

Onset Fire District
Office of the Prudential Committee

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Meeting Date: April 9, 2020 @5:00PM

Location: 978-990-5286 Access Code 526643

Meeting posted by: Pamela Pike, Chairman Prudential Committee April 2, 2020

On March 12, 2020, Governor Baker issued an Executive Order modifying certain requirements of the Open Meeting Law to enable public bodies to carry out their responsibilities while adhering to public health recommendations regarding social distancing. Keeping in compliance with the Governor's order, the Onset Fire District's Prudential Committee will conduct their meeting on freeconferencecall.com. To join this meeting please use the information above. To read the Governor's Executive Order please visit our website <http://onsetfiredistrict.comcastbiz.net/>.

Listing of Topics

1. Open Prudential Committee Meeting (Chair)

Chairman Pamela Pike opens the Prudential Committee Meeting at 5:00PM. Present are Pamela Pike, Charles Klueber Clerk, Marcine Fernandes Member all via phone conference. Also present Mary E. McCoy Clerk-Treasurer, Melissa Goodell Recording Secretary, Frank Kowzic Chairman of Board of Water Commissioners, Diane DiStolfo, Lisa Morales Citizens. Ken Fontes Water Commissioner joined via phone conference late, the Water Commissioners did not convene and did not discuss business.

2. Close Warrant for District Meeting and Close Nomination Papers for District Election

Charles Klueber motions to close the Warrant for District Meeting and Close Nomination papers for District Election. Marcine Fernandes seconds the motion, vote 3-0-0. Pamela Pike yes, Charles Klueber yes, Marcine Fernandes yes.

Ken Fontes joined the meeting at this point

3. Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of this meeting.

There are none

Marcine Fernandes motions to adjourn the meeting at 5:04PM. Charles Klueber seconds the motion, vote 3-0-0. Pamela Pike yes, Charles Klueber yes, Marcine Fernandes yes.

Respectfully Submitted:

Melissa Goodell Recording Secretary

Prudential Committee:

Pamela Pike Chairman

Charles Klueber Clerk

Marcine Fernandes Member

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Meeting Date: April 23, 2020 @5:00PM

Listing of Topics

1. Open Prudential Committee Meeting (Chair) with Pledge of Allegiance

Pamela Pike opens the meeting at 5:00PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present are Charles Klueber Clerk, Marcine Fernandes Member, Mary McCoy Clerk-Treasurer, Melissa Goodell Recording Secretary, Chief Goodwin, Deputy Osswald, Lisa Morales Citizen.

2. Approval of Minutes

Marcine Fernandes motions to accept the minutes of March 11, 2020. Charles Klueber seconds the motion, vote 3-0-0.

Marcine Fernandes motions to accept the minutes of April 9, 2020. Charles Klueber seconds the motion, vote 3-0-0.

3. Discuss and vote on Warrant Articles

The Prudential Committee reviews Articles 1-15 in the Warrant for District Meeting. Charles Klueber motions to accept Warrant Articles 1-15 as written. Marcine Fernandes seconds the motion, vote 3-0-0.

4. Board of Engineer's Reports and Discussions which may include topics pertaining to personnel, payroll, procurements and operations at the Fire Department

Chief Goodwin speaks to the pandemic: There is extra staffing at the Fire Station; Medical calls have dropped off; District ID's will be issued on April 27, 2020. Chief Goodwin states the Onset Fire Department was ahead of the curve because they had a plan in place for just this type of emergency.

Marcine Fernandes thanks all the employees at the Fire Department. Charles Klueber states they are doing a wonderful job. Pamela Pike states as always the Department has gone above and beyond.

5. Fire Station Building Committee's Report/ Update from OPM Joe Sullivan

Chief Goodwin states the steel work at the new station is 100% complete, the plumbing and electrical are on schedule.

6. Discuss District business at the Water Department; may include topics pertaining to financial, procurements and operations at the Water Dept.

Mary McCoy states they are getting ready to send the water bills out and customers should be able to pay on-line starting with this billing cycle.

7. Clerk-Treasurer's Report which may include Health Insurance, Retirement and Financial Topics

Mary McCoy states she is waiting for Governor Baker to decide about the May 4, 2020 deadline before discussing with Moderator Brousseau and Chairman Pike the possibility of postponing District Meeting. Mary McCoy states she will discuss availability dates with Chairman Pike when there is more information.

Mary McCoy states she will forward the Warrant to Attorney Murray for review.

Mary McCoy reviews the new policy issued by VOYA for the employees during the State of Emergency. The Prudential Committee needs to vote to accept the employees being able to withdraw from their VOYA accounts without receiving any penalties. They would however still need to pay taxes on any withdrawal. Charles Klueber motions to accept the new policy issued by VOYA to not penalize employees for early withdrawal of funds. Marcine Fernandes seconds the motion, vote 3-0-0.

8. Items not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours in advance of this meeting

Deputy Osswald would like to Prudential Committee to be aware of a letter he submitted inquiring about the status of his Employment Contract.

Pamela Pike states the Prudential Committee will not be coming out of Executive Session to adjourn the open meeting. Pamela Pike states she would like a motion to adjourn Open Session before entering Executive. Charles Klueber motions to adjourn open session at 5:20PM. Marcine Fernandes seconds the motion, vote 3-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Melissa Goodell Recording Secretary

Prudential Committee:

Pamela Pike Chairman

Charles Klueber Clerk

Marcine Fernandes Member

Documents Used: Agenda, Minutes to Meetings, Warrant, Letter from Deputy Osswald

