

**BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT  
255 BREED'S HILL ROAD  
HYANNIS MA 02601**

**Minutes of the  
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING MARCH 10, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Prudential Committee Chairperson William Jones. Also, in attendance at the District Offices at 255 Breed's Hill Road, Barnstable, MA were Prudential Committee members Andrew Miller and Wellesley Marsh, Water Commissioner David Mason, Fire Chief Christopher Beal, Water Superintendent Sean Anderson, Treasurer Rick Buffington, Interim Clerk Peter Eleftherakis, Owner's Project Manager Steve Rizzo and Town Councilor Gordon Starr.

There was no public comment.

**A motion was made by Wellesley Marsh to accept the minutes of the February 10, 2026 Prudential Committee meeting, seconded by Andrew Miller and passed unanimously.**

**Water:**

- FY 2026 budget is tracking within budget.
- Satellite well for well 3 – they are finishing the summary report for submission to DEP.
- The treatment system for wells 3 and 4 is at the 50% design phase. The application for SRF funding did not make the cut at DEP. Sean is preparing an application for another grant.
- Wilkens Phase II – Service connection fees have been paid. Waiting for the mitigation fee check.
- A revised budget for 2027 was submitted to the Prudential Committee. It now includes a position for an additional service technician. An article will be required on the warrant to approve the new position. Chair Jones pointed out that, if approved, the funding for the new position will come from the article and that the operating budget should not include that funding for FY 27.
- Water Commissioner Mason provided an update on the discussions with Napoli Associates. They have recommended pursuing legal action against two companies (Sencorp and Cape Cod Potato Chips) for their role in the PFAS contamination. The Water Commissioners would like to pursue this option. A video call will be set up for Napoli Associates to provide the Prudential Committee with a detailed presentation of the plans.

**Fire:**

- On track to finish FY26 on budget.
- RECC (Regional Emergency Communication Center) – no update.
- Engine 3 is completed and has arrived in Walpole. A few punch list items remain to be completed and the vehicle should arrive here by the end of March or early April. The Capital Improvement Committee is requesting that we retain the old Engine 3 as a reserve and pay

the \$1,000 trade-in fee. This will be beneficial to our ISO rating. The trade-in fee will be paid from the current operating budget.

- Gas meters and calibration equipment acquired through an AFG grant has been delivered and training on it has begun.
- Still waiting for an extension on our SAFER grant.
- Orders for the new hoses, nozzles, appliances and hand tools for the new Engine 3 have been placed and equipment has begun arriving. Will be paid for once government funding has resumed.
- Winter Storm Hernando – responded to 74 calls for service
- Based on a decision by Attorney Sabatt, an article requesting two new chiefs' vehicles will be prepared for the 2027 Annual Meeting. If approved, the vehicles will be purchased in July and will be funded with excess FY 2026 funds. Revised cost estimates are being prepared.
- Congressman Keating has invited the department to apply for FY 27 Community Project Funding. Over \$2 Million has been requested to purchase equipment for the new station.

**Treasurer:**

- Fiscal 25 audit is complete.
- Draft Annual Report has been prepared and will be circulated for review. Printing should be ready by the end of March.
- Work has begun on the Annual Meeting Report.
- On track to finish FY 2026 at or under budget.
- FY 27 budget has been prepared.

**Prudential Committee:**

**Fire Station Construction**

- On budget. About 2 -3 weeks have been lost due to weather but should be able to make the time up using overtime and weekend work. These extra costs will be funded from the GNP allowance for schedule expediting, which is included in the budget.
- Foundation walls completed.
- Masonry walls ongoing.
- Underground plumbing has started.
- About half of the money set aside for contingencies has been committed thus far (of a total slightly over \$1MM).
- OPM Steve Rizzo presented a motion for a change order to the contract to replace a section of the Phinney's Lane water main. The amount of the request is \$162,655 and it will come from the owner's contingency. The project will involve replacing an approximately 140 foot section of water main in front of the new fire station, increasing the size of the main from the current 6" to 8". Performing this work now will prevent the need for doing it later, when the entire length of the Phinney's Lane water main will be upgraded to 8", and will minimize disruption to the operation of the fire department when the work is eventually done.
- **A motion was made by Andrew Miller to authorize the change order as described, seconded by Wellesley Marsh. Approval was unanimous.**

- The fire chief provided an update on the Article 97 land, where the fire district will be providing two parcels of land which will be put under conservation restrictions. Language for this is being prepared by Senator Cyr's office. The Chief will be bringing a motion for approval at the next Prudential Committee Meeting.

#### **Clerk**

- No update.

#### **Fire Station Building Needs Committee**

- Committee has not yet held a meeting.

#### **Miscellaneous**

- Town Councilor Gordon Starr reported that Barnstable Department of Public Works came before the Town Council and requested \$160,000 for drilling wells north of Route 6 between the Community College and Old Jail Lane for the purpose of evaluating the area for potentially running sewer pipes. Chairperson Jones remarked that this has been an issue for many years and that the District has a fund set aside for legal assistance.
- Prudential Committee member Marsh asked for an update on the District Ethics Training. Treasurer Buffington reported that three district employees still need to take the training.
- Chair Jones reminded everyone of the meeting scheduled for Wednesday March 25 to finalize capital expenditure articles and budgets for the Annual Meeting. Meeting time will be 4:30.
- Chair Jones also reminded everyone that the next Prudential Committee will be held on Tuesday April 7 at 4:00 PM at the Water Department.
- Chief Beal reported that the meeting room at the County Complex has been unofficially approved for our Annual Meeting.
- Chair Jones reported that nobody has taken out papers for the vacant Clerk position.
- Interim Clerk Eleftherakis asked if a Warrant Night is planned for this year. It was agreed that one will be scheduled for late April or early May.

**Motion was made by Andy Miller to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Wellesley Marsh and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 5:02.**

Respectively Submitted,

Peter Eleftherakis  
Interim Clerk