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Meeting Date: May 8, 2019

Meeting Time 6:00PM

1. Open Meeting with Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Ben Hughes opens the Water Commissioner's meeting at 6:00PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present are Frank Kowzic Clerk, Ken Fontes Member, Kevin Sampson Water Superintendent.

Chairman Frank Kowzic opens the Fire Station Building Committee meeting at 6:00PM. Present are Diane DiStolfo Clerk, Marcine Fernandes, Len Gay, Ed Ransom, David Halberstadt, Chief Goodwin Members.

Prudential Committee does not have a quorum so does not open a meeting. Present are Marcine Fernandes Member, Mary E. McCoy Clerk-Treasurer, Melissa Goodell Recording Secretary.

Also present, Nadya Korytnikova of Wareham Week, Jovina Dean, John Cook, Becca Britt Citizens.

Approval of Minutes:

Ed Ransom motions to accept the Fire Station Building Committee Minutes of April 23, 2019. Diane DiStolfo seconds the motion, vote 5-0-2 with David Halberstadt and Len Gay abstaining.

Ken Fontes motions to accept the Water Commissioner's Minutes of April 23, 2019. Frank Kowzic seconds the motion, vote 2-0-1 with Ben Hughes abstaining.

Ken Fontes motions to accept the Water Commissioner's Minutes of April 24, 2019.
Frank Kowzic seconds the motion, vote 3-0-0.

4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda items

There is none

5. Prudential Committee Business which may include topic pertaining to the Fire Department, Clerk-Treasurer's Office, financial and operational issues.

There is none

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

There is none

6. Fire Station Building Committee:

a. Update from OPM Joe Sullivan regarding the new Fire Station, design and any other business

Chief Goodwin gives update in the absence of Joe Sullivan. Chief Goodwin states he met with electrical, plumbing and mechanical engineers on Monday along with the OPM and Architect. The construction is still on schedule to go out to bid in June

Chief Goodwin states he was able to procure furniture for the new station at substantial savings.

Chief Goodwin states the worksite of the new station is coming along. The trees have been cleared and are just waiting for the stump removal.

Ed Ransom motions to adjourn the Fire Station Building Committee at 6:15PM.

Marcine Fernandes seconds the motion, vote 7-0-0.

7. Water Commissioners: Discussion may include topics pertaining to personnel, financial, procurements and operations at the Water Department.

a. Superintendent's Report which may include operation of wells, standpipe, cash flow, meters, water breaks/leaks, repairs and maintenance.

The generator for well 4 is coming closer to completion

Meter reading is done, still working on a few checkups.

Baker's Island has almost completed their end of the job and the Water Department will tentatively connect with them by Memorial Day.

Water quality in Indian Mound, has not been resolved fully. Have been in touch with DEP on a daily basis. They are asking for corrective action. May do a system flush in the next couple of days

b. Discussion with Selectman Alan Slavav concerning land that abuts the Onset Fire District.

Selectman Alan Slavav did not attend. Selectman Peter Teitlbaum sent this statement to Water Commissioner Chairman Ben Hughes:

“Alan has decided that he won't be attending the Wednesday meeting. At this point in time, the Wareham Redevelopment Authority has not decided whether to seek transfer of the properties that were the subject of the Town Meeting article last month. If that changes and we do decide to go forward again, I would be glad to meet with you and the other Commissioners to answer questions you might have. Thank you for your understanding.”

Len Gay states the soil in the land in question is dirty and would require a cleanup.

8. Clerk-Treasurer's Report which may include Health Insurance, Retirement and Financial Topics relating to the business of the Onset Fire District.

There is none

9. Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chairs 48 hours in advance of this meeting.

Marcine Fernandes talked about joint meetings and perhaps they should not be held on a regular basis. Ken Fontes states there should be a schedule set to meet quarterly with all Boards. Marcine Fernandes states she will discuss that with the Prudential Committee at their next meeting.

Frank Kowzic motions to adjourn the Water Commissioner's Meeting at 6:25PM. Ken Fontes seconds the motion, vote 3-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Melissa Goodell Recording Secretary

Prudential Committee:

Pamela Pike Chairman

Charles Klueber Clerk

Marcine Fernandes Member

Fire Station Building Committee:

Frank Kowzic Chairman

Diane DiStolfo Clerk

Linwood Gay Member

David Halberstadt Member

Marcine Fernandes Member

Ed Ransom Member

Chief Ray Goodwin Member

Water Commissioners:

Benjamin Hughes Chairman

Frank Kowzic Clerk

Ken Fontes Member

Documents Used: Agenda, Minutes of April 23, 2019 and April 24, 2019.

