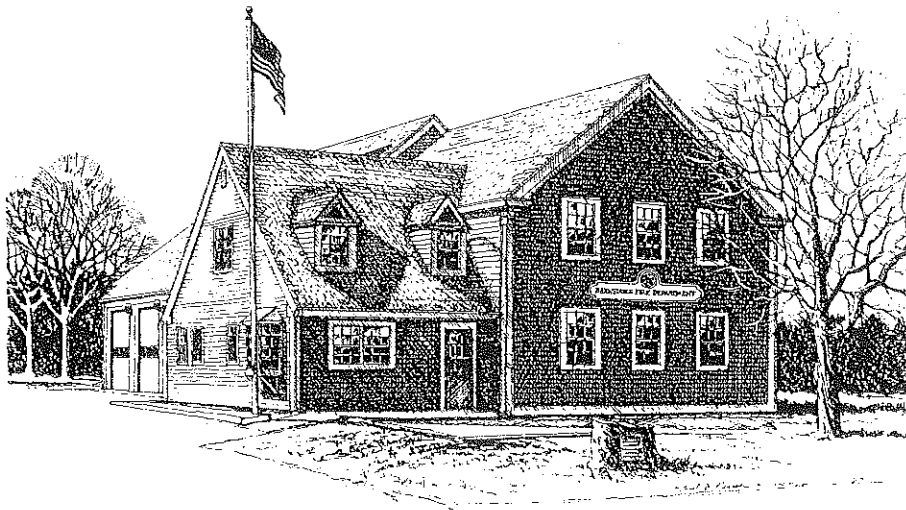


Barnstable Fire District



Annual Report *Fiscal Year 2015* Barnstable, Massachusetts

Annual Election: Saturday, May 7, 2016 8:30 - 11:30 AM
Barnstable Fire Station

Annual Meeting: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 7:30 PM
Barnstable/West Barnstable Elementary School

BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

FY 2016 OPERATING BUDGET REQUESTS

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>FY 2016 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY 2015 BUDGET</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u>	
FIRE				
SALARIES	\$1,973,625.21	\$1,814,062.41	\$159,562.80	8.80% *Includes a 27th pay period
EQUIPMENT	\$34,450.00	\$34,450.00	\$0.00	0.00%
VEHICLE EXPENSE	\$34,100.00	\$34,100.00	\$0.00	0.00%
UTILITIES	\$23,100.00	\$21,100.00	\$2,000.00	9.48%
MAINTENANCE	\$22,126.00	\$22,126.00	\$0.00	0.00%
TRAINING PERSONNEL	\$56,050.00	\$41,050.00	\$15,000.00	36.54%
OFFICE	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
E.M.S. SUPPLIES/ASSESSMENT	\$45,020.00	\$69,520.00	(\$24,500.00)	-35.24%
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	\$2,211,271.21	\$2,059,208.41	\$152,062.80	7.38%
WATER				
SALARIES	\$318,820.00	\$299,619.00	\$19,201.00	6.41% *Includes a 27th pay period
UTILITIES	\$78,860.00	\$70,500.00	\$8,360.00	11.86%
MAINTENANCE	\$103,000.00	\$85,000.00	\$18,000.00	21.18%
WATER QUALITY	\$118,500.00	\$128,500.00	(\$10,000.00)	-7.78%
PROFESSIONAL EXPENSE	\$29,000.00	\$29,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
OFFICE EXPENSE	\$15,200.00	\$15,200.00	\$0.00	0.00%
UNIFORMS	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	-
RESERVE COVERAGE		\$0.00	\$0.00	-
VEHICLE EXPENSE	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		\$0.00	\$0.00	-
TOTAL WATER	\$669,980.00	\$634,419.00	\$35,561.00	5.61%
TREASURER				
GROUP INSURANCE	\$725,000.00	\$710,000.00	\$15,000.00	2.11%
RETIREMENT	\$358,944.00	\$326,256.00	\$32,688.00	10.02%
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)	\$432,191.34	\$334,704.00	\$97,487.34	29.13%
DEBT(INTEREST & AGENCY)	\$49,119.77	\$55,393.32	(\$6,273.55)	-11.33%
TREASURER'S EXPENSE	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00	\$0.00	0.00%
COMPUTER MAINTENANCE/SUPPORT	\$3,693.00	\$3,625.00	\$68.00	1.88%
TOTAL TREASURER	\$1,612,848.11	\$1,473,878.32	\$138,969.79	9.43%
PRUDENTIAL				
SALARIES (ELECTED)	\$9,725.00	\$9,725.00	\$0.00	0.00%
SALARIES (APPOINTED)	\$62,684.82	\$58,319.50	\$4,365.32	7.49% *Includes a 27th pay period
CONTINGENCY	\$5,940.00	\$5,940.00	\$0.00	0.00%
FINANCIAL EXPENSE	\$19,000.00	\$17,750.00	\$1,250.00	7.04%
LEGAL	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
INSURANCE	\$77,875.00	\$73,539.30	\$4,335.70	5.90%
CLERK'S EXPENSES	\$2,695.00	\$2,800.00	(\$105.00)	-3.75%
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	\$199,419.82	\$189,573.80	\$9,846.02	5.19%
FY2016 TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$4,693,519.14	\$4,357,079.53	\$336,439.61	7.72%

Barnstable Fire Department FY 2015 Annual Report

Emergency Incidents

The Barnstable Fire Department responded to a total of 1,179 incidents during Fiscal Year 2015. This represents a nearly 15% increase in call volume since last fiscal year. The 15% disparity of incidents this year compared to last year is largely due to the increase of incidents in the previous fiscal year relative to the consecutive blizzards in the months of January and February 2015. The following is a summary of incident types that the department responded to during Fiscal Year 2015:

- 708 Emergency Medical Incidents including Motor Vehicle Accidents
- 232 Incidents for smoke investigations, electrical emergencies, hazmat incidents, and service calls
- 205 Alarm investigations including fire alarm, CO alarm, and sprinkler alarms
- 22 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 \$ 50,500.00 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:

- 56 Annual inspections of commercial properties
- 55 Smoke and CO alarm inspections for the resale of residential properties
- 25 Fire alarm and sprinkler system inspections
- 1 Oil burner inspections
- 111 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.

Training and Education:

Firefighter Adam Penni completed the nine-week recruit firefighter training program at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy in October 2014. The recruit firefighter program is an intensive nine-week training program that operates Monday through Friday at the state academy in Stow, Massachusetts. Students learn classroom and practical based applications in entry level firefighting including safely using personal protective equipment, search and rescue techniques, ladder evolutions, pumping evolutions, hose line management, and technical rescue applications under both fire and non-fire conditions. Students are graded throughout the program with written examinations and practical evolutions. Students must maintain a high level of self-discipline, passing grades on written examinations, and demonstrated proficiency during practical evolutions in order to maintain their position and complete the program. We would like to extend our sincere congratulations to Firefighter Penni on this outstanding achievement.

Firefighter Brian Tyson completed EMT-Paramedic training in May 2015. The Paramedic program builds on skills that students originally learn in the EMT-Basic course. Paramedic students learn advanced anatomy and physiology, cardiac monitoring, fluid resuscitation, advanced airway techniques, and advanced pharmacology. Paramedic students complete their training on average, in just over a year and a half. Paramedic training consists of rigorous didactic and practical based learning in the classroom environment, many times on nights and weekends. Once the classroom portion of the training is completed, students are evaluated during in-hospital rotations in the emergency room and operating room, to practice their advanced skills on actual patients in a controlled setting while under physician supervision. Once in-hospital rotations are complete, students then move onto the ride-time portion of their training, where they have the opportunity to practice their skills on actual patients in the pre-hospital emergency setting, while being supervised by approved EMT-Paramedic preceptors. Once the student has completed the program and achieved the required number of hours and skills under supervision, they then must take a written and practical examination in accordance with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and National curriculum guidelines. Once the student achieves certification by the state, the paramedic must then take a protocol review examination and be interviewed by the medical control physician that the paramedic will operate under before they can operate in the field as a paramedic. We would like to extend our sincere congratulations to Firefighter Tyson on this outstanding achievement.

Fire Chief Francis M. Pulsifer completed the Chief Fire Officer Management training program at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy in December 2014. This is a thirteen-week program designed to provide the chief officer with a variety of leadership and management skills essential in municipal management. The topics covered in this program include leadership, administrative structure, communication skills, budget and financial skills, supervision and management, human resource management, community and intergovernmental relations, emergency management, logic, ethics, and decision making, comprehensive safety and health programs, fire and life safety programs, and organizational and strategic planning. Students attending the program must successfully pass weekly written examinations and submit a final advanced research project. The final examination for the program is based on a combination of the written score of the students' research paper, and a presentation and performance review of the students advanced research project.

In FY 2015, members of the Barnstable Fire Department participated in a Physical Fitness pilot program offered through the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. The program was focused on physical agility as well as nutritional instruction and healthy food choices. The revamped program offers innovative suggestions on different workout plans to maximize firefighter performance and reduce firefighter injuries. The program was very well received by all department members and many have taken advantage of using new techniques during their workout sessions. In the short amount of time following the program, we have noticed a nearly 50% reduction in firefighter work related injuries. We are anxious to see the long term benefits of this program.

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During Fiscal Year 2015, Administrative Assistant Karen Hickey became certified as a Child Passenger Safety Technician. This 40 hour program offered through Safe Kids Worldwide teaches students how to safely install child safety seats. Students review the various types of child safety seats available and different vehicle configurations. Students are evaluated through written and practical examinations throughout the course. In addition to Karen, two other department members are currently certified to install child safety seats. In FY 2015, members of the Barnstable Fire Department educated the public on the safe installation of 99 child safety seats.

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 2015, the Barnstable Fire District applied for the following grants:

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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. Currently motors and electronics are being installed on the vessel and members should be able to begin training in the Spring of 2016. We are hopeful that the project continues to move forward well and we hope to put the vessel into service in the Summer of 2016. 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.

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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 was the third year that we have applied for the grant regionally and unfortunately we were denied the grant this year also. 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

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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.

Severe Weather Events

During Fiscal Year 2015, the Barnstable Fire Department responded to several significant severe weather incidents. In January and February 2015 several consecutive blizzards and snowstorms impacted the Cape and Islands with flooding and wind driven snow events. These consecutive incidents lasted several weeks and several hundred emergency incidents were handled by our department during each of these storms. These events challenged our resource capabilities, but I am pleased to say that our firefighters were able to respond to and mitigate every single emergency call for assistance that we were faced with. In several instances, roadway conditions were so poor that the only access by fire department personnel was by using our F-212 military converted 2 ½ ton 6x6 with a high ground clearance. In one instance, crews were dispatched to a high priority medical emergency involving a child. Firefighters responded as close as they could to the residence with F-212 and an ambulance. Once firefighters could go no further, they were forced to walk in extremely deep snow traversing several thousand feet. When firefighters reached the patient, they evacuated them using a sled walking back through deep snow to a waiting ambulance several thousand feet away. I cannot overstate the amount of dedication and commitment that our firefighters demonstrate on a daily basis, but especially during events of this magnitude. Many of our firefighters came to work and left their own families for several days during these events in order to protect the District. Following the storms, the federal government released funding applications to offset the costs associated with our storm response. We applied for and qualified for nearly \$14,000.00 in reimbursement from FEMA for operating costs during these storms. FEMA reimburses at a rate of 75% of the actual costs that a municipality qualifies for. These storms qualified for federal disaster assistance and in Fiscal Year 2015 we were able to recover nearly \$11,000.00 in funding from the federal government.

Volunteer Efforts

Judy Scarafile has graciously offered her volunteer services to the Barnstable Fire Department over the last year. Judy has completed a project to coordinate a records retention program in the fire department. This effort was a large undertaking and involved many hours of telephone calls and review of policy and records. Judy has volunteered to take on a new project with us that involves research and will augment our pre-incident planning efforts for large scale disaster management. I would also like to recognize the extraordinary efforts that Judy puts into our annual 9/11 ceremony to commemorate the events of September 11th. Her commitment and dedication to the community are outstanding and we are very thankful that she volunteers her time and resources to help coordinate this event.

Computer Aided Dispatch

During Fiscal Year 2015 we continued our computer aided dispatch initiatives and began another initiative to integrate Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) with our patient care reporting system in the ambulance. Under the new initiative, integration with our patient care data management systems allows information that is created by the Fire Alarm Operator at our dispatch center to be electronically transferred directly into our Image Trend software in the vehicle laptop computers. This saves our personnel a multitude of time when entering patient care reports and facilitates better transfer of information to the receiving hospital as well as our third party billing service.

Energy Audit

In Fiscal Year 2015, we requested an energy audit of the fire station to evaluate our efficiency. The last energy audit on the fire station was done six years prior and many advancements have been made in energy management technology. The final report indicated that we were doing extremely well, however some additional thermal and mechanical modifications could be made to increase efficiency. The total cost of the modifications was just over \$3,300.00 and the anticipated annual savings on energy costs is estimated at \$1,300.00. As part of the Cape Light Compact program, they contracted with Rise Engineering to conduct the audit and the modifications were paid for by Cape Light Compact, so there was no cost to the District.

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

The Water Department supervised the installation of two new additions to the water system. Aberle Way a small residential subdivision was added off of Route 6A, and The Village Green apartment complex was added to the Industrial Park.

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
Nancy Canty, 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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May 9, 2015 ELECTION RESULTS

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

William A. Jones III 31

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONER

Evelyn Bassett 31

MODERATOR

Matthew Bresette 30

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BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT WATER DEPARTMENT

FISCAL YEAR 2015

ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2014 – JUNE 30, 2015

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 2015.

RECEIPTS

Water rates \$933,928.00

EXPENDITURES

Capital Expenses	\$ 47,829.00
Insurances	\$156,189.00
Operations	\$614,100.00
Debt & interest	<u>\$169,854.00</u>
	\$987,972.00

WATER DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

JULY 1, 2014 – JUNE 30, 2015

Miles of distribution mains as of June 30, 2015	50.37
Total number of service connections as of June 30, 2015	1943
Total water pumped July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015	193,270,000 Gallons
Total water pumped highest week 6/7-6/13/2015	6,891,000 Gallons
Total water pumped highest day 5/11/2015	1,201,000 Gallons
Total number of old meters replaced	68
Total number of service calls	537
Total number of tests on back-flow devices	194
Total number of water quality samples performed	293

PRECIPITATION *

JULY 1, 2014 – JUNE 30, 2015

July	4.78"	August	3.46"	September	0.70"
October	5.50"	November	8.17"	December	6.60"
January	3.42"	February	4.86"	March	5.06"
April	1.23"	May	0.73"	June	4.07"

* As recorded in rain meter at Water Department office.

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**BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT WATER DEPARTMENT
FISCAL YEAR 2015
ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2014 – JUNE 30, 2015**

Board of Water Commissioners

The Water Department satisfactorily completed a Sanitary Survey conducted by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. The MASSDEP conducts a periodic routine inspection of the Water Department's facilities, operations, and record keeping ensuring that safe and reliable drinking water is served to the public.

The Water Department has continued an extensive rehabilitation of water storage Tank #1, constructed in 1935. The standpipe style tank had damage from corrosion that was repaired. The final vent on the top of the tank has been replaced. The roof attachment points were reinforced. A mixing system has been added to improve water quality, and prevent ice damage. Finally, the water storage tank has been completely repainted inside and out. The tank will be returned to service early in Fiscal Year 2016.

The Water Department is contributing to the effort to provide "Green Energy." The Fire District is receiving the benefit from solar panels installed on a Water Department property adjacent to the Barnstable Airport. The District can expect a reduction in electrical costs during the twenty year life span of the solar panels.

The Water Department, in partnership with the MASSDEP and the Cape Cod Commission Water Resources Department, conducted additional water quality sampling to ensure that you receive is of the highest quality.

The Board of Water Commissioners and the Prudential Committee combined to oppose the installation on industrial electrical Shunt Reactors within District boundaries in order to protect the groundwater.

The Water Department will continue to flush the distribution system in the spring and fall to clean the inside of the water mains.

BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT
ANNUAL DISTRICT
MAY 13, 2015

The Moderator, Matthew Bressette opened the meeting at 7:30 PM. The Moderator requested the Clerk certify that there was a quorum which was done. Next he started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Bressette relinquished the mike to Prudential Committee Chairman William Jones who requested a moment of silence for our former Moderator who died unexpectedly last summer. He had serviced the District for 23 years, 9 as a Prudential Committee member and 14 years as Moderator. The Moderator then introduced the officials of the District. The Moderator explained the rules of the meeting. The Moderator requested that the Clerk report on the posting of the meeting and the election results. The Clerk reported that the posting of the meeting warrant was posted more than 14 days prior to the meeting date as required by the by-laws. Also the warrant was published in the Cape Cod Times more than 14 prior to the meeting. The Clerk also reported on the election which results are in the Annual Report. The Moderator then asked the Treasurer to report on the any sun setting articles, the Auditor's Report and Free Cash. The Treasurer reported that there were no articles sun setting. The Auditor Report has not been finalized and that the amount of Free Cash is \$480,936. The Moderator requested a motion on the first article.

Article 1. Prudential Chairman William Jones moved that the District vote to act on the reports of the officers as printed in the Annual Report. The motion was seconded. The Moderator opened the motion to the floor. There being no discussion the motion was called and brought to a vote where it passes unanimously.

Article 2. Prudential Chairman William Jones moved that 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. The motion was seconded. The Moderator opened the motion to the floor. There being no discussion the motion was called and brought to a vote where it passes unanimously.

Article 3. Prudential Chairman William Jones moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$189,694.82 for the operation of the Prudential Committee; said funds to be expended by the Prudential Committee. The motion was seconded. The Moderator opened the motion to the floor. There being no discussion the motion was called and brought to a vote where it passes unanimously.

Article 4. Prudential Chairman William Jones moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$432,191.34 for Debt; said funds to be expended by the Prudential Committee acting by its employee, the Treasurer. The motion was seconded. The Moderator opened the motion to the floor. There being no discussion the motion was called and brought to a vote where it passes unanimously.

Article 5. Prudential Chairman William Jones moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$49,119.77 for interest and agency fees; said funds to be expended by the Prudential Committee acting by its employee, the Treasurer. The motion was seconded. The Moderator opened the motion to the floor. There being no discussion the motion was called and brought to a vote where it passes unanimously.

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Article 10. Prudential Chairman William Jones moved that the District vote to transfer and appropriate from the Ambulance Fund the sum of \$13,000.00 to cover the expenses of Ambulance Billing; said funds to be expended by the Prudential Committee acting by its employee, the Treasurer. The motion was seconded. The Moderator opened the question to the floor. There being no discussion the motion was called and brought to a vote where it passes unanimously.

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Article 22. I move 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. Motion is seconded. It is a fund that is used to pay for benefits such as health and life insurance for retirees which are provided separately from the pension fund. When GASP 45 was enacted it required the liability for these benefits be shown as a liability to the municipality. This is the third year the District has been funding the trust fund. When fully funded it should pay the benefits of the retirees. There being no further discussion the motion was called and brought to a vote where it passes unanimously.

Article 23. I move the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 to establish the District Reserve Fund for FY 2016; said funds to be expended by the Prudential Committee. Motion is seconded. It used for unforeseen expenses and if not used by end of year it reverts to the general fund. There being no further discussion the motion was called and brought to a vote where it passes unanimously.

Article 24. I move the District vote to rescind authorization for borrowing from Article 12 of FY10, Constructing a New Water Source, in the amount of \$149,967.79 that was no longer needed for the project, or to take any other action thereon. Motion is seconded. This is part of the funding from a 2010 article for Well 5 which was receiving funds from the Lyndon Paul Lorusso Charitable Foundation. These funds are no longer needed to fund the project. There being no further discussion the motion was called and brought to a vote where it passes unanimously.

The business part of the meeting being finished the Moderator opened to floor to the voters for any general questions they might have. Mr. Charles Fuller asked a question regarding the solar array the Town built on District property and what was the District receiving in compensation. It was explained that the array just came on line and at this time it was too early to know what we will receive. We are to get rebates to be used to offset our electric bills. The numbers have changed due to formulas used by the state.

Ann Canedy gave recognition to the Barnstable Fire District for their response to the storms we had last winter. She praised them for their service.

Mr. Fuller asked a question about the District access to Tank 1 in regards to the new development planned for the former Bush Brown property. Attorney Gilmore explained the District had an ongoing

dispute with the current owner. When the District brought part of the Bush Brown the former easement was relocated. The current owner has done nothing to open the easement, it remains just trees. The District needed access to Tank 1 for repairs. The now owner of the property wanted concessions from the District to gain access. The District was not going to build the developer's road. Upon Counsel's advice the District used the old easement. After months of negotiations the developer finally agreed to allow access. We still have access to the Tank. Once the new road is built we will be using the relocated easement instead of the one currently in use.

Mr. Robert Kelly asked about the pollution of the Hyannis wells and how it might affect our wells in the same vicinity. Our wells have not yet been tested but will be in a few weeks. Because of the gradient of the water the District does not think our wells will be affected. The District wells have been tested for dioxide and are fine with that.

Mr. Kelly asked how to get information on the disposal of the truck and boat. Chairman Jones explained we follow the procurement laws and it will be posted legally. The timeframe on disposal for the truck most likely will be before winter because it will be used for plowing. The boat will be disposed of after the new boat is ready.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Charles W. Eager
Clerk

BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT OFFICERS

TERM EXPIRES

MODERATOR:

Richard Clark	2017
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PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE:

William A. Jones III (Chairman)	2018
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Peter Eastman	2017
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Joseph Nastasi, Jr.	2016
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BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS:

Evelyn Bassett	2018
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Stephen Whitmore	2017
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David Jones (Chairman)	2016
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DISTRICT CLERK:

Charles W. Eager III	2017
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WATER DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT:

Thomas Rooney	N/A
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DISTRICT TREASURER:

Susan Laak	N/A
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FIRE CHIEF:

Francis M. Pulsifer	N/A
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