

Wareham Fire District Prudential Committee

October 24, 2024

Members:

George Barrett, Rick England, Joyce Bacchiocchi, Dean Decas

Non-members:

Clerk Treasurer Wendy Lemieux, Chief John Kelley

5:15 pm Meeting called to order

5:16 pm Motion to go into Executive Session for Exemption #3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the District. Re: impact bargain with Local 2810. If the chair so declares and to return to open session. Motion Dean, second Joyce. Dean:yes, Rick:yes, Joyce:yes, George:yes (4-0-0)

George Barrett recused himself from the Executive Session

5:20 pm Return to open session. Vote reflected in executive Session

5:25 pm Correspondence

- Motion to approve P.O. for \$17,680.80 to Newcom Wireless Services, LLC for various brackets and docking stations for iPads. Motion Rick, second Joyce (4-0-0)
- Motion to approve the minutes of September 26, 2024. Motion Rick, second Joyce (4-0-0)
- Motion to approve the minutes of October 10, 2024. Motion Rick, second Joyce (4-0-0)
- Motion to approve P.O. for \$39,500.00 to Michael P. Gardner for a Human Resource Investigation. Motion Joyce, second Dean (3-1-0) George Barrett against

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- Motion to pay Michael P. Gardner \$39,500.00 for Human Resources Investigation. Motion Joyce, second Dean (3-0-0) Barrett did not vote. *Prudential Committee Member Joyce Bacchiocchi stating cost had been negotiated down*

5:33 pm Clerk Treasurer's Report

- Retired employee health insurance rates to increase for the upcoming year
- Mayflower Municipal Health Group in ongoing discussions regarding health insurance rates for employees
- Auditors coming for FY24 audit
- Joint Water Commissioners and Prudential Committee Meeting to be held October 28, 2024

5:35 pm Chief's Report (see attached)

5:40 pm Building Committee

- Final outline for building committee interest letter being drawn up for distribution

5:46 pm Open Meeting Law Complaint

- Reply letter drafted to be sent to Chris Smith (Local 2810 President) and the Attorney General's Office.
- Joyce requesting Vice Chair England inquire from legal counsel if letter can be shared with all Prudential Committee Members.

5:50 pm Human Resources

- Clerk Treasurer to contact Mary Beth Bernard of HR Key Solutions for an initial meeting regarding Human Resource assistance

6:01 pm Public Comment

- Assistant Chief Haskell spoke regarding the process of putting together an upcoming promotional exam, stating the integrity of the test was never in jeopardy.
- Captain Callinan spoke regarding the question of integrity.
- Captain Smith spoke regarding the question of integrity.
- FF Rowley spoke regarding the question of integrity.
- Captain Deblois spoke regarding the question of integrity.

6:12 pm District Business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the posting of the meeting

- Discussion regarding the entertainment of new District Counsel presentation

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- Joyce Bacchiocchi to take over the writing of the Prudential Committee Agendas
- Robert Haskell inquiring if there are changes regarding public comment part of the Prudential Committee Meetings. Also, inquiring on the possible criteria for citizens at large for Fire Department Building Committee

6:22 pm **Motion to Adjourn.** Motion Rick, second Joyce (4-0-0)

Vote Date:	11/21/21
Approve:	3
Disapprove:	0
Abstain:	0

Chairman Ray T. Burt

Clerk Walter Anness

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Chief's report for week ending October 26, 2024

Tuesday October 15th

- Per Assistant Chief Haskell, the current promotional process has been postponed.

Wednesday October 16th

- Public fire education class was conducted at Best Friends pre-school.
- Bourne Hill radio tower building sitework has been completed.

Thursday October 17th

- Department of Fire Service equipment grant was applied for in the amount of \$19,000.00 for cold and ice water rescue equipment.
- Bourne Hill radio tower structure was set into place by municipal maintenance.

Tuesday October 22nd

- New Engine 3 is in service at station 1
- C-1 attended the ASTECC disaster drill at Logan Airport.

Wednesday October 23rd

- Fire Prevention public safety class conducted at Upper Cape Tech.

Thursday October 24th

- Station 1 roof bid has been put out to bid for an opening on November 15, 2024.