



## PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

### FIRE DISTRICT #2

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July 17, 2018

#### Prudential Committee Meeting

Convened: 6:00 p.m.

Adjourned: 7:08 p.m.

#### Present:

Prudential Committee Chair: Kenneth McKenna

Members: Richard Constant and James Menard

South Hadley District #2: Asst. Chief Todd Calkins

Treasurer Barbara Miller

Francis DeToma, Water Commissioner

#### Others Present:

Brian Fay

Sam Lemanski

Mike O'Neill

Mike Cote

Erin KerDavid

Joe Fernandes

Pat Davis

Natalie Stollmeyer

Scott Flynn

Meeting called to order by Chairman McKenna

J. Menard made a motion to approve the minutes of May 14, 2018, June 19, 2018 and July 10, 2018. Second by R. Constant. 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 Report and Discussion Items

K. McKenna read a letter from the Hamiltons thanking the Water Dept. for the advance notice of work to be done on Hadley Street and letting the homeowners know what they could expect.

#### Fire Chief Report and Discussion Items

Asst. Chief Calkins reported on the calls for the month of June (see report attached), stating that they were about the same as last year. He stated that we are supporting Granby as they are having a tough time. Engine 4, the first priority work is complete, there is still a laundry list of things we can do for example the tires are ten years old which is above NFPA standard. K. McKenna stated that NFPA standard is seven years. Asst. Chief Calkins stated that the pump throttle for Engine 2 is done. He stated that the DCR grant is in the mail for \$2,000 and we will match those funds, the money to be used for personal protective (PP) equipment and equipment for the brush truck. The Mount Holyoke Gift fund has approximately \$47,500 and the plan is to use the annual MHC gift to purchase three sets of gear. Fire prevention has taken in \$30,000. Asst. Chief Calkins stated that he had a discussion with the Treasurer and some of that money is in and out as detail pay, the amount from permits and inspections was approximately \$20,000 in FY2018. He stated that on-call firefighters Davis, Gavagan, Cote and Lemanski do shift coverage at a lower rate than the overtime rate so that saves the department money. He said that all went smoothly at the fireworks. The Incident Support Unit (ISU) was there and Granby and District I assisted. Asst Chief Calkins stated that there was a major car accident on College St; the car ignited and there were two injuries. It was a bad call but everything went well, everyone worked

together. He stated that the Ambulance Committee has been meeting regularly, Lt. Moore is on vacation and he is sure they will have a report soon.

R. Constant made a motion that E2 be taken to Rucki and Son Tire Co to get an assessment. Second by J. Menard. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

R. Constant asked J. Menard if he would be willing to be on the Ambulance Committee, he agreed. K. McKenna asked who the committee members are? Asst. Chief Calkins responded that all full-time fire department staff. M. O'Neill added that those that cover shifts are also on the committee.

R. Constant made a motion that J. Menard be a member of the Ambulance Committee. Second by K. McKenna. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

R. Constant stated that in light of the work Five Star did on E4, he recommends we make them our maintenance provider. K. McKenna stated that he had spoken with the General Manager.

J. Menard made a motion to have Five Star as our official Fire Vehicle repair company for repairs over \$1,000. Second by R. Constant. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

T. Calkins requested that M. Bourbeau work with Five Star and do what he can. There was general agreement that it would be a good idea for us to do what we can in-house and to learn what we can from Five Star.

R. Constant asked if E4 was at the Fireworks. Asst. Chief Calkins answered, no, E4 was on Stanton Avenue, E2 was at the fireworks and Granby covered the station. R. Constant stated that he wanted to make the point that if a vehicle is taken out of service by the PC it must be put back in service by a vote of the PC.

T. Calkins requested a vote of the PC to declare the old 3" hose as surplus so that it may be disposed of.

R. Constant made a motion to declare approximately 3,300 feet of 3' fire hose be declared surplus. Second by J. Menard. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

#### **PC Chair Report and Discussion Items Continued**

##### **Solar**

J. Menard stated that he had sent an email (attached) providing an update regarding his information gathering efforts in regards to putting solar on District 2 land. He met with the solar contractor and walked Elmer Brook property, the 35 acres in Lot 1 is mostly flat, they would utilize 25 acres which would be fenced in and 10 acres of that lot would be left out. He had talked with the Water Superintendent who was not keen on the use of Dry Brook property, therefore he did not walk that area. He stated that he spoke with Sean Fitzgerald of SHEL and plans to contact Eversource as they provide power to the Granby area just across the street. He spoke with M. Sullivan, South Hadley Town Administrator and Richard Harris, Director of Planning & Conservation and Lot 2 is protected land and can not be used for solar. J. Menard stated that he would like to form a committee, he spoke with Bill Selkirk who is interested in being on the committee, he feels there should also be a representative from the Water Department on the committee. He stated there are a lot of hoops to jump through before this can be accomplished.

#### Lithia Springs

J. Menard stated that he spoke with Paul Gagnon of Kestrel Land Trust and there may be availability to sell Lot 2 which might help with the access concerns for Lithia Springs.

K. McKenna asked J. Menard what his objectives in the end were. J. Menard responded that the rental of the entire 25 acres could bring in 40 to 70 thousand dollars annually and we might get credit on our electricity. R. Constant said that SHELD has a contract for nuclear and may not want the electricity but Eversource is different, they need electricity. F. DeToma stated that he thinks getting it off Chapter 97 might be an issue. He stated the other D2 property that had been sold in the past was sold to the state so Chapter 97 wasn't an issue. J. Menard said that he called Rep. Scibak and should call Senator Rosenberg; they should still have pull even though they will no longer be members of Congress.

K. McKenna stated that we had agreed to put up signage in the parking lot on Amherst Road to direct the hikers to walk down Amherst Road to Lithia Springs Road in order to access Lithia Springs area. F. Detoma said he would check with the South Hadley DPW to see if they still make signs. R. Constant asked if cost is an issue can we work together. F. Detoma stated that it would be nice to fence area containing various WD property.

#### Vehicle Lettering

K. McKenna stated that prior to his election to the Prudential Committee J. Menard had asked him why the Ford Explorer was not lettered. J. Menard said that we should want to be seen and he feels we should have the vehicle lettered. R. Constant said we should call the sign guy [Kroops] that the WD used for their trucks and get his recommendation.

J. Menard made a motion to have the Ford Explorer lettered. Seconded by R. Constant. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Asst. Chief Calkins stated that he and Chief Brady completely agree that they should have the vehicle lettered. He stated that Sign Techniques has the logo and knows the DOT regulations for the vehicle adding that lettering was not included in the FD budget. K. McKenna asked if he didn't want them to call Kroops. Asst. Chief Calkins said that the design work had cost \$500.

#### Appoint PC Clerk

B. Miller explained that at a previous meeting K. McKenna had been appointed as Chair of the Prudential Committee but they had not appointed a PC member as Clerk.

R. Constant made a motion to appoint J. Menard as Clerk of the Prudential Committee. Second by K. McKenna. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

#### Disposal of Surplus Property Policy

R. Constant read the Disposal of Surplus Property Valued Greater Than One Thousand Dollars Policy (attached). K. McKenna stated that he had met with Attorney Ed Ryan who said we should have a policy for the disposal of surplus property.

R. Constant made a motion to accept the Disposal of Surplus Property Valued Greater Than One Thousand Dollars as stated below:

The procedure for disposal of surplus tangible property valued greater than \$1,000 (does not include real property) shall be advertised for bid in a paper of local circulation, in accordance with MGL Ch30B Section 15 (f).

Second by J. Menard. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

B. Miller asked, for clarification purposes, if the hose previously declared surplus had a value of less than \$1,000. There was general agreement.

#### Bike Walk Committee

J. Menard stated that he had attended the latest Bike Walk Committee meeting and had received an email from M. Millard and felt he needed to respond. His response said that they would look at the land, figure out the value and determine the liability. He further stated that, at that meeting, M. Sullivan was saying that they needed to slow down. K. McKenna stated that the Bike/Walk Committee was approved as a Town Committee at the ADM. Further stating that negligence and carelessness lead to liability and that's why we need signage.

#### Water Dept. Update

F. DeToma said that Collin Mick had resigned from the Water Dept. Adding that he and the Water Superintendent had prepared an ad and the applications will be reviewed at the next WC meeting. He stated that the WD revenues came in lower than anticipated for FY2018, it was a wet year.

#### **Treasurer's Report and Discussion Items**

- The next regular District meeting will be Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Miller, Treasurer

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_