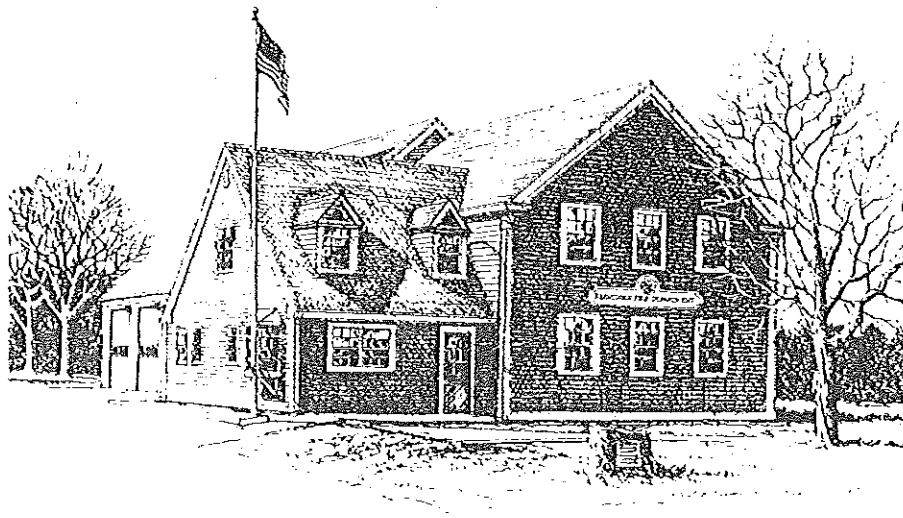




Barnstable Fire District



Annual Report Fiscal Year 2010

Barnstable, Massachusetts

Annual Election: April 30, 2011 8:30 - 11:30 AM
Barnstable Fire Station

Annual Meeting: May 2, 2011 7:30 PM
Barnstable/West Barnstable Elementary School

BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT OFFICERS

TERM EXPIRES

MODERATOR: Richard Clark

2011

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE:

Debra Traugot

2011

Peter Eleftherakis

2012

Charles Fuller

2013

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS:

Richard Carroll

2011

Evelyn Bassett

2012

David Jones

2013

DISTRICT CLERK: Charles W. Eager, III

2011

WATER DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT:

Jon Erickson

N/A

DISTRICT TREASURER: Mary McIsaac

N/A

FIRE CHIEF: Robert Crosby

N/A

Water Department Telephone

(508) 362-6498

Address: 1841 Phinney's Lane, Box 546

Barnstable, MA 02630

Fire Department Telephone

911 (emergency)

Address: 3249 Main Street, Box 94

(508) 362-3312(non-emergency)

Barnstable, MA 02630

THANK YOU GEORGE

Over the last 29 years, the Barnstable Fire District has had the privilege of having in its employ George Weir. Not only did he begin his work in the District as a volunteer fire fighter, but also became an employee of the Water Department in 1981 while continuing his volunteer position at the fire station. His position at the water department as serviceman was under the direction of Superintendent Thomas Mullen. While growing up in Connecticut, he spent many summers on Cape Cod with his family. George's knowledge of the water department progressed rapidly as he became well familiar with the district, its customers, its customs and charms. In 1987, when Superintendent Mullen retired and I was appointed to the position, George quickly became my "right-hand man."

Not long after I became Superintendent, I received a call from one of our customers to instruct George to "turn off her tree." Lucy Messer left me speechless! One of the many kind deeds that George would perform for our customers was his personalized service. He took the time to make Ms. Messer a faucet, which he attached to her tree to water her plants and garden. His thoughtfulness was not limited to his personalized and unique service work for Ms. Messer; it was in his everyday routine regarding water department responsibilities. In his 29 years of growth here, George was a big part of a great deal of change and development at the Barnstable Fire District (while training a new superintendent I might add). About one year after I arrived and upon the arrival of a new serviceman, George was promoted to Assistant Superintendent. Over the years, the responsibilities of the Assistant Superintendent were to maintain the highest quality of water provided to our district customers. He initiated backflow device testing, developed accountability according to Mass DEP, and experienced the construction of a new pumping station that included a treatment facility for maintaining corrosion control, a new million and a half gallon tank, and a customer service connection growth of over 700. Due to his detailed procedures, he earned the trust not only of the District's taxpayers but also of State officials.

George played an important leadership role with his fellow co-workers who often looked to him for his experience, knowledge and advice. For the employees at the Water department, he always kept the office morale upbeat with his "George-isms" that will be sorely missed and long remembered!"

I would like to say how grateful I am to know George and honored to have considered him my trusted assistant. It has been a privilege to work along side him, with his honesty, integrity, knowledge, attention to detail, and his sense of humor to enlighten the day. He is one of a kind.

Enjoy your retirement in good health!

Jon

IN RECOGNITION

WILLIAM FLEMING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: Our retiring Firefighter EMT has served generously with his time and effort in the interest of the District, during his past Nineteen years as a Career Firefighter and Member of the Barnstable Professional Firefighters Local 3276.

RESOLVED: That we the members of the Barnstable Prudential Committee, Barnstable Water Commissioners, Barnstable Fire Department and employees of the Fire District do hereby extend our sincere thanks to William Fleming for his effective and dedicated service to the District for these number of years and be it further

RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the records of the District 2010 Annual Meeting.

Peter Eleftherakis, Chairman

Debra Traugot

Charles Fuller

Barnstable Fire District

Treasurer's Report

Debt Statement

NET FUNDED AND FIXED DEBT July 1, 2009	2,145,000
Retired in Fiscal 2010	185,000
NET FUNDED AND FIXED DEBT June 30, 2010	1,960,000
<u>SHORT-TERM DEBT</u>	
LAND PURCHASE - Note Payable	477,187
<u>LOANS AUTHORIZED & UNISSUED</u>	
Water Department Projects	823,455

VALUATION OF DISTRICT

Fiscal 2010

Real Estate	1,165,464,100
Personal Property	21,372,950
Tax Rate:	\$2.43

The 2010 Audited Financial Statements will be presented as a Supplement to the Annual Report when the audit is complete. Copies will be available at the District's offices located at 1841 Phinney's Lane, Barnstable, MA

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Stoltz, District Treasurer

FISCAL YEAR 2010 ANNUAL REPORT JULY 1, 2009 – JUNE 30, 2010

WATER DEPARTMENT JULY 1, 2009 – JUNE 30, 2010

RECEIPTS

Water rates	\$ 773,187.00
Other	<u>\$ 3,266.00</u>
	\$ 776,453.00

EXPENDITURES

Operations	\$ 669,937.00
Debt & interest	<u>\$ 170,778.00</u>
	\$ 840,715.00

WATER DEPARTMENT STATISTICS JULY 1, 2009 – JUNE 30, 2010

Miles of distribution mains as of June 30, 2010	49.86
Total number of service connections as of June 30, 2010	1920
Total water pumped July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010	165,152,000 Gallons
Total water pumped highest week 8/15/2009 – 8/21/2009	7,421,000 Gallons
Total water pumped highest day August 19, 2009	1,082,000 Gallons
Total number of old meters replaced	160
Total number of service calls	293
Total number of tests on back-flow devices	135
Total number of water quality samples performed	234

PRECIPITATION * JULY 1, 2009 – JUNE 30, 2010

July	6.93"	August	5.19"	September	3.34"
October	7.19"	November	3.15"	December	4.67"
January	3.21"	February	3.66"	March	8.57"
April	1.09"	May	2.36"	June	1.59"

* As recorded in rain meter at Water Department office.

The Board of Water Commissioners
Richard P. Carroll, Chair
Evelyn G. Bassett
David A. Jones

FISCAL YEAR 2010 ANNUAL REPORT JULY 1, 2009 – JUNE 30, 2010

Board of Water Commissioners

The Board of Water Commissioners of the Barnstable Fire District Water Department submits its Annual Report, including an account of operation receipts and expenditures for Fiscal Year 2010.

Following many years of applying for permits from State and Federal Agencies, the Water Department was issued approval from the Department of Environmental Protection for a pump test at the proposed Well #5 site. Upon the State's approval to construct, the design for Well #5 will be started and construction bidding is anticipated to be in the winter of Fiscal Year 2011.

Silent Spring partnered with several water departments on Cape Cod to test public water supply sources for pharmaceuticals and personal care products. The participating departments were able to obtain a base line for these potential contaminants. The results of this report will be published in our Consumer Confidence Report and mailed to you in your water bill of April 2011.

After several months of editing and redesigning by the Superintendent the Water Department Emergency Response Plan was completely updated. This is a comprehensive guide outlining the procedures necessary for different levels of emergencies.

In early 2010 the final chapter of the purchase of the Busch-Brown property came to a close. With conservation restrictions attached to the seventeen plus acres the land is preserved for water department use in the future.

The Superintendent has had many meetings with DCR, the State and our Engineers to determine the best course for the District to take in applying for our Water Management Act 20 –Year Renewal for which the application was due August 31, 2010. The outcome of this permit will determine the ability to withdraw water for the next 20 years.

The Contract for Pressure Reducing Vaults Electrification and SCADA operation was awarded to Brite-Lite Electrical Contractors. Completion of the project is anticipated to be the spring of 2011.

To our retired Assistant Superintendent

Believe it or not it started in the 1960's. George Weir was one of those "summer kids" coming to his family's summer home on Mill Way for a few months each summer. From there it became a little more fulltime and George started getting involved with the "village" and District as a volunteer and then paid call firefighter for the Barnstable Fire Department. George stayed somewhat active with the Fire Department until something happened to change the face of the Barnstable Water Department. Sometime in the early eighties, George went to work for the Water Department as our only full time Service Technician. He became the right hand man for first Tom Mullins who was Water Superintendent at the time and later for Jon Erickson. He studied and took exams for whatever licensing was required or needed and basically did whatever had to be done. When the Department was expanded with the hiring of another Service Technician, George was promoted to the position of Assistant Water Superintendent, a position that he held until his retirement in 2010. Rather than say four score and seven years ago, which is really stretching George's employment for the Water Department, the Board of Water Commissioners, past and present, would like to recognize and thank George Weir for his twenty-nine years of service not

only for us, the Boards of Water Commissioners, but for all the people past and present who lived in the Barnstable Fire District and for whom George served with pride and dedication.

We thank you and wish you a very happy retirement.

Board of Water Commissioners

Richard P. Carroll, Chair

Evelyn G. Bassett

David A. Jones

The Board of Water Commissioners would like to take the time to thank our staff for their effort in what was one of the most trying years in the history of the District. During this current fiscal year, FY11, the Water District had two episodes of water quality issues which appears to have occurred at test sites related to our water distribution system. Once these incidences happened, our employees acted immediately to insure that at no time were our customers in harm's way and went above and beyond to rectify the situation in a timely and safe manner. At this time is important to recognize these people for their efforts not only in time of crisis but throughout the year:

Jon R. Erickson, Superintendent

Richard Marshall, Senior Operator

Ronald Tivey, Field Serviceman

Marguerite Freeman, Collector

Kim Vermette, Office Assistant

During our water quality problems, it is also important to note the efforts of our members of the Barnstable Fire Department, Barnstable Police Department, Town DPW, Barnstable County Sheriff's Department and last but not least, the Barnstable Fire District Prudential Committee for all of their assistance.

Again, thank you for all your efforts.

Board of Water Commissioners

Richard P. Carroll, Chair

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BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT
FY 2011 vs FY 2010 Operating Budget

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>FY 2011 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY 2010 BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ CHANGE</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u>
FIRE				
SALARIES	\$1,592,218.00	\$1,528,070.00	\$64,148.00	4.2%
FIRE HOSE AND EQUIPMENT	\$33,950.00	\$32,700.00	\$1,250.00	3.8%
VEHICLE EXPENSE	\$32,600.00	\$40,700.00	(\$8,100.00)	-19.9%
UTILITIES	\$21,100.00	\$23,980.00	(\$2,880.00)	-12.0%
MAINTENANCE	\$21,700.00	\$32,100.00	(\$10,400.00)	-32.4%
TRAINING PERSONNEL	\$35,300.00	\$31,660.00	\$3,640.00	11.5%
OFFICE	\$12,800.00	\$9,500.00	\$3,300.00	34.7%
E.M.S. SUPPLIES/ASSESSMENT	\$45,293.00	\$39,968.00	\$5,325.00	13.3%
TRAINING CHIEF	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.0%
LEGAL AND FIRE PREVENTION	\$5,400.00	\$4,400.00	\$1,000.00	22.7%
TOTAL FIRE	\$1,805,361.00	\$1,748,078.00	\$57,283.00	3.3%
WATER				
SALARIES	\$259,037.00	\$278,037.00	(\$19,000.00)	-6.8%
UTILITIES	\$74,200.00	\$74,200.00	\$0.00	0.0%
MAINTENANCE	\$51,500.00	\$51,500.00	\$0.00	0.0%
WATER QUALITY	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	0.0%
PROFESSIONAL EXPENSE	\$10,250.00	\$10,250.00	\$0.00	0.0%
OFFICE EXPENSE	\$9,100.00	\$9,100.00	\$0.00	0.0%
OVERTIME	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	0.0%
RESERVE COVERAGE	\$12,740.00	\$12,740.00	\$0.00	0.0%
VEHICLE EXPENSE	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	0.0%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$3,250.00	\$4,250.00	(\$1,000.00)	-23.5%
TOTAL WATER	\$538,577.00	\$558,577.00	(\$20,000.00)	-3.6%
TREASURER				
GROUP INSURANCE	\$596,230.00	\$566,000.00	\$30,230.00	5.3%
RETIREMENT	\$261,739.00	\$247,488.00	\$14,251.00	5.8%
MEDICARE/FICA/DET	\$32,000.00	\$37,000.00	(\$5,000.00)	-13.5%
FINANCIAL EXPENSE	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.0%
PAYROLL EXPENSE	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	0.0%
OFFICE EXPENSE	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$0.00	0.0%
DEBT/INTEREST	\$327,822.00	\$268,425.00	\$59,397.00	22.1%
TREASURER'S EXPENSE	\$3,000.00	\$2,300.00	\$700.00	30.4%
COMPUTER MAINTNENACE/SUPPORT	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00	\$0.00	0.0%
TOTAL TREASURER	\$1,228,691.00	\$1,129,113.00	\$99,578.00	8.8%
PRUDENTIAL				
SALARIES (ELECTED)	\$9,725.00	\$9,725.00	\$0.00	0.0%
SALARIES (APPOINTED)	\$65,826.00	\$60,000.00	\$5,826.00	9.7%
CONTINGENCY	\$6,674.00	\$10,000.00	(\$3,326.00)	-33.3%
FINANCIAL EXPENSE	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$0.00	0.0%
LEGAL	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.0%
INSURANCE	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$0.00	0.0%
CLERK'S EXPENSES	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	0.0%
STREET LIGHT	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	0.0%
EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	0.0%
TOTAL PRUDENTIAL	\$171,725.00	\$169,225.00	\$2,500.00	1.5%
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$3,744,354.00	\$3,604,993.00	\$139,361.00	3.9%

Barnstable Fire Department Annual Report

The department responded to 970 incidents for FY '10 broken down as follows:

571 EMS Calls

46 Fires of various types

5 Boat Rescues

119 Fire Alarms

229 Other incidents including investigations, hazmat spills, electrical problems and public assists.

On November 16, 2009, we hired Francis M. Pulsifer as our new Deputy Chief. Frank comes to us from the COMM Fire Department where he was a Fire Prevention Officer. He has previously served on the Northborough Fire Department and has over 20 years experience as a firefighter and fire prevention officer. He was selected from a wide range of candidates from around the country that applied for the position. Immediately upon starting, he has been updating and working on our fire prevention programs and has applied for several grants to assist the department. He lives with his wife Deana and daughter Hope in Centerville.

EMS calls continue to make up about 60% of our calls. Run statistics show that district two, the center of the village, is still the busiest response area. The industrial park area, district four is increasing each year and is slated for several large projects which impacts on responses that will need to be addressed in the future. We are planning for these changes now so we will be ready to meet the changes in demands.

Fire Loss

The Fire District had many emergency incidents throughout the year, including structural fire responses. Despite the fact that we had several

structural fires in the district, our fire loss was kept to a minimum. Our largest fire loss was from a fire at the Unitarian Church that occurred in May 2010. Units encountered heavy fire conditions on arrival but were able to quickly bring the fire under control and minimize further damage to the structure. The fire damage limited their ability to use part of the structure during reconstruction, but religious services were not impacted. Fire damage for this incident was estimated at \$45,000.00. With the quick fire department response and efficient firefighting tactics, crews prevented this from becoming a large loss fire.

We provided Mutual aid to other communities 46 times and we received aid 67 times during the year.

Medal of Valor

Four firefighters of the Barnstable Fire District were awarded the Medal of Valor by Governor Deval Patrick at the Firefighter of the Year award ceremony on December 3, 2009 in Worcester, Massachusetts. Lieutenant Richard Pfautz, Lieutenant Stephen Iacovelli, Firefighter EMT Brian Cabral, and Firefighter Paramedic Christopher Mailloux received the Medal of Valor for a water rescue that they had performed in Barnstable Harbor on June 22, 2009. This incident involved a wind surfer that had been knocked off his board and in distress under very deteriorating weather conditions. The four firefighters were able to navigate through the harbor, locate the victim, pull the victim from the water, and transport him to safety under extreme conditions.

The Medal of Valor is the second highest distinction that may be awarded to a firefighter in the State of Massachusetts.

These same firefighters were awarded The Red Cross Hero Award at the 8th Annual Red Cross Heroes Breakfast in March 2010. Lieutenant Richard Pfautz, Lieutenant Stephen Iacovelli, Firefighter EMT Brian Cabral, and Firefighter Paramedic Christopher Mailloux received the awards after being nominated for the water rescue that they had performed in Barnstable Harbor on June 22, 2009.

75th Anniversary

2010 marks the 75th anniversary of the Barnstable Fire District. In 1935, residents of Barnstable village voted to create the Barnstable Fire District. This was an organized fire department that was made up of volunteers in the community, to protect the village from the threat of fire. As time evolved, the fire department took on more technical responsibilities geared toward public safety including rescue, and emergency medical services. The fire department has transitioned into a full service, all-hazards, career fire department. We are very proud to serve the citizens of the Barnstable community. During 2010, we plan to reflect on how the fire department has evolved since 1935 and offer some special events for the public in remembrance of those who served before us. Some of these events include the annual Road Race, Fire Department Open House, and Fireman's Ball. You may even see the original 1935 Mack fire truck around the district

Paramedic Achievement

Firefighter J. Neil Tuepker has received Massachusetts certification as an EMT- Paramedic. Neil has been with the Barnstable Fire District for over six years serving as a Firefighter and EMT. Over the past year, Neil participated in the EMT Paramedic program which involves approximately 300 hours of classroom participation and over 400 hours of clinical study. The clinical time Paramedic students encounter is spent supervised in a hospital setting by doctors and nurses, as well as actual ride time in ambulances supervised by other paramedics. Once didactic and clinical portions of the program are completed, students may test with the State of Massachusetts to become Paramedic certified. In May 2010, Neil successfully completed testing and became certified as an EMT- Paramedic. Neil completed this training mostly on his own time and at a fraction of a cost to the district.

Child Passenger Safety Program

The Barnstable Fire District renewed its popular child passenger safety program. The program is designed to educate and provide assistance to the public with child car seat installations. The program is managed by two department members, Deputy Chief Pulsifer and J. Neil Tuepker, who are both certified technicians. To schedule an appointment to have your child seat installed correctly, please call the fire department and ask to speak to one of the technicians. The installations usually take less than 30 minutes

and are free of charge to the public. Last year, 25 installations were completed by our technicians.

Public Education Activities

The members of the Barnstable Fire District conducted many fire prevention programs for the public throughout the year. Fire and life safety education was provided to all children in the public and private schools in the Barnstable Fire District. These programs range in content from recognition of a firefighter in full turnout gear, E-911 awareness, Stop-Drop-Cover-Roll, and Exit Drills in the Home (EDITH). In addition, the department provided adult training in fire safety awareness and fire extinguisher training to various businesses and groups in the community. Public education programs are managed by Lieutenant Richard Ogonowsky. Public education programs are free of charge to the public and may be scheduled by contacting Lt. Ogonowsky or Deputy Chief Pulsifer at the fire department.

I would like to extend my thanks to the Firefighters and Officers of the department for their hard work during the year, and to the Dispatchers of the Barnstable Sheriff's Office for their assistance during the year.

Chief Robert M. Crosby

BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT ELECTIONS

MAY 1, 2010

The Barnstable Fire District's Annual Election of Officers was held at the Barnstable Fire Station, Barnstable, Massachusetts from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM on Saturday, May 1, 2010. 121 District voters participated in this year election. The results of the election are as followed:

Moderator:	1 Year	
Richard Clark		105
Blanks		16
Prudential Committee:	3 Years	
Peter Eleftherakis		88
John McAbee		32
Water Commissioner:	3 Years	
David Jones		106
Blanks		15
Clerk:	1 Year	
Charles W. Eager III		110
Blanks		11

BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING MAY 3, 2010

Moderator Richard Clark opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mr. Clark then introduced the District officials. He then went over the rules and procedures on how the meeting will be run. Mr. Clark requested the Clerk attest to the publication of the meeting. Clerk Charles Eager attested to the publication of the meeting and the reported on the election. Mr. Clark then requested the Treasurer's report. Treasurer Mary McIsaac reported the auditors have completed their field work and we are waiting their report. She reported Free Cash has been certified at \$573,903. She then reported that there are three articles subject to the sunset provisions of the by-laws. The Articles are Article 16, 17 and 18 of FY 2008. Chief Crosby read a proclamation to recognize retired firefighter William Fleming's 19 years of service to the District. Richard Clark added to the recognition all the service members who have and are serving our country.

Article 1. Prudential Committee Chairperson Peter Eleftherakis moved that the District vote to act on the reports of the officers as printed in the Annual Report. The motion was seconded. The Moderator explained the annual reports are in the blue cover handout. The Moderator then opened the motion to the floor for questions and/or comments. There being no questions the motion was brought to a vote and passes unanimously.

Article 2. Prudential Committee Chairperson Peter Eleftherakis moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,725.00 for salaries of elected officials as follows:

Chairman, Prudential Committee	\$1,250.00
Prudential Committee members (2)	\$1,000.00
Chairman, Water Commissioners	\$1,250.00
Board of Water Commissioners (2)	\$1,000.00
Clerk	\$2,500.00
Moderator	\$125.00
Tax Collector (Town)	\$600.00

said funds to be expended by the Prudential Committee. The motion was seconded. The Moderator then opened the motion to the floor for questions and/or comments. Ann Canedy asked how these figures compare to last year. It was explained the salary are the same as last year. There being no further questions the motion was brought to a vote and passes unanimously.

Article 3. Prudential Committee Chairperson Peter Eleftherakis moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$162,000 for the operation of the Prudential Committee; said funds to be expended by the Prudential Committee. The motion was seconded. The Moderator then opened the motion to the floor for questions and/or comments. It was requested to explain the increase and decrease from last year. Prudential Committee Chairperson referred everyone to the two page handout given out as they registered for the meeting. The handout compares current fiscal year amounts to fiscal year 2011 request. The Prudential Committee budget is up 1.5%. It is requested that a brief description be given for each of the categories shown on the handout and if any moneys have not been spent. Mr. Eleftherakis and Treasurer Mary McIsaac gave an explanation or the categories and amounts left for the current year. It was explained that fiscal year 2010 has not closed so any amounts currently not spent could be by the end of the year which closes June 30, 2010. It was asked why the Treasurer's salary increased 9.7%. It

was explained part of it is due to a stipend given to the Treasurer for obtaining certification as a Certified Massachusetts Treasurer. There being no further questions the motion was brought to a vote and passes unanimously.

Article 4. Prudential Committee Chairperson Peter Eleftherakis moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$185,000 for Debt; said funds to be expended by the Prudential Committee acting by its employee, the Treasurer. The motion was seconded. The Moderator then opened the motion to the floor for questions and/or comments. It was requested the article be explained. The Treasurer explains the debt service relates to liability in the current year to pay principal on bonds and other short term obligations. The \$185,000 is for the repayment of \$75,000 in principal for a renovation to the fire station done 10 years ago and \$110,000 repayment in principal on a combination of projects the Water Department undertook. There being no further questions the motion was brought to a vote and passes unanimously.

Article 5. Prudential Committee Chairperson Peter Eleftherakis moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$76,380 for interest and agency fees; said funds to be expended by the Prudential Committee acting by its employee, the Treasurer. The motion was seconded. The Moderator then opened the motion to the floor for questions and/or comments. It was requested the article be explained. The Treasurer explains the interest related to the Fire and Water Department's bonds. There is a \$19,000 payment due on the fire station renovation and a \$56,000 payment due on the Water Department's obligations. There is also a \$600 fee due to the financial advisor and also a fee for each bond. There being no further questions the motion was brought to a vote and passes unanimously.

Article 6. Prudential Committee Chairperson Peter Eleftherakis moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$66,442.02 for the short-term principal and interest of the Land purchase debt obligation; said funds to be expended by the Prudential Committee acting by its employee, the Treasurer. The motion was seconded. The Moderator then opened the motion to the floor for questions and/or comments. The Treasurer explains this article deals with the Bush/Brown purchase. The amount includes a \$60,000 pay down of a short term obligation and an interest payment of \$6,442.02. There being no further questions the motion was brought to a vote and passes unanimously.

Article 7. Prudential Committee Chairperson Peter Eleftherakis moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$870,869 and transfer and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 from Free Cash for the operation of the District; said funds to be expended by the Prudential Committee acting by its employee, the Treasurer. The motion was seconded. The Moderator then opened the motion to the floor for questions and/or comments. The Treasurer explains that the article deals with most of the financial obligations of the District to its employees. The Treasurer explains each category shown on the handout, the largest being the group insurance and retirement obligations. It was asked how many employees receive insurance from the District. The Treasurer estimated 32 employees and retiree receive insurance coverage through the District. It was asked what the District is doing to keep cost down in consideration of the current economic climate. It was explained that the current budget was reviewed to keep costs as low as possible. In fact if the property valuations remain the same as current fiscal year the tax rate will not change for fiscal year 2011. The Treasurer explains that the District is dripping into its

reserves greater than it ever has to keep the tax rate down. Prudential Committee Chairperson Peter Eleftherakis stated that during budget planning it was requested that the Water and Fire Department pare their budget to the minimum to keep the costs down. In fact, last year the Water Department employees received no pay increase. There being no further questions the motion was brought to a vote and passes unanimously.

Article 8. Prudential Committee Chairperson Peter Eleftherakis moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$538,577 for the operation of the Water Department; said funds to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners. The motion was seconded. The Moderator then opened the motion to the floor for questions and/or comments. It was requested how many employees salaries are included in the amount. Superintendent Erickson explains it represents four fulltime employees' salaries. There being no further questions the motion was brought to a vote and passes unanimously.

Article 9. Prudential Committee Chairperson Peter Eleftherakis moved that the District vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 from Free Cash and transfer and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 from the Ambulance Fund and raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,605,361 for the operation of the Fire Department; said funds to be expended by the Fire Chief, with the approval of the Prudential Committee. The motion was seconded. The Moderator then opened the motion to the floor for questions and/or comments. It was asked to explain the line items that go into the budget and how they have changed from last year. Chief Crosby explains as it was said earlier the Prudential Committee, the Chief and his Deputy reviewed the needs of the Department with an eye at keeping costs at a minimum. The Chief explains that the salary increase is due a collective bargaining agreement salary increase. This is the third year of a three year agreement. Prudential Chairman Peter Eleftherakis explains the total increase of the Fire Department budget is \$57,283 over fiscal year 2010. The majority of the increase is the salary increase. The salaries went up 4.2% overall. This represents a 3.5% across the board increase for fire fighters and certain step increase for firefighters not at the top grade levels. It was asked to explain why \$50,000 funding for this article is coming from the Ambulance Fund if the funds from this fund is usually for the capital purchase of equipment. A legal opinion was rendered years ago that since 60% of the Fire Department's response is medical related a certain part of the Ambulance Fund could be used to support the operating budget. The majority of the funding is used to purchase capital equipment. It was asked who is responsible for negotiating with firefighter's union and is there a position on level funding the salaries. Mr. Eleftherakis explains the Prudential Committee is the bargaining agent and it is a little premature to indicate bargaining strategy. It was asked any thought has been given to consolidating the fire services with the other districts. Mr. Eleftherakis explains the Prudential Committee does whatever it can to keep budget as low as possible. He explains in the past 25 years there have been three attempts to consolidate and all three have failed. The Barnstable Fire District have not made overtures to other districts to consolidate but do have contacts with the other districts to help reduce costs, such things as group purchasing of supplies. There being no further questions the motion was brought to a vote and passes unanimously.

Article 10. Prudential Committee Chairperson Peter Eleftherakis moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,968 to pay the Town of Barnstable for tax billing expenses of Fiscal Year 2011. The motion was seconded. The Moderator then opened the motion to the floor for questions and/or comments. It was asked why the District pays the town. The Moderator explains it was determined years ago that it is cheaper for the District

have the town sent out the bills then set up its own billing system. There being no further questions the motion was brought to a vote and passes unanimously.

Article 11. Prudential Committee Chairperson Peter Eleftherakis moved that the District vote to transfer and appropriate from the Ambulance Fund the sum of \$6,000 to cover the expenses of Ambulance Billing; said funds to be expended by the Treasurer. The motion was seconded. The Moderator then opened the motion to the floor for questions and/or comments. There being no questions the motion was brought to a vote and passes unanimously.

Article 12. Prudential Committee Chairperson Peter Eleftherakis moved that the District vote to transfer and appropriate from the Ambulance Fund the sum of \$250,000 and borrow and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 for the purchase of a new Fire Engine for the Fire Department and to dispose of a 1989 Pierce Pumper in the best interests of the District; said funds to be expended by the Fire Chief with the approval of the Prudential Committee. The motion was seconded. The Moderator explained this article requires a two third vote because it is a borrowing article then opened the motion to the floor for questions and/or comments. It was asked if any consideration was given to buying a used fire engine. Mr. Eleftherakis explains a wide variety of options have been explored. A number of year ago the District embarked on a purchasing plan for it vehicles with a long term plan in mind. There is cycle in place so the District will not have to purchase more than one vehicle at a time. We have a plan in place to put away funds for these purchases so there won't be a large debt load to keep the vehicles up to date. As for used vehicles there is a market there and they are very cheap. They are cheap for a reason because they are don't last long and are not as reliable as needed to provide of services we supply. It was explained the District also looked into refurbishing the existing engine to get more use. In fact the engine is already two year past its expected life. We had to put money into the engine to extend its life now 23 years. We don't want to extend it much future because we will back us up on the next vehicle. Both the Prudential Committee and Fire Chief put a great deal of thought before bringing the engine purchase forward. Due to pricing and new government regulations which will make vehicles more costly it was felt this was the right year to move ahead with the purchase. It was asked how many vehicles the Fire Department has? There are two pumpers. It is explained the engine looking to be replaced is a class 5 ambulance. It has all the equipment of an ambulance and can act as a second ambulance if needed. In addition there is a ladder truck, a pickup truck, a couple of officer's vehicles, two boats and a trailer. Mr. Eleftherakis said after all review on whether to refurbish the existing engine or purchasing a new engine the best option was to purchase. There being no more questions the motion was brought to a vote and passes unanimously.

Article 13. Prudential Committee Chairperson Peter Eleftherakis moved that the District vote to transfer and appropriate from Article 18 of FY 2009 the sum of \$4,800 for the purchase of Electronic Patient Care Reporting Software for the Fire Department; said funds to be expended by the Fire Chief with the approval of the Prudential Committee. The motion was seconded. The Moderator then opened the motion to the floor for questions and/or comments. There being no questions the motion was brought to a vote and passes unanimously.

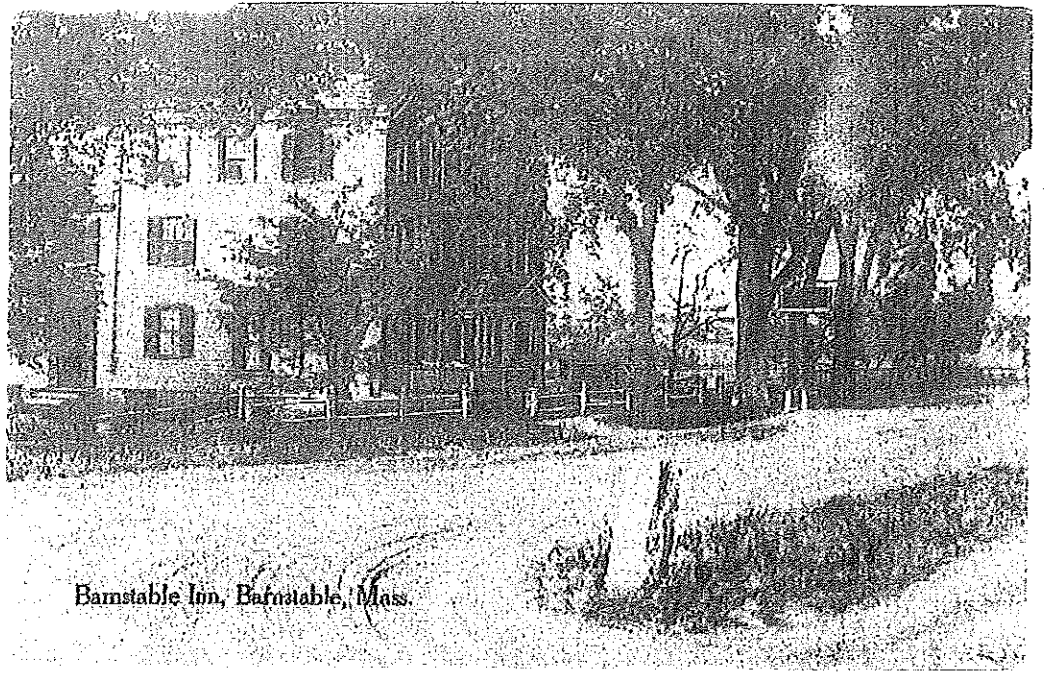
- Article 14. Prudential Committee Chairperson Peter Eleftherakis moved that the District vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$6,557.20 from Article 16 of FY 2008 and the sum of \$5,067.70 from Article 13 of FY 2009 and the sum of \$3,375.10 from Article 17 of FY 2009 to fund the cost of sending one firefighter to Paramedic School; said funds to be expended by the Fire Chief with the approval of the Prudential Committee. The motion was seconded. The Moderator then opened the motion to the floor for questions and/or comments. There being no questions the motion was brought to a vote and passes unanimously.
- Article 15. Prudential Committee Chairperson Peter Eleftherakis moved that the District vote to transfer and appropriate from the Ambulance Fund the sum of \$14,000 for the purchase of a new Ambulance stretcher with electronic lift for the Fire Department; said funds to be expended by the Fire Chief with the approval of the Prudential Committee. The motion was seconded. The Moderator then opened the motion to the floor for questions and/or comments. It was asked if this is the purchase of one for the ambulance and the engine. It is explained that there is not a stretcher on the engine but there are backboard. The engine is not designed to transport other than in a dire emergency. There being no more questions the motion was brought to a vote and passes unanimously.
- Article 16. Prudential Committee Chairperson Peter Eleftherakis moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,000 to establish the Reserve Fund for FY 2011 or take any other action relative thereto; said funds to be expended by the Prudential Committee. The motion was seconded. The Moderator then opened the motion to the floor for questions and/or comments. There being no questions the motion was brought to a vote and passes unanimously.
- Article 17. Prudential Committee Chairperson Peter Eleftherakis moved that the District vote to transfer and appropriate from free cash the sum of \$75,000 for the District Stabilization Fund or take any other action relative thereto; said funds to be expended by the Prudential Committee. The motion was seconded. The Treasurer explains that the fund has a balance of \$420,231 prior to the motion and no funds were expensed during the year. The Moderator explained this article requires a two third vote because it is a borrowing article then opened the motion to the floor for questions and/or comments. There being no questions the motion was brought to a vote and passes unanimously.

It was asked if there would be any increase in the tax rate. Mr. Eleftherakis explains the amount requested this year is slightly less than the amount requested last year. If the valuation remains constant there will be not increase in the tax rate.

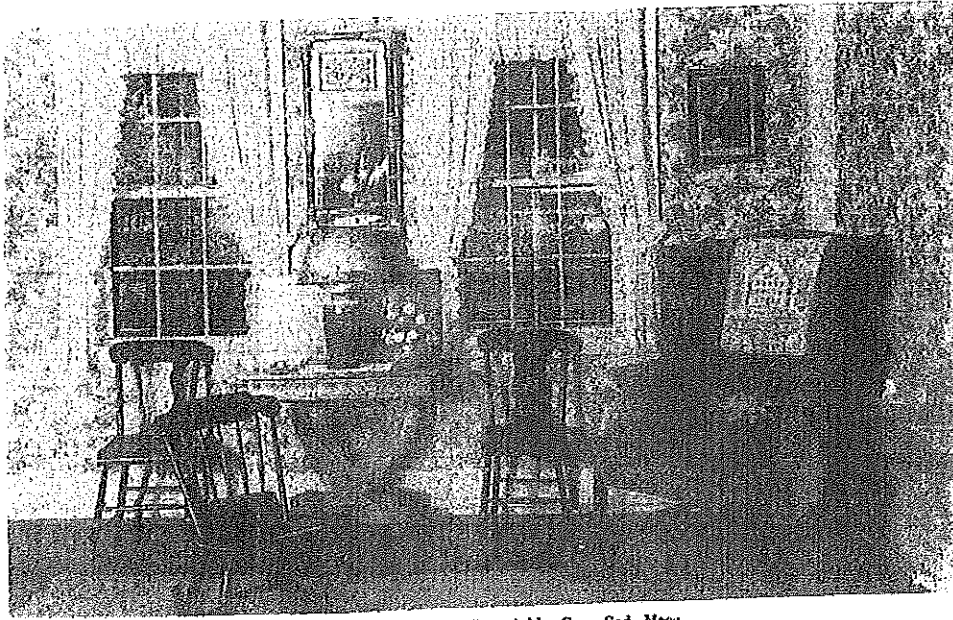
There being no future business a motion is made, seconded and passes to adjourn the Annual Meeting at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

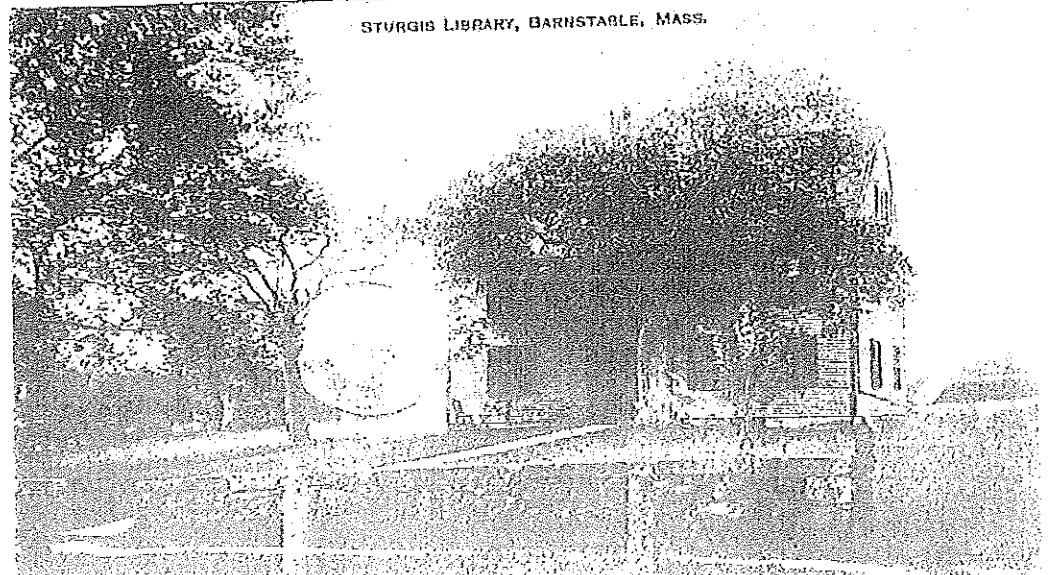
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