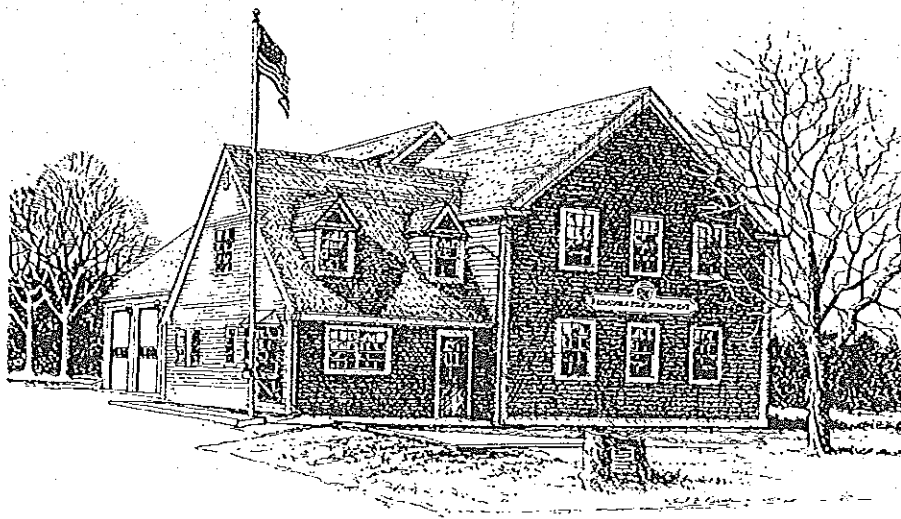




Barnstable Fire District



Annual Report *Fiscal Year 2014* Barnstable, Massachusetts

Annual Election: Saturday, May 9, 2015 8:30 - 11:30 AM
Barnstable Fire Station

Annual Meeting: Wednesday, May 13, 2015 7:30 PM
Barnstable/West Barnstable Elementary School

BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT OFFICERS

TERM EXPIRES

MODERATOR:

Richard Clark 2017

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE:

Peter Eastman 2017

Joseph Nastasi, Jr. 2016

William A. Jones III (Chairman) 2015

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS:

Stephen Whitmore 2017

David Jones (Chairman) 2016

Evelyn Bassett 2015

DISTRICT CLERK:

Charles W. Eager III 2017

WATER DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT:

Thomas Rooney N/A

DISTRICT TREASURER:

Susan Laak N/A

FIRE CHIEF:

Francis M. Pulsifer N/A

Water Department Telephone (508) 362-6498

Address: 1841 Phinney's Lane, P.O. Box 546

Barnstable, MA 02630

Fire Department Telephone

911 (emergency)

Address: 3249 Main Street, P.O. Box 94

(508) 362-3312 (non-emergency)

Barnstable, MA 02630

**BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT WATER DEPARTMENT
FISCAL YEAR 2014
ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2013 – JUNE 30, 2014**

RECEIPTS

Water rates \$ 863,462.00

EXPENDITURES

Operations \$ 717,009.00
Debt & interest \$ 201,270.00
\$ 918,279.00

**WATER DEPARTMENT STATISTICS
JULY 1, 2013 – JUNE 30, 2014**

Miles of distribution mains as of June 30, 2014	49.86
Total number of service connections as of June 30, 2014	1939
Total water pumped July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014	184,241,000 Gallons
Total water pumped highest week 7/8/-7/14/2013	6,522,000 Gallons
Total water pumped highest day 7/17/ 2013	1,246,000 Gallons
Total number of old meters replaced	34
Total number of service calls	537
Total number of tests on back-flow devices	177
Total number of water quality samples performed	300

**PRECIPITATION *
JULY 1, 2013 – JUNE 30, 2014**

July	1.72"	August	1.42"	September	2.57"
October	0.23"	November	3.29"	December	3.08"
January	2.51"	February	7.73"	March	3.27"
April	1.67"	May	1.36"	June	1.89"

* As recorded in rain meter at Water Department office.

The Board of Water Commissioners
David A. Jones, Chair
Evelyn G. Bassett
Stephen F. Whitmore

**BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT WATER DEPARTMENT
FISCAL YEAR 2014
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Board of Water Commissioners

The Board of water Commissioners of the Barnstable Fire District Water Department submits its Annual Report, including an account of operation receipts and expenditures for Fiscal Year 2014.

The Water Department continued the design and engineering phase of an extensive rehabilitation of water storage Tank #1, constructed in 1935. The ball finial vent on the top of the tank will be replaced, and a mixing system will be added to improve water quality. The water storage tank will also be completely repainted inside and out. The water storage tank will be returned to service in June of 2015.

The Water Department Upgraded its SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) System. The SCADA System uses a new computer to monitor the Department's four Pumping Stations and the Department's two treatment facilities. The Scada System also uses a two way communication system to control water process management twenty four hours a day, seven days a week, and three Hundred and sixty five days a year.

The Water Department improved efficiency and accuracy of our meter reading system through the addition of a data collection system. The Department also upgraded the two handheld computers used by our staff to read water meters twice a year.

The Department has worked with the Town of Barnstable to install solar panels on District property adjacent to the Barnstable Municipal Airport in order to reduce electrical costs and provide renewable energy. The Department has petitioned the Town to place a Conservation Restriction on a parcel of Town owned land on Breeds Hill Road which is adjacent to one of the District's well fields in order to protect our drinking water supply.

The Water Department staff has worked diligently to maintain the high quality of the District's drinking water. The District's water mains are flushed twice yearly to clean the inside of the mains, and the inside of the District's water storage tanks are cleaned yearly.

The Board of Water Commissioners would like to take this opportunity to thank the dedicated staff of the Barnstable Fire District Water Department and those specifically as follows:

Thomas Rooney, Superintendent
Richard Marshall, Senior Operator
Ronald Tivey, Serviceman
Kim Vermette, Collector
Janet Pearl, Clerical Assistant

The Commissioners would also like to thank the Barnstable Fire District Prudential Committee, and the Barnstable Fire Department staff for your service and dedication.

The Board of Water Commissioners

David A. Jones, Chairman
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Stephen F. Whitmore

Barnstable Fire Department FY 2014 Annual Report

Emergency Incidents

The Barnstable Fire Department responded to a total of 1,028 incidents during Fiscal Year 2014. This represents an 11% decrease in call volume since last fiscal year. The 11% disparity of incidents this year compared to last year is largely due to the increase of incidents in the previous fiscal year relative to Blizzard Nemo and Hurricane Sandy. The following is a summary of incident types that the department responded to during Fiscal Year 2014:

- 598 Emergency Medical Incidents including Motor Vehicle Accidents
- 229 Incidents for smoke investigations, electrical emergencies, hazmat incidents, and service calls
- 158 Alarm investigations including fire alarm, CO alarm, and sprinkler alarms
- 31 Fires including building, vehicle, brush, and chimney fires
- 12 Boat/Watercraft Rescues

Fire Prevention

The Barnstable Fire Department takes fire prevention, inspections, and public education very seriously. Our aggressive response to fires and proactive approach to fire prevention allowed us to have a total estimated dollar loss of \$23,750.00 from fires for the entire fiscal year. The following is a summary of fire prevention efforts that the department provides to reduce the dollar loss, injuries, and fatalities as it relates to our emergency responses:

- 76 Annual inspections of commercial properties
- 53 Smoke and CO alarm inspections for the resale of residential properties
- 25 Fire alarm system inspections
- 2 Oil burner inspections
- 103 Public education activities including fire prevention education in the schools, public fire extinguisher training, Touch-a-Truck events, water safety, and child passenger safety programs.

Personnel:

In September 2013, Firefighter Christopher Mailloux resigned from the department for personal reasons. FF Mailloux was a career firefighter-paramedic with the department for just over 5 years.

In December 2013, Adam Penni was hired as a career firefighter with the department to replace FF Mailloux. FF Penni was selected after undergoing a very competitive application process with over 70 applicants. FF Penni is a resident of the District and is married with two children. FF Penni was a call firefighter with the West Barnstable Fire Department and brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience in firefighting, emergency medical, and maritime operations. FF Penni completed the Recruit Firefighter Training Program at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy in November, 2014. Please join us in welcoming Adam and wishing him luck in his career with the Barnstable Fire Department.

During 2013 and 2014 a review of the administrative responsibilities relative to the Fire Department Clerk position was completed. The Clerk's position was a 19.5 hour/week position and had encountered a rapid increase in job functions and responsibilities in recent years. The review indicated a need to restructure the position to a full time administrative assistant position to meet the needs of the department and to provide the best customer service to the community.

Janet Igoe, the Fire Department Clerk, expressed that she did not have interest in the full-time administrative assistant position and chose to leave the department after a replacement was selected. In August 2014, Ms. Igoe left the department after more than 12 years of service. We wish her well in her future endeavors.

In August 2014, Karen Hickey was hired as the department's first full-time Administrative Assistant. Ms. Hickey was chosen after an extensive search and interview process with more than 50 candidates. Ms. Hickey lives in the District with her husband and two children. Ms. Hickey began her career with Barnstable Fire Department as the part time Clerk prior to Janet Igoe, but left for personal reasons. Her knowledge, experience, and professional characteristics in administrative responsibilities as well as with the department operations, personnel, and local demographics made Ms. Hickey a perfect choice for this position. Please join us in welcoming Karen and wishing her luck with her career with the Barnstable Fire Department.

Grants:

The Barnstable Fire Department continues to aggressively seek grant opportunities in an effort to provide some fiscal relief to the citizens of Barnstable. In Fiscal Year 2014, the Barnstable Fire District applied for the following grants:

DHS Port Security Grant

The Barnstable Fire Department applied for and received a \$121,700.00 Department of Homeland Security-Port Security grant for the purpose of outfitting our surplus 2003 USCG Defender Safe-boat. In Fiscal Year 2013 we were able to obtain a 2003 USCG 25ft Defender SAFE-boat with a cabin space for at least 5 people. This boat is government surplus, but was stripped of motors and electronics prior to being distributed to the fire service. Our goal is to outfit the boat with motors and electronics which will replace the 27ft Boston Whaler that is currently in service. Our current boat is a 1992 Boston Whaler that was previously used as a work boat, which we converted for public safety use. The cabin space in our current boat allows for only two responders to be protected from the elements. The stability of the new vessel and the increased cabin space create a much safer environment for our personnel during emergencies in deteriorating conditions at sea. The new vessel will have emergency medical, rescue, and fire suppression capabilities. We have done extensive work and training with the US Coast Guard in the past two years and are now engaged in a marine task force that will be utilized for unusually large scale incidents needing multiple marine assets in the Cape Cod bay area. While these large scale incidents are rare, our involvement with the US Coast Guard as well as our resource capabilities put us in a perfect position to be eligible for a port security grant and will augment our daily response needs in the waters of Barnstable Harbor. The total amount of the grant is \$121,700 with a federal share of \$91,357.50 and a District share of \$30,342.50. We will be presenting an article on District Meeting floor

to fund the Districts share of the grant and we hope that you will give consideration to funding this valuable opportunity. Thank you to the department NASBLA operators for their input and research in the project, and to Deputy Chief Peter Burke who did extensive research and wrote the grant.

FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grants

Power Saws and Equipment

The Barnstable Fire Department applied for and received a \$17,250.00 FEMA grant under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program for the purchase of rescue power saws and forcible entry equipment. Many of the department's rescue saws were nearing 20 years old and becoming expensive to maintain. Their reliability to operate under emergency conditions was diminishing rapidly. With the financial assistance from FEMA, we have been able to purchase much needed power saws and forcible entry equipment, that otherwise would need to have been funded through a capitol expense. Thanks to Deputy Chief Burke for writing this grant and obtaining the funds necessary to accomplish this project.

Regional Rapid Intervention Training

The Barnstable Fire Department, in conjunction with the other four fire districts in Barnstable, applied for, and received a \$289,000.00 regional FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant for the purpose of Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) training. The goal of this grant is to provide training to all the firefighters in the Town of Barnstable using the same platform for RIT operations. A RIT team is utilized at critical incidents, such as a building fire or structural collapse, in the event that a member of one of the firefighting crews on the fire ground needs assistance. The RIT team is one of the most critical functions on the fire ground if a firefighter becomes injured, lost/disoriented, or trapped. The RIT team must act quickly and efficiently to mitigate a dangerous operation, which is usually under deteriorating conditions. With the financial assistance from FEMA, all five fire districts in Barnstable are being trained in the latest technology in Rapid Intervention Team training. In addition, all fire officers are also receiving the training program Commanding the Mayday, which is a course designed to provide the fire officer tools on how to effectively manage an incident of this magnitude. Thanks to all the officers from each department that provided assistance in the grant writing process to make this opportunity available.

Electronic Data Collection Equipment

The Barnstable Fire Department applied for a FEMA grant under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant-Fire Prevention and Safety category for the purchase of electronic data collection equipment for pre-incident planning. The goal of this grant was to implement additional mobile data terminals within our apparatus that would increase the number of life safety inspections being conducted and to augment our pre-incident planning efforts in the community. These grant opportunities are extremely competitive and unfortunately we were not awarded the grant during this period.

Regional Communications Grant

The Barnstable Fire Department, in conjunction with several other fire departments, applied for a regional FEMA grant under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program for the purpose of purchasing radio communication equipment. This is the third year that we have applied for the grant regionally and we have been denied the grant for the past two years. Our current back-up communications is on a low band frequency. The low band frequency provides extremely limited range, equipment is becoming

obsolete, and Barnstable County has stated that they are no longer supporting low band equipment. The recommendation from Barnstable County is to transition all departments to a 400 MHz communication system for back-up communications. While our primary means of two-way communication is on an 800 MHz trunked system, we rely on the back-up system for continuing operations if the primary system goes down and for the paging of off duty personnel for incident response. The 800 MHz system does not currently have the capability to provide paging and has limitations on station alerting equipment. Until several years ago, we have been able to maintain the low band equipment for both paging and back-up communications, however with equipment becoming increasingly obsolete and unserviceable, we are being forced to transition to an alternate system. It is important to transition to a system that provides interoperability with other departments across the Cape. Many other departments have already made this transition to the 400 MHz system with success. I feel confident that the Barnstable Fire Department will also be able to successfully implement this system if funding becomes available.

S.A.F.E Grant:

The Barnstable Fire Department was awarded a \$950.00 grant from the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services, Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) program. The money provided under this grant will be used to provide fire education in the school system and the community. While all personnel participate in fire safety education, Captain Richard Ogonowsky and Firefighter Brian Tyson are the lead SAFE educators in the schools. These grants are very competitive and specific criteria must be met in order to be awarded a grant.

Child Passenger Safety Grant

The Barnstable Fire Department applied for and received a \$ 1,500.00 child passenger safety grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts-Executive Office of Public Safety. This funding will be used to support our initiatives relative to the safe and proper installation of car seats, and to provide educational material for the public. The Barnstable Fire Department currently has two nationally certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians that provide both education and guidance on the proper installation of car seats. Installation or inspection of car seats is FREE of charge and is done at the Barnstable Fire Department. We provide assistance with car seat installations to approximately 75 people annually. If you need assistance with installing a car seat, please contact Chief Francis M. Pulsifer or Firefighter Neil Tuepker at 508-362-3312 to schedule an appointment to have your car seat inspected and installed.

Surplus Equipment

The Barnstable Fire Department applied for and received a new, surplus equipment lightweight maintenance enclosure through the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) during this past fiscal year. The lightweight maintenance enclosure has an aluminum truss support structure with a canvas cover. The enclosure was designed for military personnel to perform maintenance work on tanks, so it is very sizable. A spot of land is generously on loan for us at the Barnstable County Farm on Main Street where the enclosure is erected. This enclosure provides shelter for our 2 ½ ton military 6x6 vehicle, the 25 ft. SAFE Defender boat, and portable generator equipment. Without this enclosure, our equipment would be parked outside and exposed to the weather elements which generates premature rust and is subject to reduced security. This enclosure was obtained free of

charge and is on loan from DCR and the federal government until the fire department no longer needs it. Obtaining this equipment is of no cost to the department and is on a first come-first served basis.

Training and Education

During Fiscal Year 2014, the Barnstable Fire Department participated in many training initiatives to increase our situational awareness and improve interagency coordination with our mutual aid partners.

In November 2013, members of the Barnstable Fire Department participated in a two-day program titled Escaping Violent Encounters. This program hosted by Defense Training for EMS (DT4EMS, LLC) is designed to provide the rescuer with defense techniques when encountering a hostile medical patient. With an increase in our response to unstable incidents, this program provides members with necessary tools to protect themselves and safely diffuse a hostile situation.

In July 2013, several members of the department were sent to a 35 hour course hosted by the National Association of Safe Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) on Boat Operator for Search and Rescue. This course focused on the safe operations and tactics used during search and rescue operations on the water. Where the department operates two boats and protects Barnstable Harbor and part of Cape Cod Bay, this was invaluable training.

In two separate exercises, the department participated in both a table-top and a functional exercise in conjunction with the United States Coast Guard. These exercises were to evaluate resources and capabilities utilizing the Global Response Plan (GRP) in Barnstable Harbor. The exercises focused on a large scale simulated petroleum spill in Cape Cod Bay just off Sandy Neck Beach. Other local area fire departments also participated in the training as they would be utilized during an actual incident. I am pleased to report the exercises went very well and improved our emergency response capabilities. I would like to thank the United States Coast Guard and Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for making this opportunity available.

Our Technical Rescue members on the department participated in several training programs this past year. Our Technical Rescue personnel were trained as Structural Collapse Technicians. This is a week-long high intensity program that is both physically and mentally challenging and focuses on rescue in structural collapse incidents. Also, as part of a regional effort, technical rescue technicians from across the Cape and Islands participated in two separate drills with the United States Army. The first was a full-scale MOBEX drill where several regional teams from across the state participated in a 24 hour-around the clock drill on Joint Base Cape Cod. The drill simulated a tornado with wide-spread, heavy damage. Teams worked together to mitigate several hazards, rescue simulated victims from complex situations, and establish communications on a state-wide level to effectively communicate on an area command level. The second drill was focused on mass casualty response and our response capabilities with Martha's Vineyard. The United States Army reserve unit from JBCC, graciously provided air wing support and training in their medical resource capability using Blackhawk helicopters for the drill and flew technical rescue members to Martha's Vineyard for the drill. Both drills went extremely well and I would like to thank the members of the United States Army reserve JBCC for sharing their expertise and their hospitality during the drills.

Severe Weather Events

During Fiscal Year 2013, the Barnstable Fire Department responded to two significant severe weather incidents. In October 2012, Hurricane Sandy impacted the Cape and Islands with a high wind event. In

February 2013, Blizzard Nemo impacted the Cape and Islands with a wind driven snow event. Both of these incidents lasted several days and several hundred emergency incidents were handled by our department during each of these storms. We applied for over \$25,000.00 in reimbursement from FEMA for operating costs during these two storms. These storms qualified for federal disaster assistance and in Fiscal Year 2014 we were able to recover \$17,394.06 in funding from the federal government for these two storms.

Volunteer Efforts

Judy Scarafile has graciously offered her volunteer services to the Barnstable Fire Department over the last year. Judy has taken on a project to coordinate a records retention program in the fire department. This program will outline what records are required to be kept, for how long, and what records may be disposed of. This initiative is being used to increase our storage space that is being taken up by the many paper records that we have retained for years. Although some records must be retained forever, there are many that we are finding that may be destroyed because they no longer hold any value to the organization. This effort is a large undertaking and involves many hours of telephone calls and review of policy and records. We would like to thank Judy for volunteering her time to lead this effort for us.

Computer Aided Dispatch

During Fiscal Year 2014 we began two initiatives to integrate Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) with both our station data management system and our in-vehicle computer systems. Under the first initiative, integration with our data management systems allows information that is created by the Fire Alarm Operator at our dispatch center to be electronically transferred directly into our Firehouse software at the fire station. This saves our personnel a multitude of time when entering incident reports into our data management system. The second initiative relates to electronically obtaining information in the vehicle when responding to an incident. When our dispatch center creates an incident, the information is now sent to a computer that is mounted in the front seat of the vehicle. When the incident is created, it will populate on the computer screen and utilizing GIS technology, will plot the exact location of the incident using street mapping. Using this technology, we are able to see streets, houses, driveways, hydrants, mile-markers, and much more. We currently have access to street mapping for the entire Cape and South-Eastern Massachusetts. At the present time, we have a computer in our ambulance and our first due engine. Our goal is to expand this capability to our entire fleet as funding becomes available.

I would like to extend my personal thanks and gratitude to the officers, firefighters, administrative staff, residents, and business owners in Barnstable Village for supporting the mission of the fire department to make this one of the most desirable and safe communities to live. Respectfully, and with humble gratitude:

Francis M. Pulsifer
Fire Chief

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

**BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT
FY2015 vs FY 2014 Operating Budget**

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>FY 2015 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY 2014 BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ CHANGE</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u>
FIRE				
SALARIES	\$1,814,062.41	\$1,767,260.00	\$46,802.41	2.65%
EQUIPMENT	\$34,450.00	\$34,450.00	\$0.00	0.00%
VEHICLE EXPENSE	\$34,100.00	\$33,600.00	\$500.00	1.49%
UTILITIES	\$21,100.00	\$21,100.00	\$0.00	0.00%
MAINTENANCE	\$22,126.00	\$21,628.00	\$500.00	2.31%
TRAINING PERSONNEL	\$41,050.00	\$41,050.00	\$0.00	0.00%
OFFICE	\$14,000.00	\$13,500.00	\$500.00	3.70%
E.M.S. SUPPLIES/ASSESSMENT	\$69,520.00	\$54,133.00	\$15,387.00	28.42%
TRAINING CHIEF	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
LEGAL AND FIRE PREVENTION	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00	\$0.00	0.00%
TOTAL FIRE	\$2,059,208.41	\$1,995,519.00	\$63,689.41	3.19%
WATER				
SALARIES	\$299,619.00	\$304,719.00	(\$5,100.00)	-1.67%
UTILITIES	\$70,500.00	\$70,700.00	(\$200.00)	-0.28%
MAINTENANCE	\$85,000.00	\$57,950.00	\$27,050.00	46.68%
WATER QUALITY	\$128,500.00	\$87,500.00	\$41,000.00	46.86%
PROFESSIONAL EXPENSE	\$29,000.00	\$21,750.00	\$7,250.00	33.33%
OFFICE EXPENSE	\$15,200.00	\$9,100.00	\$6,100.00	67.03%
OVERTIME	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	\$1,600.00	-
RESERVE COVERAGE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
VEHICLE EXPENSE	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
TOTAL WATER	\$634,419.00	\$556,719.00	\$77,700.00	13.96%
TREASURER				
GROUP INSURANCE	\$710,000.00	\$710,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
RETIREMENT	\$326,256.00	\$302,807.00	\$23,449.00	7.74%
MEDICARE/FICA/DET	\$36,000.00	\$36,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
FINANCIAL EXPENSE	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
PAYROLL EXPENSE	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
OFFICE EXPENSE	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$0.00	0.00%
DEBT(PRINCIPAL)	\$334,704.00	\$334,704.00	\$55,393.32	16.55%
DEBT(INTEREST & AGENCY)	\$55,393.32	\$63,028.00	(\$5,334.68)	-
TREASURER'S EXPENSE	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00	\$0.00	0.00%
COMPUTER MAINTENANCE/SUPPORT	\$3,625.00	\$3,500.00	\$125.00	3.57%
TOTAL TREASURER	\$1,473,878.32	\$1,457,939.00	\$15,939.32	1.09%
PRUDENTIAL				
SALARIES (ELECTED)	\$9,725.00	\$9,725.00	\$0.00	0.00%
SALARIES (APPOINTED)	\$58,319.50	\$56,650.00	\$1,669.50	2.95%
CONTINGENCY	\$5,940.00	\$5,740.00	\$200.00	3.48%
FINANCIAL EXPENSE	\$17,750.00	\$17,750.00	\$0.00	0.00%
LEGAL	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
INSURANCE	\$73,539.30	\$58,000.00	\$15,539.30	26.79%
CLERK'S EXPENSES	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00	\$0.00	0.00%
STREET LIGHT	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
TOTAL PRUDENTIAL	\$189,573.80	\$172,165.00	\$17,408.80	10.11%
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$4,357,079.53	\$4,182,342.00	\$174,737.53	4.18%

May 10, 2014 ELECTION RESULTS

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Peter Eastman	76
William Swift	51
Blanks	7

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONER

Stephen Whitmore	82
William Swift	48
Blanks	4

MODERATOR

Richard Clark	111
Blanks	23

CLERK

Charles Eager	118
Blanks	16

BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT
FY 2015 Annual District Meeting and Special District Meeting
May 14, 2014

Moderator Richard Clark opened the Annual District Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mr. Clark then introduced the District officials. He then went over the rules and procedures on how the meeting will be run. He also requested anyone interested on being the By-Law Review Committee see him at the end of the meeting. He requested the Clerk attest to the posting of the Warrant in accordance with the By-laws. The Clerk attested to the timely posting of the Warrant. The Clerk also gave the results of the election held May 10, 2014 as requested by the Moderator. The Treasurer reported on the Auditor's Report which in draft form was just recently received and will be available at the Treasurer's office in a couple of weeks and the amount of Free Cash is \$423,533. Also she reported there are no sunset articles this year.

David Jones read a Proclamation thanking Jon R. Erickson for his 26 years of distinguished service to the District.

The Moderator requested a motion to go into the Special District Meeting also scheduled for today. The reason for the Special District Meeting is to have money available for the current fiscal year. Motion made to recess the Annual District Meeting to go into the Special District Meeting. Motion is seconded and passes unanimously.

Article 1. William Jones moved the District vote to transfer and appropriate from the Water Department's System Improvement Account the sum of \$30,000.00 to be added to Article 19 of Fiscal Year 2014 for unanticipated additional engineering services related to the rehabilitation of Water Tank #1; said funds to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners. The motion was seconded. It was requested to explain the circumstances that causes the need for additional funding. It was explained due to certain setbacks and logistics where the Tank is located the rehabilitation could Not begin but the engineering study needed to happen. So instead of coming back requesting the additional funding later the Board of Water Commissioners decided to transfer the engineering cost from the System Improvement Account. It was asked where Tank 1 is located. The tank is located next to the Bush/Brown property recently purchased by the District. There be no further questions the motion was brought to vote and passes unanimously.

William Jones made a motion to adjourn the Special District Meeting and return to the Annual District Meeting. Motion was seconded and passes unanimously.

Article 1. William Jones moved the District vote to act on the reports of the officers as printed in the Annual Report. Motion was seconded. There being no questions the motion was brought to a vote and passed unanimously.

Article 2. William Jones moved the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,725.00 for salaries of elected officials as follows:

Prudential Committee Chairman	\$1,250.00
Prudential Committee members (2)	1,000.00
Chairman, Water Commissioners	1,250.00
Board of Water Commissioners (2)	1,000.00
Clerk	2,500.00
Moderator	125.00
Tax Collector (Town)	600.00

said funds to be expended by the Prudential Committee. Motion was seconded. There being no questions the motion was brought to a vote and passed unanimously.

Article 3. William Jones moved the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$179,848.80 for the operation of the Prudential Committee; said funds to be expended by the Prudential Committee. Motion was seconded. There being no questions the motion was brought to a vote and passed unanimously.

Article 4. William Jones moved the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$334,704.00 for Debt; said funds to be expended by the Prudential Committee acting by its employee, the Treasurer. Motion was seconded. There being no questions the motion was brought to a vote and passed unanimously.

Article 5. William Jones moved the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,393.32 for interest and agency fees; said funds to be expended by the Prudential Committee acting by its employee, the Treasurer. Motion was seconded. There being no questions the motion was brought to a vote and passed unanimously.

Article 6. William Jones moved the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,083,781.00 for the operation of the District; said funds to be expended by the Prudential Committee acting by its employee, the Treasurer. Motion was seconded. There being no questions the motion was brought to a vote and passed unanimously.

Article 7. William Jones moves the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$634,419.00 for the operation of the Water Department; said funds to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners. Motion was seconded. There being no questions the motion was brought to a vote and passed unanimously.

Article 8. William Jones moved the District vote to transfer and appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$200,000.00, transfer and appropriate from the

Ambulance Fund the sum of \$200,000.00 and raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,659,208.41.00 for a total of \$2,059,208.41 for the operation of the Fire Department; said funds to be expended by the Fire Chief, with the approval of the Prudential Committee. Motion was seconded. There being no questions the motion was brought to a vote and passed unanimously.

Article 9. William Jones moved the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,968.00 to pay the Town of Barnstable for tax billing expenses of Fiscal Year 2015; said funds to be expended by the Prudential Committee acting by its employee, the Treasurer. Motion was seconded. There being no questions the motion was brought to a vote and passed unanimously.

Article 10. William Jones moved the District vote to transfer and appropriate from the Ambulance Fund the sum of \$9,000.00 to cover the expenses of Ambulance Billing; said funds to be expended by the Prudential Committee acting by its employee, the Treasurer. Motion was seconded. There being no questions the motion was brought to a vote and passed unanimously.

Article 11. William Jones moved the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,200.00 for the purchase of low pressure nozzles and hose; said funds to be expended by the Fire Chief with the approval of the Prudential Committee. Motion was seconded. There being no questions the motion was brought to a vote and passes unanimously.

Article 12. William Jones moved the District vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 from the Ambulance Fund for the purchase of a Cardiac Monitor and to dispose of a 2007 Zoll E-Series Monitor in the best interest of the District; said funds to be expended by the Fire Chief with the approval of the Prudential Committee. Motion was seconded. There being no questions the motion was brought to a vote and passes unanimously.

Article 13. William Jones moved the District vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 from the Ambulance Fund for Emergency Medical Services Information Technology upgrade; said funds to be expended by the Fire Chief with the approval of the Prudential Committee. Motion was seconded. There being no questions the motion was brought to a vote and passes unanimously.

Article 14. William Jones moved the District vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 from the Ambulance Fund for Water Rescue Equipment; said funds to be expended by the Fire Chief with the approval of the Prudential Committee. The motion was seconded. There being no questions the motion was brought to a vote and passes unanimously.

- Article 15. William Jones moved the District vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 from Article 13 of Fiscal Year 2012 and further raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00 for a total of \$15,000.00 for Fire Station Building Maintenance; said funds to be expended by the Fire Chief with the approval of the Prudential Committee. The motion was seconded. There being no questions the motion was brought to a vote and passes unanimously.
- Article 16. William Jones moved the District vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$625.00 from Article 17 of Fiscal Year 2012 Annual Meeting, further transfer and appropriate the sum of \$4,080.00 from Article 18 of Fiscal Year 2012 Annual Meeting, further transfer and appropriate the sum of \$21.00 from Article 16 of Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Meeting, further transfer and appropriate the sum of \$1,435.00 from Article 18 of Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Meeting and further transfer and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 from the Water Department System Improvement Account for a total of \$26,161.00 for the purchase of 2 Emergency Backup Generators for the Water Department; said funds to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners. The motion was seconded. There being no questions the motion was brought to a vote and passes unanimously.
- Article 17. William Jones moved the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 for the purchase of a new Water Department vehicle; said funds to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners. The motion was seconded. There was one question on what vehicle was being replaced. It was explained that it would be replacing a 2000 Dodge pickup. There being no further question the motion was brought to a vote and passes unanimously.
- Article 18. William Jones moved the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for the Water Department Reserve Account; said funds to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners. The motion was seconded. There being no questions the motion was brought to a vote and passes unanimously.
- Article 19. William Jones moved the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 to establish the District Reserve Fund for FY 2015; said funds to be expended by the Prudential Committee. The motion was seconded. There being no questions the motion was brought to a vote and passes unanimously.
- Article 20. William Jones moved the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 to fund the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund; said funds to be expended by the Prudential Committee acting by its employee, the Treasurer. The motion was seconded. It was asked what Other Post-Employment Benefits are? It

was explained that these benefits are insurance that retirees receive. These benefits are an unfunded liability. In the further the once fully funded the fund should pay for these benefits. There being no further questions the motion was brought to a vote and passed unanimously.

Article 21. I move the District vote to support the Barnstable Water Commissioners by requesting that the Barnstable Town Manager place a conservation restriction on the Breeds Hill Road and Flint Rock Road parcels that were purchased in 1986 for water protection purposes. Motion was seconded. It was asked what a conservation restriction is? It was explained it is a restriction on the how the land can be used. David Jones provides a history on how this article came about. It started with a meeting of the Town's Land Acquisition and Perseveration Committee. The District had made a number of requests to the Town Manager for the restriction. He said there is talk that the Town will swap the conservation restriction on the Town's gun range to the Breeds Hill Road property. Ann Canedy cautioned to not to be too optimistic. The swap is not a foregone conclusion. Ann Canedy is in support of the District direction on the matter. Tom Mullin spoke in favor of the article. There being no further questions the motion is brought to a vote and passes unanimously.

That ends the business of the Warrant. Moderator asks if there is any other business to be discussed. There being none he requests a motion to adjourn.

William Jones makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion is seconded and passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles W. Eager
Clerk