussion regarding various scenarios including a suggestion to split off the portion needed for the parking lot and trail and donate it to the Town. K. LeBlanc will pull up the maps and contact Atty O'Toole regarding the question of liability. He will also talk to M. Aiken and F. DeToma and then contact Anne Capra about the idea of the split.

The next Prudential Committee meeting will be Thursday September 8, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Miller, Treasurer

Minutes approved 