

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

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING AUGUST 9, 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, Stephen Whitmore and David Mason, Water Superintendent Tom Rooney, Fire Chief Frank Pulsifer, Deputy Fire Chief Christopher Beal and Clerk Charles Eager.

No public comment.

Motion made, seconded and passed the minutes of July 7th and July 12th, 2022

Water Department:

- Water Department on budget for 2023.
- Close to having Well 1 back in service. Robert Our is finishing a punch list of things. Mass DEP did come and inspect the well and had a few issues to resolve. Taking water quality samples to make sure there no paint and solvent from the reconstruction are in the water. Once the samples are approved by The Water Superintendent thinks the DEP will give the green light to use the Well.
- Closing in on 90% completion on Water Filtration Plant design. Meeting tomorrow to finalize the site plan to layout the lagoons. Water Department has received most of their approvals. Hopefully have plans completed soon and be sent to Mass DEP for their approval.
- Water Superintendent states the Water Department has been approached by an individual who would like to buy property owned by the District in Cummaquid Heights off Oakmont Road. The land was brought for water supply, wells, tanks and other water structure. They are waiting on Counsel to say if they have the ability to call the land surplus and sell it.
- Water Commissioner will be meeting with Municipal Resources, Inc. to start the process of hiring a new Superintendent.

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

Fire Department:

- Fire Department for FY 2022 budget closeout is currently under budget.
- Fire Department for FY 2023 is currently on budget.
- Firefighter Austin Osborn completed Career Recruit Orientation on August 4, 2022.

- Fire Department has applied for Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, SAFER Grant to add four firefighters positions is ongoing. Still in post panel review.
- Mass Air National Guard picked up old turnout gear in July 2022.
- 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 Poirier's retirement has been delayed again for medical reasons.
- Posting for new firefighter to fill the spot being vacated by Mr. Poirier has been posted on social media with 31 applicants replying. Applicant review is complete and interviews tentatively scheduled for late August/early September.
- September 11th Ceremony to be held at Barnstable Fire Station at 8:55 AM and will conclude at St. Mary's.

Treasurer:

- The District on track to finish FY 2022 under budget.
- While attempting to reconcile July's cash, The Treasurer noticed someone counterfeited or forged his signature on 6 vendors checks. He notified the authorities and the bank's fraud department. Steps have been put in place so hopefully this won't happen again.
- June and July's cashbooks have been balanced to the bank and general ledger.
- Encumbrances and articles have been carried forward to FY 2023
- He will be working on Free Cash certification reporting over next couple of weeks.

Clerk:

- Nothing to report.

Prudential Committee:

- Chairman Jones contacted Attorney Sabatt to say if the District can sell the land mentioned by the Water Superintendent. Also, requested an opinion on how we would have to sell it under the state procurement laws.
- Deputy Chief and Treasurer put on a presentation about lease/purchasing. It was motivated by the upcoming need for a new fire engine. The lease/purchase has a fixed rate and you can pick your term. The lead time of purchasing an engine is about 25 months. If you bond the truck you will have to start paying for it before you have possession. With the lease/purchase you don't start paying on the engine until you take possession. Voter approval is needed before the lease/purchase can be used. Hyannis and Dennis Fire Department use lease/purchasing currently and it just remains a line item in the budget. After the end of the lease, you own the engine at the end. Once the method is approved you can use it immediately unlike a bond where you would have to wait until July 1st. Another advantage is it doesn't count against our borrowing capacity.
- Counsel Sabatt has determined the Prudential Committee can the Moderator to appoint a Fire Station Needs Committee. Chairman Jones asks for motion to start the committee. Chairman Jones suggestion of the committee makeup is: 1 Prudential Committee member, Deputy Chief, 1 member of the Union and 4 District voters. Peter Eastman requests it be tabled for now to give it some thought.

Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn the public meeting and go into executive session per exception 2 discuss strategy for negotiation with nonunion personal, not to return to public session. All members were polled and William Jones, Peter Eastman and Andy Miller agreed to go into executive session.

Next Meeting is September 13, 2022