

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

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 8, 2025

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 were Prudential members Andrew Miller and Wellesley Marsh, Water Commissioner Dave Mason, Assistant Water Superintendent Ron Tivey, Chief Christopher Beal, Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Brailey, Treasurer Rick Buffington, and Clerk Charles Eager.

Water:

- The Water Department finished fiscal year 2025 on budget.
- Started drilling satellite well but bent a part of the drill rig. They arrived yesterday to weld on the new drive shoe and continue drilling. Nothing new since last month on pilot study for well 3 & 4. SCADA path study scheduled for Thursday for relocation of the SCADA system.
- At the Treatment Plant we are pumping through the new GAC media into the water system. The District has an agreement with Biszko to do this as they proceed working toward getting the Occupancy Permit. The stand-alone ADA compliant bathroom is still being worked on as well as propane tanks and piping. The generator at the new treatment site is set for natural gas and cannot be converted to propane according to the distributor. The Water Department is still working on this.
- Wilkens II is proceeding with the 3 alternate connections. When they reach a decision, they will send detailed water main plan for us to review.

Fire:

- Fire Department on track to finish on budget,
- No update on the RECC Grant. We should hear this month if awarded.
- The new Engine 205 preconstruction meeting was held on June 16 – 18, 2025 at the plant in Appleton Wisconsin. The first inspection will take place in February 2026.
- Marine 219 is out for its refurbishment of the electronics. It is 90% complete. Only two minor projects remain before the work is fully completed. This work should be completed after the summer boating season is over in September.
- Call volume continues to trend upwards, 15% higher compared to this period last year. The Fire Department is currently 118 calls ahead of last year.
- The Public Consulting Group has awarded the Fire Department \$89,803.00 for the FY2024 CPE Program and has been applied to the Ambulance Account.
- On June 30, 2025, the Department held its Annual Sandy Neck Fire Drill. Also participating were mutual aid partners Barnstable Police, Barnstable County Sheriff's Office, Communications Division of the Hyannis Fire Department, Yarmouth Fire Department, Sandwich Fire Department and DCR Forest Fire.

Treasurer:

- The Treasurer is at 98% of his budget spent. He will finish FY 2025 under budget.
- Reminder that 7/17/2025 payroll will be a split payroll with 3 days in FY 2025 and 11 days in FY 2026.
- The last vendor warrant for FY 2025 will be processed tomorrow. The last FY 2025 payroll will be processed Friday.
- The Treasurer requested end of the year accruals at your earliest convenience. (Sick and vacation time balances)
- Treasurer informs District Officers of One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) regarding overtime effective January 1, 2025 and run through 2028. The half portion of time and a half will be exempt from federal taxes. It has a cap for single filers at \$12,500.00 and \$25,000 for joint filers. It is reduced for single filers making over \$150,000.00 and joint filers at \$300,000.00.

Clerk:

- Nothing

Prudential:

- The Building Committee working with the Architect and the Fire Department has worked on:
 - RFP for leased space for the relocation of the Water Department has been issued. Proposals are due July 25th.
 - Peter Stovak of Yarmouthport is creating appraisals for the Article 97 process.
 - Trade bids have been received and are being analyzed now.
 - Confirmation of benchmarks by Bracken Engineering is complete.
 - The hazardous materials survey of the property at 1841 Phinney's Lane is complete.
 - Received a proposal for relocating the SCADA System. To be reviewed with the Water Commissioners.
- Upcoming Milestones:
 - July 7 -August 12 negotiate with W.T. Rich on OMP contract.
 - July 17th – Town Council vote on waiver of Permit Fees.
 - July 18th – W.T. Rich files for permits.
 - July 25th – Lease proposals due for Water Department space.
 - July 28 – Meet to discuss site logistics for first phase of the project (site clearing)
 - Early August – W.T. Rich to begin mobilization and site clearing.
 - August – October – Clear site, create temporary storm water retention, construct large retaining walls, re Water Department, renovate Water Department/District Offices leased space and move Water Department/District Offices.
 - November – Demolish the structures at 1841 Phinney's Lane and level the site.
 - Late November – Groundbreaking for the new Fire Station.

Motion made by Andrew Miller, seconded by William Jones, and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting.