

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

**PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING SEPTEMBER 28, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Prudential Committee Chairman William Jones at the Water Department Office, 1841 Phinney's Lane, Barnstable. Also, in attendance was Prudential Committee members Andrew Miller and Peter Eastman, Fire Chief Frank Pulsifer, Deputy Fire Chief Christopher Beal, Treasurer Rick Buffington, Moderator Peter Eleftherakis, District Counsel Charles Sabatt and Clerk Charles Eager.

The first order of business was to be informed on a grant awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency Grant. The District received a \$1,359,448.92 grant to hire four new firefighters for three years under Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER). The program is designed to pay salaries and benefits at 100% for three years. After three years you are not required to retain the firefighters.

**Motion made to accept the SAFER grant pending approval by the voters at a Special District Meeting, seconded and passed unanimously.**

Special District Meeting date is set for November 10, 2022. Warrant must be in the Clerk's hand by October 21, 2022

There will be two articles for the grant. The first, whether to accept or refuse the grant. The second to pay for costs (\$86,544.00) not cover by the grant (Turnout gear, Medical evaluations, Psychological evaluations, Uniforms, Background checks and Recruit training).

There will also be a need of a Stabilization Account for the grant money.

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There may be a fifth article regarding the lease/purchase of a new fire engine. Deputy will see if the company will hold its price until after the meeting. Deputy and Counsel will determine if District can have a contract which is dependent on voter approval. If it can't be done then the Deputy and Treasurer will have to look into what type of financing will be the best, either lease/purchasing or bonding/bans.

**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.**