

Wareham Fire District Prudential Committee

November 18, 2021

Minutes

5:30 PM

Prudential Committee Members: George Barrett, Ron Enos , Rick England, Dean Decas, *Brian*
Non-Members: Wendy Lemieux, Chief Rowley

5:33 PM Meeting called to order

- Asked if anyone was recording. No

5:35 PM Open Tax Classification Hearing

Motion to open hearing Ron, second Brian (5-0-0)

- Motion to continue to utilize a single tax rate for all classes of property by Ron, second Brian (5-0-0).

Motion to close hearing Ron, second Brian (5-0-0)

5:42 PM Correspondence

- Motion to pay Wareham Week \$81.00 for Open Tax Classification Hearing announcement. Motion Ron, second Brian (5-0-0).
- Motion to pay Lynch and Marini & Associates \$1500.00 for end of year audit. Motion Ron, second Brian (5-0-0).
- Motion to pay Norris, Murray and Peloquin \$1350.00 for services rendered in August of 2021. Motion Ron, second Brian (5-0-0).
- Motion to pay Norris, Murray and Peloquin \$2081.25 for services rendered September 2021. Motion Ron, second Brian (5-0-0).

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- Motion to approve P.O. to Comtronics in the amount of \$3338.29 for paging equipment. Motion Ron, second Brian (5-0-0).
- Motion to approve P.O. to C&S Specialties in the amount of \$3066.00 for firehose. Motion Ron, second Brian (5-0-0).
- Motion to approve P.O. to ESRI, Inc in the amount of \$3649.00 for software licensing. Motion Ron, second Brian (5-0-0).

5:51 PM Minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes of October 21, 2021. Motion Ron, second Rick ((4-0-1) Brian abstaining
- Motion to approve minutes of November 4, 2021. Motion Ron, second Brian (4-0-1) Dean abstaining

6:02 PM Chief's Report (see attached)


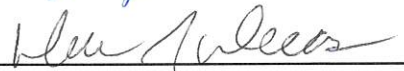
- Vote to allow Assistant Chief Kelley to carry over one additional week of vacation and get paid for one week of vacation. (Per Chief Rowley Assistant Chief Kelley has been taking on extra duties due to Assistant Chief Haskell's absence). Motion Brian, second Ron (4-0-1) George abstaining

6:19 PM Motion to go into executive session for reason#2&3 and not to return to open session by Ron second by Brian. Chairman states discussion in open session could be detrimental to the District

- **Vote:**
George: yes
Ron: yes
Dean: Yes
Rick: Yes
Brian:yes

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Vote Date:	12/2/21
Approve	5
Disapprove	0
Abstain	0

Chairman 
Clerk 

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Chief's Report for November 18th, 2021

Friday, November 5th

- Truck Committee meeting was held, we will be looking at several different trucks for comparisons on a Rosenbauer and a Spartan/Toyne

Monday, October 8th

- Rosenbauer contacted us and declined in writing the opportunity to bid on the new pumper/tanker.

Tuesday, November 9th

- Pierce Training on the new tower, chassis and pump, Shift 3 and call personnel.
- The new Tower when returning to Station 1 and backing in struck the first eye beam with a roof ladder bracket that had been added to the bucket the previous week. The bracket was damaged only and is already being replaced. No damage to the station or the tower itself.
- Letter was handed in to the Clerk/Treasurer regarding the Bourne Hill Tower Ch-1 repeater that was damaged during the October 27th storm for an insurance claim
- Letter regarding for Station 1 roof repairs from the October 27th storm will be coming once an invoice from Chris Owen is received.

Wednesday, November 10th

- Met with G.A.F. engineering, the Station 1 retaining wall will be published in the central register on Monday, November 15th and also posted in Wareham Week. Bid due date is December 14th, 2021.
- Contacted EMD Patrick MacDonald regarding any disaster declaration from the October 27th storm and he stated that there would not be one
- Pierce Training on new tower, chassis and pump, Shift 1 and call personnel.
- New Tower had a water leak and was found to have a loose coupling on the piping into the tank. Allegiance fixed the issue.
- An amendment to the FY2019 AFG grant (New Tower) was requested to expend the \$11,789.91 left over in the grant. Travel expenses for the final inspection, a blitz

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deluge gun set, a gas chain saw and 350' of 2" attack line was requested in the amendment.

Thursday, November 11th

- Veterans Day
- Breaker 404 and Rescue 1 were detailed to the Onset VFW for Veterans Day ceremonies at the request of Selectman Alan Slavin
- Pierce training on new tower, chassis and pump for Shift 4 and call personnel

Friday, November 12th

- Pierce Training on new tower, chassis and pump, Shift 2 and call personnel, last class
- Contacted Lakes Region Fire Apparatus regarding an Alexis/Spartan pumper tanker.

Monday, November 15th

- Lakes Region Fire Apparatus called back will be getting us a specification for the HGAC truck for the pumper/tanker.
- Letter was received from the State Fire Marshall, thanking us for the Ladder and Engine donation for training at the Bridgewater Fire Academy.
- Attended a Mass D.O.T. meeting regarding the 6 & 28 project, specifically for all the islands that are being put in. Our District does have any access issues.

Tuesday, November 16th

- The Massachusetts Firefighter Equipment and Safety grant was submitted for the replacement of one of our channel 1 repeaters at a cost of \$12,500. Notification will be early January.
- Recruits employment paperwork was completed for 7 new personnel.
- New title for "old Engine" was received and sent to the Mass Fire Academy.
- Onset Fire has reduced its response district to (1) run card and has requested we are on a "line-box" response for all reported fires within their district.

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Wednesday, November 17th

- Review of the FY21 AFG grant started, more to follow
- FEMA made notification on the FY19 grant (New Tower), that our request to use the remaining funds had been reviewed and are up for final approval. We should have the funds made available within 3-5 business days.
- Recruit Orientation was held at Station 1 (Part 1), which included department review, fit testing, Id's, Fire Academy LMS enrollment and I am responding programming. (Part 2) which will be scheduled for a later date will be station assignments, introduction to call officers, issuance of PPE both structural and wildland, issuance of pagers, mandatory training outline and syllabus distributed.

Thursday, November 18th

- 4 new recruits have received seats for the Bridgewater Recruit class starting January 10th for a total of 6 and 3 recruits are on the waiting list. If all get in and with the 3 that just graduated, we will have 12 new call firefighters in FY22.