

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

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 12, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Prudential Committee member William Jones at the Water Department Office, 1841 Phinney's Lane, Barnstable. Also, in attendance was Prudential Committee members Andrew Miller and Peter Eastman, Water Commissioners Evelyn Bassett and David Mason, Water Superintendent Tom Rooney, Fire Chief Frank Pulsifer, Deputy Fire Chief Christopher Beal, Streetlight Coordinator Richards French and Clerk Charles Eager.

Chairman Jones began the meeting by having Richards French give an update on the streetlights conversion. He reported all lights have been replaced with 110 LED lights. He also reported that Cape Light Compact had chosen a new streetlight maintenance company, Pinewood Technologies. He had a contract he recommended the Prudential Committee to sign. He explained the terms of the contract.

A motion was made by Peter Eastman to enter into a streetlight maintenance contract with Pinewood Technologies. The motion was seconded by Andrew Miller and passed unanimously.

Next Evelyn Bassett introduced Julie Tirrell, a grant writer who shared her knowledge with the District on how to get awarded a grant. She said there is a lot money available. She was willing to help find a grant writer for the District.

No public comment.

Chairman Jones introduced Dave Mason as the newest member of the Board of Water Commissioners filling the vacancy caused by David Jones's resignation.

Water Department:

- Tom Rooney announced he will be retiring October 3rd. The Water Commissioners will be starting Water Superintendent search.
- Close to having Well 1 back in service. After the station is up and running the Water Department will need to water sample for the state before being able to add water to the distribution system.
- Closing in on 90% completion on Water Filtration Plant design.
- Interconnection with Yarmouth is almost complete. One thing not in place is a agreement on how to pay for any water used.
- County has said they would not provide a portal for District to apply for the ARPA the county is awarding. It is dealing only with the towns on the Cape. Town of Barnstable said they would not allow the District to use their portal to submit projects.

Motion made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of June 14, 2022 as written.

Fire Department:

- Fire Department is currently under budget for the FY 2022 year but is still working on encumbrances.
- 18% increase in incidents from FY 2022.
- Firefighter Austin Osborn recruit training moved up to Sept. 19, 2022 with graduation Nov. 28, 2022.
- Fire Department has applied for Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, SAFER Grant to add four firefighters positions. Grant is in post panel technical review.
- Fire Chief has applied for \$116,000 in additional Medicare reimbursement from MA Certified Public Expenditure Program and was awarded 127,268 due to the pandemic.
- Old turnout gear donation to Mass National Guard will be picked up this month.
- Fire Department will be completely transitioning IT record management system to Image Trend Elite in FY2023. ESO Firehouse will be discontinued December 31, 2022.
- Firefighter Edward Poirer's retirement has been delayed approximately 4 weeks to August 12, 2022.
- Posting for new firefighter to fill the spot being vacated by Mr. Poirer has been posted on social media with a deadline to apply of July 21, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
- Deputy Chief spoke on alternative housing for Engine 205. He said the bus company has some space at their facility not being used where the engine could fit. He reached out to the property owner who will facilitate a meeting with company. Company is worried about liability.

Treasurer:

- The District will finish FY 2022 under budget.
- Cash will be balanced to the bank and general ledger for the month of June once FY 2022 is closed.
- Treasurer requests any outstanding encumbrances please sent to him
- The Treasurer said last warrants for FY 2022 are due by July 15th.
- He will be working on Free Cash certification in the next couple of weeks.
- FY 2023 operating budgets have been setup and posted to the General Ledger.

Clerk:

- Reported on review of the By-laws I could find nothing that allows or disallows the Prudential Committee to appoint adhoc committees. Clerk advised get District Counsel's opinion.

Prudential Committee:

- It appears the District owns 10 acres of land in Cummaquid Heights. Chairman Jones has a call into District Counsel. A individual is interested in buying some of the property. Nothing will be done until Counsel has reviewed the deed to see what is allowed.
- Deputy Chief had approached Chairman Jones about replacing one of the engines. He will do a presentation at the next meeting but wanted to bring everyone up to speed what he discussed

with Chairman Jones. Deputy Chief talked to a few people about lease/purchasing an engine. He explained some of the advantages of using the lease/purchase method.

Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Next Meeting is August 9, 2022