

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE



## TURNERS FALLS FIRE DISTRICT

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### Prudential Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date of Meeting:** Nov 1, 2023

**Time of Meeting:** 5 PM

**Location:** Turners Falls Fire Department  
226 Millers Falls Road  
Turners Falls, MA 01376

**Present at meeting:**

Kenneth McCance Prudential Committee Chair  
Leon Ambo Prudential Committee  
Todd Brunelle Fire Chief  
Eduard Bublik District Accountant  
Bruce Merriam, Water Commissioner, Chair  
Ed Pelis, Water Commissioner  
Ken Morin, Water Commissioner  
Jeffrey Hildreth, Water Superintendent  
Suzanne Leh, Water Clerk

The Prudential Committee meeting of the Turners Falls Fire District (TFFD) was called to order at 5 PM on November 1, 2023 at the Turners Falls, District Office.

**A. Review and Acceptance of prior minutes:** The Minutes from 10/4/23 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

### Water Superintendent Report:

**Water Treated:**

Sept: 17 Million Gallons

Oct: 18.8 Million Gallons

**Consumption:**

Sept: 612,000 Gallons

Oct: 590,000 Gallons

Water readings have been completed, and bills have been sent out. Total Water Commitments were \$294,318.19.

The new water rates, voted on, will commence for winter water usage.

The Montague Center interconnection has been fixed and is now feeding water perfectly fine.

## **Projects:**

Padlocks have been changed; door locks still need to be changed.

The Lead Service Line project is on track.

Well 1 abandonment permit has been submitted to the DEP.

## **Bill to the Sewer Dept:**

A motion was made and voted on to increase the bill to the Sewer Dept to \$7,500 for the usage of our readings.

## **Accountant Report:**

### **Streetlights Update:**

Two lights have been successfully repaired.

Four lights experienced wiring issues, which were promptly reported to and resolved by Eversource.

The light bulbs on Randall Wood Dr have been replaced.

Additionally, a decision was made to reactivate streetlights on Marshall St due to insufficient lighting, especially considering its proximity to Sheffield Elementary School.

### **Accounts Payable Expenses for the month of October:**

Fire Dept: \$24,619

Water Dept: \$33,810

General Gov't: \$176,237

## Chiefs Report:

### 1. Total Runs October =121

Fire = 34

EMS = 87

Transports = 29

Mutual Aid = 2 Given 1 Received

Overlapping Calls = 20 (16.53%)

### 2. Fire prevention

Inspection fees collected \$850.00

11- 26F Smoke/Co inspections

2 Homeowner consultations regarding smoke/Co detector placement

3 homeowners assisted with installation of smoke/Co detectors

Worked with the town Building Inspector to identify the status of Fire Alarm systems in 6+ family apartments within the district.

### 3. Training – Special Recognition-FF Nick Cogswell completed Fire Officer 1 training through the Mass Fire

Academy and is now Pro Board certified Fire Officer 1.

Career staff = 153.5 hrs.

Call Force = 47 hrs.

Total training Hours = 200.5

Capt. Dana is building an elevator response binder documenting buildings with elevators their type and lockout/tag out locations. This will assist responding crews during elevator emergency/rescue calls.

We attended joint Auto Extraction training facilitated by Montague Center Fire. This joint training strengthens the capabilities of the 2 Fire departments within the Town of Montague.

### 4. Public Education: October was Fire Prevention month and a busy time for public education.

Members visited the schools and spoke with **455** students about fire safety.

Members met with 137 of the youngest students to discuss Halloween safety and attained the Sheffield School Trunk or Treat to speak with children and families about Halloween and Fire Safety.

Capt. Dana presented at “Trades Women of Tomorrow” event hosted by the FCTs

**Child Passenger Safety Seat program:** 4 car seat installations/inspections occurred in the month of Oct. as well as multiple phone consultations regarding regulations for size and weight of children.

Next meeting will be scheduled for November 1st.

### **Agenda for for next meeting**

- 1) Call to Order**
- 2) Approval of last District meeting minutes**
- 3) Old Business**
- 4) Department report – Fire/Water**
- 5) Accountant report**
- 6) New Business**
- 7) Adjournment**

**F. Meeting Adjourned at: 5:50 PM**

**G. Meeting Minutes submitted by:** Eduard Bublik, District Accountant