

**BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT
1841 PHINNEY'S LANE
BARNSTABLE, MA 02630**

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES JUNE 11, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Prudential Committee Chairman William Jones at the District Water Department. Also, in attendance were Prudential Committee members Joshua Miller and Peter Eastman, Water Commissioners David Jones, Stephen Whitmore and Evelyn Bassett, Water Superintendent Tom Rooney, Fire Chief Frank Pulsifer, Deputy Chief Rick Pfautz, Treasurer Rick Buffington and Clerk Charles Eager.

No public comment

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept the April 9, 2019 minutes.

Water Department:

- Underbudget for F/Y 19 year having spent 82% over 93% of the year.
- The gate valves project is completed.
- Air Conditioning connection is scheduled for June 12th.
- Tank 2 is being repainted under warranty provisions.
- Just tested by DEP and passed under the current standards in place. With the current standards at 70 our highest reading was 17. With the proposed standard of 20 parts per trillion for 6 PFAS chemicals one well failed and a second was high. The well over the proposed standard will not be run independently anymore. The water will be blended with one of the lower reading wells and bring the score down below a 20.
- Water Department have been getting a number of calls requesting water reading and get lists for people who are delinquent. The Water Department discuss matter with District Counsel who said the information requested is public information but he believed the requested and the District customer should have some type of relationship. He suggested the Water Department set up a policy. The Water Department developed a new policy anyone requesting a water reading must do so in writing by mailing on the form the Water Department developed. They must state their relationship with individual they are requesting information on. The Water Department believes by putting up some safeguards before giving out any information it will deter people from just fishing for information. Prudential Committee wants a uniform policy for the District.
 - **Motion made to appoint Richard Buffington, Thomas Rooney and Francis Pulsifer Records Access Officers for the District. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.** The Prudential Committee requests if possible, the three officers come up with a generic form to handle all situations.

- Superintendent Rooney attended a meeting between the Town and Vineyard Winds Developer regarding ground water protection at the Transformer site. The Developer has proposed a containment area that will hold 40,000 gallons of oil being used and an all-day rain event of nine inches. The Town's consultant wants the 40,000 gallons of oil and 30-inch rain event. The Town also has concerns of explosions and has request Vineyard Winds to cap the entire site. Also discussed the procedures on how water and fire departments will be notified and who will respond if there is a spill. There is also concern if the maintenance that is agreed today going to be continue for the life of the project. The Town looks at the cost of putting these precautions in place is inconsequential.

Fire Department:

- On budget for year.
- Incidents are 9% over last year.
- FEMA reimbursement – no update yet. Chief would like to use part of the reimbursement to replace the lightweight military enclosure that was damaged during the storm. The cost is part of the reimbursement.
- Mass Certified Public Expenditure Program application has been submitted for \$50,391. Completed desk review with no issues. Payment is expected sometime this month.
- Hurricane Florence – Chief has applied for reimbursement through EMAC. Chief has completed all closeout documents and is just waiting on reimbursement.
- Chief submitted for a \$42,000 Assistance to Firefighters Fire Prevention and Safety Grant for policy management solution. District share would be 5% or \$2,100. No update.
- Chief submitted for a \$165,000 Assistance to Firefighters Equipment Grant for radio replacements. District share would be \$8,250. No update.
- Chief submitted a Safer grant to add one additional firefighter. No progress to date.
- Terminated employee appealed the denial for unemployment. On April 10, 2019 the DUA Hearing Decision was upheld and that the employee is indefinitely ineligible for unemployment benefits.
- Village of Barnstable is opened Phase 1 April 2019. There are approximately 15 units leased/rented so far. Phase 2 is scheduled for July/August. When opened there will be 225 senior living units.
- Captain's written exam was given April 11, 2019 and assessment held April 26, 2019. Five candidates took the exam and three passed. Three candidates were sent to the assessment center and were scored and ranked. There is one permanent Captain position open. The Department will be promoting one of the three candidates to the Captain's position.
- Recruit training started April 22, 2019 and the recruit was dismissed on June 3, 2019 for a private personal issue. The Chief and Deputy reviewed the issue and provided remedial training.
- Firefighters John Fleming, Ryan Smith and Nicholas Black recently completed Fire Officer II and received National Pro-Board certification.
- Captain Kevin Brailey recently took Fire Inspector II training at the NFPA and received National Pro-Board Certification.

Treasurer:

- On track to finish the year slightly under budget.
- May cash has been reconciled to bank and general ledger.
- Open enrollment for health insurance is complete.
- Reminded the first payroll in July is split between fiscal years. 9 day in FY 2019 and 5day in F/Y 2020

Clerk:

- Remarked he thought the Annual Meeting went well.

Prudential Committee:

- Prudential Committee requests the Clerk get information on renting out the county conference room.
- Chairman Jones has heard grumblings about the tax rate. Chairman Jones said the District is going to become even more transparent about its dealings.
- Chairman Jones received a letter from the Arbitration Board requesting what is happening.
- Motion made to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation and collective bargaining and not to reconvene in Open Session. All members were polled and in agreement. Public session adjourned and executive session opened.

NEXT MEETING IS JULY 9, 2019