



PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

FIRE DISTRICT #2

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April 2, 2019

Prudential Committee Meeting

Convened: 6:03 p.m.

Adjourned: 6:35 p.m.

Present:

Prudential Committee Chair: Kenneth McKenna

Members: Richard Constant and James Menard

South Hadley District #2: Chief Scott Brady

Asst. Chief Todd Calkins

Treasurer Barbara Miller

William Holt, Water Commissioner

Others Present:

Brian Fay

Mike O'Neill

Ryan Moore

Sam Lemanski

Mike Cote

Linda Young

Meeting called to order by Chairman McKenna. He announced that the meeting is being recorded.

R. Constant made a motion to approve the minutes of March 12 and March 19, 2019, motion seconded by J. Menard. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Payroll and Vendor Warrants were reviewed by J. Menard and R. Constant. Per Sections 57-58 of the Municipal Modernization Act and PC vote of 12/15/2016 warrants were previously approved by K. McKenna PC Chair.

PC Chair Discussion Items

Water Department Budget- B. Miller explained that there were a few very minor changes to the water budget which had been discussed with the Water Superintendent. PC reviewed the water department budget with W. Holt.

R. Constant made a motion to approve the Water Department Budget as submitted by W. Holt, second by J. Menard. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

PC Budget - B. Miller drew the PC's attention to Article 22 (vote to use official ballots) and 23 (by-law change needed due to article 22. Also, Article 28 (Non-binding article from the Elmer Brook Committee). PC discussed who would present each motion at the District Meeting.

Election - Discussion regarding election at S.H. High School and steps taken to make all residents aware of the new date and location.

Engines - Chief Brady stated that as Chief, as a resident, taxpayer and a voter he urged the PC to create a warrant article for the upcoming Annual District Meeting requesting a vote on the purchase of a new engine to replace Engine 4. B. Fay asked what the PC plan was to replace E4 and E2. K. McKenna stated that he is working on a comprehensive plan with MHC. B. Fay

expressed concern that there is not a sufficient plan to prepare for the future vehicle needs and that his generation will inherit the problems. K. McKenna mentioned the cost of salaries and OPEB, and the cost of the ambulance, stating that they are doing their best and that they wouldn't put anyone in the position of getting hurt if they thought the trucks were unstable

B. Miller stated that at the April 16th meeting we will need to look at the ambulance budget. The receipts are not likely to meet the needs of the proposed budget. Chief recommended the radio operations be split 50/50 ambulance/fire rather than the current 2/3 on ambulance. K. McKenna stated that it will need to be discussed.

For additional details, video recordings of the meetings may be viewed upon request.

- The next Prudential Committee meeting will be Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Miller, Treasurer

Minutes approved _____