
Coventry Fire District Study Committee

OVERVIEW

On July 19, 2018 the Coventry Fire District held their second try at an annual meeting. Close to the end of this meeting Tyia Burns made a motion to ; “ form a study committee that would include two members of the Select board , two of the Prudential Committee , two representatives of the consumers of the fire district ; to assess competency and effectiveness of the current prudential committee , to see if it needs to be dissolved into the town”. This motion was carried after a show of hands count being 17 yes vs 11 no. After the meeting was over Tyia asked if I would help her with the study committee and that is why I am presenting to you. I explained to Tyia that there would need to be a couple changes because if the study group members having a quorum of their board's members. Tyia asked me to help fix the issue and put together what I thought would work best.

This is my proposal.

Objective

Form a study committee that will examine the proficiency of the Coventry Fire District , and report whether the committee thinks it should be dissolved into the town or is running accordingly.

SPECIFICS

Committee structure ; 1 Prudential Committee member and their secretary , 1 Selectboard member and T.A. Amanda Carlson , 1 School board member , 1 Planning Commission member , 2 customers , Tyia Burns and Martha Sylvester.

*Open meeting laws require meetings with quorum members of committees/boards be properly warned. This is the reason behind my 1 committee member instead of two as stated in Tyia's

motion. I also added School board and Planning Commission members because this impacts their role within our town as well.

The committee will look at ;

Municipal , State and Federal compliance , all financial aspects (budgets , grants , projects , loans) , system maintenance and repairs , business practices , impacts on the whole community , and other things that may arise.

Goal

The committee will hold a community public meeting to discuss their findings and to also get feedback from community. Than the committee will decide if the town should be voting on the dissolution of the Coventry Fire District during March 2019 Town meeting.

Long Term Goal

Provide affordable clean drinking water and ensure Coventry's future water quality.

***WATER IS LIFE

Thank you for your time and in advance your cooperation.

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