

Great Barrington Fire District
Minutes for Prudential Committee Open Meeting on December 17, 2024
Great Barrington Water Department
17 East Street Great Barrington MA 01230

Board Members and Employees Present:

Walter Atwood	Chairman – Prudential Committee
Kenneth Schumacher	Member – Prudential Committee
William Foster	Member – Prudential Committee
William Brinker	Member – Prudential Committee
Peter Marks	Superintendent
Cynthia Ullrich	District Clerk

Guests in attendance:

Kathleen McCormick	McCormick, Murtagh & Mascus
Peter Valinsky	Tighe & Bond

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 P.M. by Prudential Committee Chairman, Walter Atwood.

KM submitted the language to the proposed amendment to the district Acts and Resolves. She stated that she contacted Smitty Pignatelli regarding the proposed amendment as she has never drafted a proposed bill before. She explained that the district will need to follow up with Leigh Davis.

WF made a motion to accept the language for the amendment as submitted. WB seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Approve the Minutes of the Meeting of December 3, 2024:

WB made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2024 meeting. WF seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Superintendent's Report:

PM told the board that a pump at the pumping station lost its mechanical *seal* (a piece that holds the seal in *wore out*). Inspections for lead service lines continue. Going through equipment preparing for next season.

Financial Report:

CU submitted warrant #23 and warrant #24 for the board to review. She told the board that the 3-month CD at Lee Bank has matured and was rolled into a 4-month CD.

Citizen Speak Time:

PV spoke briefly on the current projects.

The board reviewed the BNR Pre-construction notification and 401 water quality clarification application along with the Green River Pump Station UV Disinfection USDA Funding Assistance Amendment No.1. PV explained that if the board decided to apply for the USDA funding, the funds wouldn't be available until July 2025.

WB made a motion to accept the Green River Pump Station UV Disinfection USDA Funding Assistance Amendment No.1 with the funding for the Housatonic Interconnect included in the funding. WF seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote

PV will revise the amendment to include the Housatonic Interconnect in the funding prior to the next Prudential Committee meeting on January 7, 2025 meeting.

Having concluded its business and having no petitions before the board, Mr. Atwood moved to adjourn the meeting, and the meeting was adjourned without objection at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cynthia Ullrich
District Clerk