

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

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

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 Joshua Miller and Andrew Miller, Water Commissioners David Jones, Stephen Whitmore and Evelyn Bassett, Water Superintendent Tom Rooney, Deputy Fire Chief Rick Pfautz and Clerk Charles Eager.

No public comment

Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of August 10, 2021.

Water Department:

- Water Department is under budget it has spent 10% over 16% of the year.
- Well 1 work is proceeding. Waiting on Eversource to provide power to the building.
- Board of Water Commissioner have voted to raise water rates 20% a year every January for the next 5 years with a stipulation if they received a large sum of money parts of the increase could be postponed. Will be sending out information on the rate and fees increase with the October water billing. Prudential Committee request the letter include everything the District is doing to mitigate the increase.
- Water Commissioners have reviewed the design of the treatment building for Wells 2 and 5 believe it is too big. They will go back to the designer with their comments.
- Water Department's consultant said their Stabilization Account is underfunded. Right now, it should have 1 million dollars in it and once the new treatment plant is complete it should have 2 million. Another option is to get an insurance policy.

Fire Department:

- Fire Department is on budget for the FY 2022 year.
- Fire Department was awarded a FEMA grant of \$205,213.00. to replace Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), as well as a new SCBA Cascade filling station. Currently working with vendors to get best price.
- Ambulance 204 is now due in mid-October 2021 or later. Trouble getting parts.
- Ladder Truck is on track for completion October 2021. With delivery expected November 2021.
- Shift Commander Vehicle C-212 roof was painted the wrong shade of gray. It is in the process of being repainted by the Dealer hope to have the vehicle in service during October.
- Medicare revalidation Process is completed and good for five years.
- The Massachusetts CPE Medicare Reimbursement Program application period is open until October 15. Department will be applying.

- Held the 20th anniversary service of Sept. 11, was well attended and provided the Department with a lot of publicity in Cape Cod Times.

Treasurer:

- On track to be on budget for the year.
- Cash has been balanced to the bank and the general ledger with no variances for the month of August.
- In house part of FY 2021 audit started August 30, 2021. It should be completed by the end of September.
- The Treasurer is waiting on the Town Treasurer to sign off on the Outstanding Receivables to get the Free Cash certified. Combined Balance sheet and all supporting spreadsheets have been submitted to DOR. Treasurer anticipates have the Free Cash number in a couple of weeks.
- Treasurer will have an article for FY 2023 to rescind \$200,000.00 Of the \$2,483,000.00 Water Department borrowing. This was included in the original article in case we didn't receive the 200,000.00 grant from the state. This will remove it on our statement of indebtedness as being authorized and unissued.
- Solar revenues for FY 2021 were \$29,843, which is an increase of \$5,633 over the prior year.
- Treasurer has contacted the new Assessor if she could attend to October 12, 2021 Prudential Meeting for Classification Hearing. The Treasurer is waiting on her response.

Clerk:

- Nothing

Prudential Committee:

- **Motion made by Joshua Miller to accept the minutes of the August 19, 2021 public meeting as written. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**
- All doing their due diligence on cybersecurity.
- Prudential Committee received a letter from the West Barnstable Fire District Prudential Committee regarding their PILOT Program of requesting tax exempt entities to make voluntary payments in lieu of taxes. They are requesting 50% of the taxes that would have been owed if not tax exempt. They are requesting the District pay \$189.90. Prudential Committee will refer it Counsel. The letter state 67% of all land in West Barnstable is owned by tax exempt entities.
- Evelyn Bassett asked what would be the best way to contact the Fire Department if there was a problem at the Sandy Neck Colony? She said they has been some confusion with the dispatcher. The Deputy Chief said they don't like anyone to call into the station because they be out. He said he thought the confusion came where the firefighters were going to land. He asked if they know three of the houses have a letter painted on them so they can tell where the nearest dock is located. Prudential Chairman Jones asked the Deputy to give the Colony any written material they have on hand on how to call for help and maybe set up a meeting to go over the information.
- Evelyn Bassett expresses her disappointment about the District's response to the proposed change in zoning for property currently zoned for medical use off Wilken's Way.

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

CAPITAL PROJECTS ARTICLES DUE AT DECEMBER'S MEETING

PRELIMINARY OPERATIONAL BUDGETS DUE AT JANUARY' MEETING

ANNUAL REPORT DUE AT FEBRUARY'S MEETING

FINAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET DUE AT MARCH'S MEETING

MODERATOR AND COUNSEL INVITED TO REVIEW DRAFT WARRANT AT APRIL'S MEETING

WARRANT DUE APRIL 25TH

Next Meeting is October 12, 2021