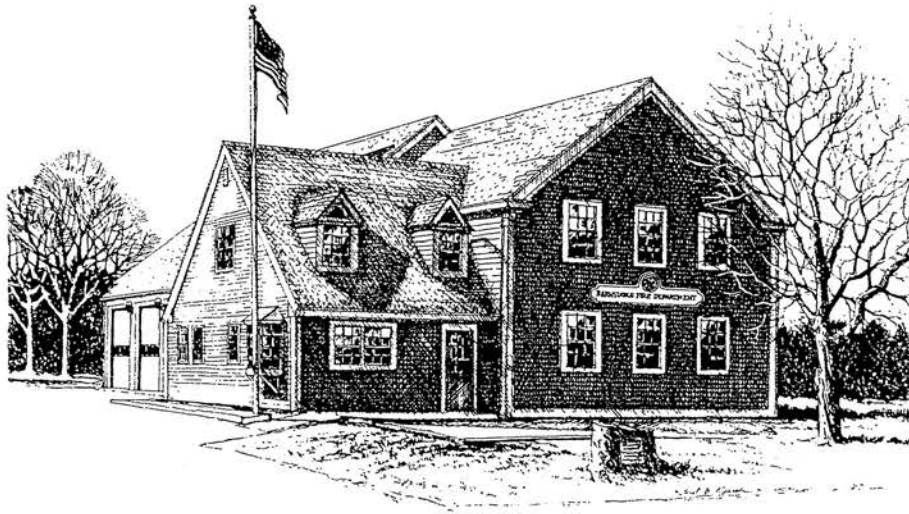




Barnstable Fire District



Annual Report Fiscal Year 2023

Barnstable, Massachusetts

Annual Election: Saturday, May 4, 2024 8:30 - 11:30 AM
Barnstable Fire Station

Annual Meeting: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 7:30 PM
Barnstable/West Barnstable Elementary School

IN RECOGNITION

Edward J. Poirier

RESOLUTION

- Whereas: Our retired Firefighter has served generously with his time and effort in the interest of the District, during the past 22 years.
- Resolved: That we the members of the Barnstable Prudential Committee, Barnstable Fire Department, and Barnstable Water Department and employees of the Fire District do hereby extend our sincere thanks to Edward J. Poirier for his effective and dedicated service to the District for these number of years and be it further;
- Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the records of the District's 2024 Annual Meeting.

IN RECOGNITION

Francis M. Pulsifer

RESOLUTION

Whereas: Our retired Fire Chief has served generously with his time and effort in the interest of the District, during the past 13 years.

Resolved: That we the members of the Barnstable Prudential Committee, Barnstable Fire Department, and Barnstable Water Department and employees of the Fire District do hereby extend our sincere thanks to Francis M. Pulsifer for his effective and dedicated service to the District for these number of years and be it further;

Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the records of the District's 2024 Annual Meeting.

IN RECOGNITION

Thomas J. Rooney

RESOLUTION

- Whereas: Our retired Water Superintendent has served generously with his time and effort in the interest of the District, during the past 9 ½ years.
- Resolved: That we the members of the Barnstable Prudential Committee, Barnstable Fire Department, and Barnstable Water Department and employees of the Fire District do hereby extend our sincere thanks to Thomas J. Rooney for his effective and dedicated service to the District for these number of years and be it further:
- Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the records of the District's 2024 Annual Meeting.

BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT OFFICERS

TERM EXPIRES

MODERATOR:

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Peter Eleftherakis | 2026 |
|--------------------|------|

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE:

| | |
|---------------|------|
| Andrew Miller | 2026 |
| Peter Eastman | 2025 |
| William Jones | 2024 |

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS:

| | |
|------------------|------|
| Stephen Whitmore | 2026 |
| David Mason | 2025 |
| Evelyn Bassett | 2024 |

DISTRICT CLERK:

| | |
|-----------------------|------|
| Charles W. Eager, III | 2026 |
|-----------------------|------|

WATER DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT:

| | |
|---------------|-----|
| Sean Anderson | N/A |
|---------------|-----|

DISTRICT TREASURER:

| | |
|--------------------|-----|
| Richard Buffington | N/A |
|--------------------|-----|

FIRE CHIEF:

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| Christopher Beal | N/A |
|------------------|-----|

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Water Department Telephone | (508) 362-6498 |
| Address: 1841 Phinney's Lane, Box 546 | |
| Barnstable, MA 02630 | |

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Fire Department Telephone | (508) 362-3312 (non-emergency) |
| Address: 3249 Main Street, Box 94 | |
| Barnstable, MA 02630 | |

PRUDENTIAL REPORT

BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT
FY 2024 OPERATING BUDGET REQUESTS

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| DEPARTMENT | FY 2024 BUDGET | | FY 2023 BUDGET | | % CHANGE |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|------------------------|
| FIRE | | | | | |
| SALARIES | \$ | 2,719,737.60 | \$ | 2,581,365.52 | \$ 138,372.08 5.36% |
| EQUIPMENT | \$ | 26,050.00 | \$ | 40,450.00 | \$ (14,400.00) -35.60% |
| VEHICLE EXPENSE | \$ | 47,000.00 | \$ | 39,500.00 | \$ 7,500.00 18.99% |
| UTILITIES | \$ | 21,000.00 | \$ | 21,000.00 | \$ - 0.00% |
| MAINTENANCE | \$ | 70,610.00 | \$ | 67,600.00 | \$ 3,010.00 4.45% |
| TRAINING PERSONNEL | \$ | 67,800.00 | \$ | 59,550.00 | \$ 8,250.00 13.85% |
| OFFICE | \$ | 17,860.00 | \$ | 17,860.00 | \$ - 0.00% |
| E.M.S. SUPPLIES/ASSESSMENT | \$ | 72,450.00 | \$ | 61,850.00 | \$ 10,600.00 17.14% |
| TRAINING CHIEF | \$ | - | \$ | 5,000.00 | \$ (5,000.00) -100.00% |
| LEGAL AND FIRE PREVENTION | \$ | 7,200.00 | \$ | 7,200.00 | \$ - 0.00% |
| TOTAL FIRE | \$ | 3,049,707.60 | \$ | 2,901,375.52 | \$ 148,332.08 4.86% |
| WATER | | | | | |
| SALARIES | \$ | 436,061.80 | \$ | 417,625.42 | \$ 18,436.38 4.41% |
| UTILITIES | \$ | 48,680.00 | \$ | 47,065.00 | \$ 1,615.00 3.43% |
| MAINTENANCE | \$ | 131,000.00 | \$ | 131,000.00 | \$ - 0.00% |
| WATER QUALITY | \$ | 165,000.00 | \$ | 120,000.00 | \$ 45,000.00 37.50% |
| PROFESSIONAL EXPENSE | \$ | 46,500.00 | \$ | 39,500.00 | \$ 7,000.00 17.72% |
| OFFICE EXPENSE | \$ | 24,300.00 | \$ | 24,300.00 | \$ - 0.00% |
| UNIFORMS | \$ | 2,100.00 | \$ | 2,100.00 | \$ - 0.00% |
| RESERVE COVERAGE | | | | | \$ - |
| VEHICLE EXPENSE | \$ | 19,000.00 | \$ | 18,500.00 | \$ 500.00 2.70% |
| EMPLOYEE BENEFITS | | | | | |
| TOTAL WATER | \$ | 872,641.80 | \$ | 800,090.42 | \$ 72,551.38 9.07% |
| TREASURER | | | | | |
| GROUP INSURANCE | \$ | 999,350.00 | \$ | 909,115.00 | \$ 90,235.00 9.93% |
| RETIREMENT | \$ | 566,046.00 | \$ | 586,546.00 | \$ (20,500.00) -3.50% |
| MEDICARE/FICA/DET | \$ | 52,994.00 | \$ | 51,450.00 | \$ 1,544.00 3.00% |
| FINANCIAL EXPENSE | \$ | 850.00 | \$ | 850.00 | \$ - 0.00% |
| PAYROLL EXPENSE | \$ | 2,600.00 | \$ | 2,600.00 | \$ - 0.00% |
| OFFICE EXPENSE | \$ | 2,100.00 | \$ | 2,100.00 | \$ - 0.00% |
| DEBT(PRINCIPAL) | \$ | 452,167.00 | \$ | 384,057.00 | \$ 68,110.00 17.73% |
| DEBT (INTEREST & AGENCY) | \$ | 107,496.96 | \$ | 78,968.56 | \$ 28,528.40 36.13% |
| TREASURER'S EXPENSE | \$ | 2,300.00 | \$ | 2,300.00 | \$ - 0.00% |
| COMPUTER MAINTENANCE/SUPPORT | \$ | 5,100.00 | \$ | 4,600.00 | \$ 500.00 10.87% |
| TOTAL TREASURER | \$ | 2,191,003.96 | \$ | 2,022,586.56 | \$ 168,417.40 8.33% |
| PRUDENTIAL | | | | | |
| | Prudential Report | | | | |
| SALARIES (ELECTED) | \$ | 9,725.00 | \$ | 9,725.00 | \$ - 0.00% |
| SALARIES (APPOINTED) | \$ | 86,646.00 | \$ | 84,205.00 | \$ 2,441.00 2.90% |
| CONTINGENCY | \$ | 8,000.00 | \$ | 7,900.00 | \$ 100.00 1.27% |
| FINANCIAL EXPENSE | \$ | 19,000.00 | \$ | 19,000.00 | \$ - 0.00% |
| LEGAL | \$ | 5,500.00 | \$ | 5,000.00 | \$ 500.00 10.00% |
| INSURANCE | \$ | 97,050.00 | \$ | 91,000.00 | \$ 6,050.00 6.65% |
| CLERK'S EXPENSES | \$ | 2,310.00 | \$ | 2,260.00 | \$ 50.00 2.21% |
| STREET LIGHT | \$ | 31,600.00 | \$ | 24,000.00 | \$ 7,600.00 31.67% |
| EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM | \$ | 4,200.00 | \$ | 3,800.00 | \$ 400.00 10.53% |
| TOTAL PRUDENTIAL | \$ | 264,031.00 | \$ | 246,890.00 | \$ 17,141.00 6.94% |
| FY2024 TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET | \$ | 6,377,384.36 | \$ | 5,970,942.50 | \$ 406,441.86 6.81% |

BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT
FY 2024 BUDGET SUMMARY

April 8, 2024

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FY 2024 OPERATING BUDGET \$ 6,377,384.36

OTHER FY 2024 EXPENDITURES

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| FIRE DEPARTMENT ARTICLES | \$ 400,299.90 |
| WATER DEPARTMENT ARTICLES | \$ 320,000.00 |
| DISTRICT RESERVE FUND | \$ 50,000.00 |
| TREASURER ARTICLES | \$ - |
| AMBULANCE BILLING | \$ 20,000.00 |
| ALLOWANCE FOR ABATEMENTS | |
| TOWN TAX COLLECTOR | \$ 5,968.00 |
| DISTRICT STABILIZATION FUND | \$ 100,000.00 |
| OTHER POST EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND | \$ 20,000.00 |
| WATER STABILIZATION FUND | \$ 60,000.00 |
| WATER DEPARTMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT | \$ 20,000.00 |

TOTAL FY 2024 EXPENDITURES \$ 7,373,652.26

FY 2024 FUNDING SOURCE

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| WATER REVENUE | \$ 1,100,000.00 |
| INVESTMENT INCOME | \$ 8,000.00 |
| OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE | \$ 3,000.00 |
| SOLAR PANEL REVENUE | \$ 28,000.00 |
| PENALTIES & INTEREST ON TAXES | \$ 8,000.00 |

TRANSFERS (TO REDUCE TAXES)

| | |
|--|---------------|
| TRANSFER FROM DISTRICT STABILIZATION | |
| TRANSFER FROM WATER STABILIZATION | |
| TRANSFER FROM WATER TREATMENT FACILITY | |
| OLD ARTICLES WATER DEPT | \$ - |
| OLD ARTICLES FIRE DEPT | \$ 32,949.40 |
| TRANSFER FROM DISTRICT STABILIZATION | \$ 225,000.00 |
| TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH | \$ 500,000.00 |
| TRANSFER FROM AMBULANCE FUND | \$ 562,350.50 |
| WATER DEPARTMENT DONATIONS | |
| TRANSFER FROM OVERLAY SURPLUS | |
| BORROWING | |

TOTAL INCOME/TRANSFERS \$ 2,467,299.90

NET TO BE RAISED \$ 4,906,352.36

FIRE DISTRICT REAL ESTATE VALUATION \$ 2,385,721,740.00

FY 2024 TAX RATE \$ 2.11 Actual



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Honorable Prudential Committee
Barnstable Fire District

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Barnstable Fire District (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the District as of June 30, 2023, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements taken as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, and the schedules listed under the required supplementary information section in the accompanying table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not part of the basic financial statements, is the responsibility of management and is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers these to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic or historical context.

We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Roselli Clark & Associates

Roselli, Clark & Associates
 Certified Public Accountants
 January 16, 2024

BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT

**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2023**

| | General Fund | Ambulance Fund | Capital Project Funds | Nonmajor Governmental Funds | Total Governmental Funds |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Assets: | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 1,790,381 | \$ 1,314,464 | \$ 391,109 | \$ 331,121 | \$ 3,827,075 |
| Investments | 995,541 | | | | 995,541 |
| Receivables, net of allowance: | | | | | |
| Property taxes | 119,643 | - | - | - | 119,643 |
| Departmental and other | 679,230 | 193,833 | - | 24,236 | 897,299 |
| Intergovernmental | - | - | 60,021 | - | 60,021 |
| Total Assets | 3,584,795 | 1,508,297 | 451,130 | 355,357 | 5,899,579 |
| Deferred Outflows of Resources: | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources | \$ 3,584,795 | \$ 1,508,297 | \$ 451,130 | \$ 355,357 | \$ 5,899,579 |
| Liabilities: | | | | | |
| Warrants and accounts payable | \$ 34,027 | \$ - | \$ 240,108 | \$ 75 | \$ 274,210 |
| Accrued payroll and withholdings | 152,200 | - | - | - | 152,200 |
| Appellate tax board liability | 54,635 | - | - | - | 54,635 |
| Tax refunds payable | 32,866 | - | - | - | 32,866 |
| Short-term notes payable | - | - | 1,070,255 | - | 1,070,255 |
| Total Liabilities | 273,728 | - | 1,310,363 | 75 | 1,584,166 |
| Deferred Inflows of Resources: | | | | | |
| Unavailable revenues - property taxes | 255,119 | - | - | - | 255,119 |
| Unavailable revenues - department and other | 413,918 | 193,833 | - | 24,236 | 631,987 |
| Total Deferred Inflows of Resources | 669,037 | 193,833 | - | 24,236 | 887,106 |
| Fund Balances: | | | | | |
| Restricted | - | 1,314,464 | 73,731 | 331,046 | 1,719,241 |
| Committed | 173,186 | - | - | - | 173,186 |
| Assigned | 506,520 | - | - | - | 506,520 |
| Unassigned | 1,962,324 | - | (932,964) | - | 1,029,360 |
| Total Fund Balances | 2,642,030 | 1,314,464 | (859,233) | 331,046 | 3,428,307 |
| Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances | \$ 3,584,795 | \$ 1,508,297 | \$ 451,130 | \$ 355,357 | \$ 5,899,579 |

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT

**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

| | General Fund | Ambulance Fund | Capital Project Funds | Nonmajor Governmental Funds | Total Governmental Funds |
|--|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Revenues: | | | | | |
| Property taxes | \$ 3,990,774 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 3,990,774 |
| Intergovernmental | - | 148,123 | 151,004 | 184,650 | 483,777 |
| Departmental and other revenue | 1,661,163 | 521,491 | - | 120,075 | 2,302,729 |
| License and permits | 3,867 | - | - | - | 3,867 |
| Penalties and interest on taxes | 22,568 | - | - | - | 22,568 |
| Investment income | 63,307 | - | - | - | 63,307 |
| Total Revenues | 5,741,679 | 669,614 | 151,004 | 304,725 | 6,867,022 |
| Expenditures: | | | | | |
| Current: | | | | | |
| Prudential operations | 1,818,858 | - | - | - | 1,818,858 |
| Fire and ambulance operations | 2,983,799 | - | 29,250 | 270,985 | 3,284,034 |
| Water operations | 804,693 | - | 788,307 | - | 1,593,000 |
| Debt service: | | | | | |
| Principal | 180,000 | - | - | - | 180,000 |
| Interest expense | 68,155 | - | - | - | 68,155 |
| Total Expenditures | 5,855,505 | - | 817,557 | 270,985 | 6,944,047 |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures | (113,826) | 669,614 | (666,553) | 33,740 | (77,025) |
| Other Financing Sources (Uses): | | | | | |
| Proceeds from long-term debt issuance | - | - | 1,362,187 | - | 1,362,187 |
| Transfers in | 600,000 | - | 529,057 | 86,544 | 1,215,601 |
| Transfers out | (529,057) | (600,000) | (86,544) | - | (1,215,601) |
| Total Other Financing Sources (Uses) | 70,943 | (600,000) | 1,804,700 | 86,544 | 1,362,187 |
| Changes in Fund Balances | (42,883) | 69,614 | 1,138,147 | 120,284 | 1,285,162 |
| Fund Balances - Beginning of year, as restated | 2,684,913 | 1,244,850 | (1,997,380) | 210,762 | 2,143,145 |
| Fund Balances - End of year | \$ 2,642,030 | \$ 1,314,464 | \$ (859,233) | \$ 331,046 | \$ 3,428,307 |

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT WATER DEPARTMENT
FISCAL YEAR 2023 ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2022 – JUNE 30, 2023
Board of Water Commissioners

The Barnstable Fire District Board of Water Commissioners submits the following Annual Report of the Water Department's activities, including an account of the operational receipts and expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023.

The Barnstable Fire District Water Department has been working diligently in 2023 to reduce public exposure to PFAS contaminants discovered in the groundwater used to produce drinking water. PFAS refers to a group of manmade fluorinated organic chemicals that have been determined to cause adverse health affect when consumed.

To reduce public exposure to PFAS the water department has taken the following actions:

1. The water department changed the operation practices of the water system to reduce the levels of PFAS in the water produced. Water from various sources is being blended to reduce exposure.
2. A Peer Review of the original Plans and Specifications for the new Treatment Facility was performed. This resulted in significant cost savings to the district. Construction on a new Water Treatment Facility to remove PFAS from the water supply at Wells 2 & 5 is to begin in spring of 2024. Groundwater will pass through Activated Carbon to remove PFAS compounds to levels as close to zero as possible.
3. Well 1 with new Treatment was brought on-line November of 2022. This well has near zero PFAS, so we have been utilizing it as much as possible.

The Barnstable Fire District is a participant in a Class Action Lawsuit to recover costs related to PFAS removal from the companies that manufacture PFAS chemicals. The water department has obtained zero percent loan funding from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Revolving Fund for the construction costs of the new Treatment Plant.

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

Thomas Rooney, Superintendent (Retired)
Sean Anderson, Superintendent
Ronald Tivey, Assistant Superintendent
Charles Wood, Serviceperson 1
Scott Heaslip, Serviceperson 2
Kim Vermette, Collector
Dawn Woodward, Clerical Assistant

The Commissioners would also like to thank Thomas J. Rooney for 9 1/2 years of service as the Water Superintendent. He retired from service in October of 2022.

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

The Board of Water Commissioners:
Evelyn G. Bassett, Chair
David B. Mason
Stephen F. Whitmore

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 2023.

RECEIPTS

| | |
|----------------|------------------------|
| Water Rates | \$1,592,631.93 |
| Solar Revenues | <u>\$70,248.00</u> |
| Total | \$ 1,662,879.93 |

EXPENDITURES

| | | |
|------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| Capital Expenses | \$ | 0.00 |
| Insurances | \$ | 201,156.00 |
| Operations | \$ | 800,090.00 |
| Debt & interest | \$ | <u>426,059.00</u> |
| Total | \$ | 1,427,305.00 |

WATER DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

JULY 1, 2022 – JUNE 30, 2023

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Miles of distribution mains as of June 30, 2023 | 52.0 |
| Total number of service connections as of June 30, 2023 | 1979 |
| Total water pumped July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 | 205,049,000 Gallons |
| Total water pumped highest week 7/19/22 -7/25/2022 | 9,036,000 Gallons |
| Total water pumped highest day 7/21/2022 | 1,714,000 Gallons |
| Total number of old meters replaced | 86 |
| Total number of service calls | 434 |
| Total number of tests on back-flow devices | 227 |
| Total number of water quality samples performed | 332 |

PRECIPITATION *

JULY 1, 2022 – JUNE 30, 2023

| | | | | | |
|---------|--------|----------|-------|-----------|-------|
| July | 0.24" | August | 0.81" | September | 1.89" |
| October | 7.33" | November | 4.00" | December | 4.77" |
| January | 10.48" | February | 1.35" | March | 4.19" |
| April | 2.78" | May | 2.00" | June | 5.29" |

* As recorded in rain meter at Water Department office. Total Rainfall for Fiscal Year **45.13"**

The Board of Water Commissioners

Evelyn G. Bassett, Chair

David B. Mason

Stephen F. Whitmore

Barnstable Fire Department FY 2023 Annual Report

Emergency Incidents

The Barnstable Fire Department responded to a total of 1,627 incidents during Fiscal Year 2023. The following is a summary of incident types that the department responded to during Fiscal Year 2023:

- 1,095 Emergency Medical Incidents including Motor Vehicle Accidents
- 167 Incidents for smoke investigations, electrical emergencies, hazmat incidents, and service calls
- 328 Alarm investigations including fire alarm, CO alarm, and sprinkler alarms
- 32 Fires including building, vehicle, brush, and chimney fires
- 5 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 limit the amount of dollar loss to \$1,132,350.00 from fires for fiscal year 2023. This is a significant increase over the previous fiscal year and that is mostly due to two separate 2nd alarm structure fires we had with both of those structures suffering extensive damage. 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:

- 143 Annual inspections of commercial properties
- 56 Smoke and CO alarm inspections for the resale of residential properties
- 37 Fire alarm and sprinkler system inspections
- 28 Oil burner, oil tank installation, oil tank removal, and LPG tank inspections
- 120 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.

Barnstable Fire Department
Career Personnel

Administration:

| | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Fire Chief: | Christopher A. Beal |
| Deputy Chief: | Kevin F. Brailey |
| Administrative Assistant: | Karen Hickey |

Day Shift – EMS Officer:

| | |
|---------------|----------------|
| FF/Paramedic: | Keith Stranger |
|---------------|----------------|

Group 1:

| | |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Captain/Paramedic: | J. Neil Tuepker |
| FF/Paramedic: | Matthew Goodwin |
| FF/EMT: | Ryan Jones |
| FF/EMT: | Steven Bunker |
| FF/Paramedic: | Quinton Campbell |

Group 2:

| | |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Captain/Paramedic: | Nicholas Black |
| FF/EMT: | Ryan Smith |
| FF/Paramedic: | Michael Watts |
| FF/Paramedic: | Austin Osborn |
| FF/EMT: | Daniel Black |

Group 3:

| | |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Capt./Paramedic: | Robert Cecil |
| FF/EMT: | John Fleming |
| FF/Paramedic: | James Giannelli |
| FF/EMT: | Frederico Nogueira |
| FF/Paramedic: | Matthew Judge |

Group 4:

| | |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Captain/ Paramedic: | Brian Tyson |
| FF/EMT: | Brian Cabral |
| FF/Paramedic: | Adam Penni |
| FF/EMT: | Alexander Smith |
| FF/Paramedic: | William Murray |

Major Incidents

On July 3, 2022, at 5:11 pm the Barnstable County Sheriff's Communications Office received a 911 call for what was reported as a minor leg laceration on board a boat in the inner harbor just off the Sandy Neck cottage colony. Part of the on-duty crew was on another call on the far side of the Fire District at the time, Captain J. Neil Tuepker and EMS Officer Keith Stranger responded to the harbor and got underway in our 27' Safe Boat. At the same time, Seasonal Waterways Enforcement Officer John Doherty was on routine patrol near Beach Point and the West Bar of Sandy Neck Beach. The two boats then began searching for the injured party and their boat. During the search several conflicting reports began coming in stating the boat was coming back to the Blish Point boat ramp, while other reports stated the boat was stationary and awaiting rescue and was located near the cottage colony visible from shore. At this time the Barnstable County Sheriff's Office and Deputy Harbormaster Jay Horn began working to try and determine the position of the vessel with the injured party. Deputy Harbormaster Jay Horn was ground control for 3 harbormaster patrol vessels on duty that day. He handled all radio traffic and telephone communications for the rescue attempt. Eventually, through the work of the Sheriff's Office and Deputy Horn, the location of the vessel was located using the GPS coordinates of the injured party's cell phone. The vessel was 3 to 4 miles off the shore of Sandy Neck Beach near trail 5 in open water some 5 to 6 miles away from the originally reported location. In 23 minutes from the time of the 911 call Captain Tuepker, Ems Officer Stranger, and Enforcement Officer Doherty located the stricken vessel and the injured party. There they found a severely injured patient actively bleeding to death with a homemade tourniquet on their leg. The two people on the boat report they were fishing when a rogue wave threw them both from the running boat into the water, the victim swam to the now circling boat to climb back on board, the victim was struck several times by the running propeller in the leg resulting in large deep lacerations. Upon seeing the severity of the victims' injuries Captain Tuepker came alongside the vessel and EMS Officer Stranger jumped aboard and began treating the victim. EMS Officer Stranger applied a tourniquet and determined the victim needed to be flown via a medical helicopter to a trauma center for treatment. EMS Officer Stranger assisted the victim to the fire department boat operated by Captain Tuepker. EMS Officer Stranger applied trauma dressing and held pressure to the wounds to try and stop the bleeding for the 18-minute ride back to the dock. At that time Captain Tyson, EMS Officer Stranger, FF Paramedic Goodwin, and FF Paramedic Watts continued to care for the victim. And due to multiple calls for medical helicopters at the time, the nearest helicopter was Lifestar coming from Connecticut. Captain Tyson and the crew made the decision to transport the injured party to the helipad at Beth Israel Plymouth Hospital to reduce the waiting time for the arriving Lifestar Helicopter. While enroute to Plymouth EMS Officer Stranger and Firefighters Goodwin and Watts administered lifesaving treatments. Within 55 minutes of the first contact with the patient in open water, the ambulance was at Beth Israel Plymouth awaiting the Lifestar Helicopter. Due to the life-saving efforts the victim had surgical repairs of his severe wounds and made a full recovery.

On October 17, 2022, at approximately 1:33 AM the Barnstable County Sheriff's department communications center dispatched the fire department for a reported structure fire at 270 Communications Way. The on-duty crew responded in Ladder 206 with Captain Tuepker, FF Nick Black and FF Ryan Jones along with Deputy Chief Chris Beal. Upon their arrival a second alarm was struck for more resources as they were met with heavy smoke conditions. The fire was in a unit that housed multiple individuals but thankfully they were all able to escape without injury. The fire was under control within a half hour with help from our mutual aid partners. There was approximately \$250,000 in losses but no injuries reported.

On March 15, 2023, at approximately 4:28 AM the fire department was dispatched by the Barnstable County Sheriff's department communications center to 3180 Main Street, the Barnstable Tuscan Grille Restaurant, for an automatic fire alarm reporting sprinkler flow. The duty crew responded in Ladder 206 with 4 members; FF Brian Cabral, FF Adam Penni, FF Alex Smith and FF William Murray, and Captain Brian Tyson responded in Car 212. Upon their arrival they found heavy smoke conditions in the building and Captain Tyson requested a working fire assignment. This request brought off-duty members to the scene in Engine 202, Ambulance 203, and Patrol 200 as well as Chief Beal and Deputy Chief Brailey. Upon Chief Beal's arrival, he requested a 2nd alarm be transmitted for more resources. The fire was deemed under control after about 1 hour and crews remained on scene for many hours after. This fire happened during the night when the building was vacant so there was no one to evacuate. This fire caused over \$650,000 in damage but no injuries were reported.

Personnel Changes

Firefighter/EMT Edward Poirier retired from the Barnstable Fire Department after 22 years of faithful service. FF Poirier started his career as a call firefighter in July 2000 and in January 2005 he was appointed as a full-time career member. In 2006, FF Poirier received a group citation for the rescue of an occupant and her 2 dogs from a structure fire from the second floor over a ground ladder. FF Poirier was an active member of Barnstable Firefighters Local 3276 where he was the longstanding Secretary/Treasurer. The Barnstable Fire Department wishes FF Poirier a long and healthy retirement, and we thank him for his 22 years of service.

With the retirement of Firefighter Poirier, the Barnstable Fire Department hired Steven Bunker as his replacement. FF/EMT Steven Bunker is a 2019 graduate of Barnstable High School and during his senior year he participated in the internship program working as a high school intern here at the Barnstable Fire Department. FF Bunker has completed 3 years at the University of Massachusetts in Lowell studying Criminal Justice. FF Bunker has experience working in Lowell as an EMT on the university ambulance and in a busy 911 EMS system in the city of Lowell. He spent the summer of 2022 working as a summer EMT for the Town of Orleans on Nauset Beach. FF Bunker attended the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Recruit Training program in Springfield and graduated at the top of his class in March 2023. Congratulations FF Bunker.

Fire Chief Francis M. Pulsifer retired in November 2022 after serving the Barnstable Fire Department for the previous 13 years, first as deputy fire chief for 3 years and then as fire chief for the last 10. During Chief Pulsifer's time as fire chief he was able to successfully write and was granted over \$4 million in federal grants that included funding for new radios, self-contained breathing apparatus, a new ladder truck and 5 new firefighter positions. Chief Pulsifer's hard work and dedication for the Barnstable Fire Department cannot be understated and we are thankful for the work he did to advance the department during his tenure with us. The Barnstable Fire Department would like to wish Chief Pulsifer a long and healthy retirement.

With the retirement of Chief Pulsifer, Deputy Chief Christopher Beal has been selected as Barnstable Fire Department's next Fire Chief effective November 17, 2022. Deputy Beal has more than 20 years of experience in the fire and emergency services field, including the last 11 years as a fire officer. Deputy Beal is a registered paramedic in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, saving many lives and delivering a baby (on Christmas day) during his career. With his desire to constantly train and learn the trade, Deputy Beal has earned a master's degree in public administration from Anna Maria College, and Chief Fire Officer designation from the Massachusetts Fire Service Commission. He is a graduate of the

University of Massachusetts Collins School of Management and Department of Fire Services Chief Fire Officer Program. With years of specialized training, Deputy Beal has also earned leadership positions with the Barnstable County Technical Rescue Team and the FEMA MA-Task Force 1 Urban Search and Rescue team. During his time on these specialized teams, Deputy Beal has been deployed across the United States on several national disaster missions. Deputy Beal lives in Barnstable Village with his wife Kara and children Adam, Lillian, Mark, and Sean. We wish Deputy Beal well as he transitions in his new command role as Fire Chief with the Barnstable Fire Department.

With the promotion of Chief Beal, the deputy chief position became available. This position was filled by Captain/Paramedic Kevin Brailey. Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Brailey was born and raised in the Town of Barnstable, and he graduated from Barnstable High School in 1989. Deputy Chief Brailey has been in public service for over 27 years beginning with the Department of Youth Services in 1995. Deputy Chief Brailey was hired as a call firefighter in 2000 and has been a Barnstable Firefighter for over 22 years. Deputy Chief Brailey spent a short time with the Mashpee Fire Department, where he attended Class 164 of the Massachusetts Career Recruit Fire Academy in Stow, graduating in August of 2004. He has been a full-time firefighter with Barnstable Fire since 2002. Deputy Chief Brailey obtained his EMT certification in 2000 followed by his Paramedic certification in 2003. Deputy Chief Brailey holds an Associate's of Science Degree in Fire Science, he will be soon completing his Bachelor of Science Degree in Fire Administration, and he will complete his Master of Science Degree in Emergency Services Management following that. Since 2012 Deputy Chief Brailey has held numerous supervisory positions with the Barnstable Fire Department, including long term positions of Acting Shift Lieutenant, and Acting Shift Captain. Deputy Chief Brailey was permanently promoted to Captain of Group 2 in 2015, eventually becoming the senior Captain of the department. Deputy Chief Brailey has obtained numerous trainings and certifications over his career including Fire Officer I and II, Fire Instructor, Fire Prevention Officer, Fire Inspector I and II from the National Fire Prevention Association, and Kevin is Credentialed as a Fire Chief by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Fire Service Commission. Congratulations Deputy Chief Brailey.

With Chief Pulsifer's retirement, and other internal promotions, a firefighter/paramedic position became available. FF/Paramedic Matthew Judge was hired to fill that opening. FF/Paramedic Matthew Judge is a 2020 graduate of Barnstable High School and during his senior year he participated in the internship program working as a high school intern at the Cotuit Fire Department. FF Judge is the son of retired Centerville Osterville Marston's Mills Fire Department FF/Paramedic Michael Judge. FF Judge is a nationally registered Paramedic and has experience working with the Cotuit Fire Department and Coastal Ambulance Company. FF Judge attended the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Recruit Training program in Bridgewater and graduated in June 2023. Congratulations FF Judge.

With Deputy Brailey's Promotion a captain's position became available. After a lengthy and competitive process, FF/Paramedic Nicholas Black was promoted to the rank of Captain/Paramedic retroactive to November 2022. Captain Black comes from a long line of firefighters and is a 3rd generation firefighter on Cape Cod. Captain Black came to the Barnstable Fire Department after spending a few years as a call firefighter with the West Barnstable Fire Department and over 5 years as a career firefighter with the Chatham Fire Department. Captain Black has various fire service certifications and has attended many outside training classes. Congratulations Captain Black.

Training and Education

Master Mechanic/Firefighter/EMT Ryan Smith has been with us since July 2017 and is a certified Emergency Vehicle Technician with the following credentials: Level I, Level II, and Master Fire Apparatus Technician. Each year, Firefighter Smith attends professional development training to maintain these important certifications. Implementing a cross-trained Firefighter/EMT/EVT Mechanic has proven to be a cost-effective and valuable asset to the department. Maintenance and emergency repairs to our fleet have been streamlined and downtime has been significantly reduced.

EMS Officer/Paramedic Kieth Stranger completed his Bachelor of Science Degree in Fire Administration from Columbia Southern University in March of 2023 and graduated Cum Laude. This is an outstanding achievement and EMS Officer Stranger should be congratulated for this achievement.

Firefighter/Paramedic Michael Watts completed his Associate Degree in Fire Science from Cape Cod Community College and will be attending Anna Maria College in the future to attain his bachelor's degree. Great job on reaching this milestone and the entire department congratulates FF/Paramedic Watts on his achievement.

Three (3) members of the department are affiliated with and are actively involved in technical rescue and dive rescue disciplines with the regional Barnstable County Technical Rescue Team and Barnstable County Dive Team. There are monthly team drills along with other specially trained firefighters across Cape Cod with focus on specialized areas of structural building collapse, rope rescue, confined space rescue, trench rescue, wide area search, and dive rescue and recovery. These regional assets are spread out across Barnstable County and are deployed to augment municipal resources during emergency operations. Members affiliated with the Barnstable County teams are Fire Chief Christopher Beal, Captain Neil Tuepker, and Firefighter John Fleming. In addition to the regional team, Fire Chief Christopher Beal is also a Rescue Squad Officer and Instructor of the Federal Emergency Management Agency-Massachusetts Task Force 1, based out of Beverly Massachusetts. This Massachusetts-based Federal resource drills monthly and is an Urban Search and Rescue Team that may be deployed on very large-scale incidents and wide-spread disasters. Members associated with these specialized teams spend an extraordinary amount of time maintaining their proficiency with skills.

The Barnstable Fire Department currently has five (5) members that are trained and certified as Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Technicians, including two (2) members that are special needs certified. Captain J. Neil Tuepker and Administrative Assistant Karen Hickey are both certified CPS technicians and manage the Child Passenger Safety (CPS) program. Firefighter Nicholas Black, Firefighter Frederico Nogueira, and Chief Francis Pulsifer are also certified CPS Technicians. CPS Technicians are trained and certified by the National Highway Transportation and Safety Administration (NHTSA) on the safe installation of child restraints (car seats) and are available to assist the public with either a new installation or to check an existing installation of a child restraint device. Throughout the year, our technicians participate in several community events as well as host a fitting station right at the fire department. This service is offered **free of charge** to any member of the public. In FY 2023, members of the Barnstable Fire Department educated the public on the safe installation of 48 child safety seats. To have your child restraint system checked or installed by a certified technician, please make an appointment by contacting the fire department at 508-362-3312.

Grants/Reimbursement Programs

The Barnstable Fire Department continues to aggressively seek grant opportunities to provide fiscal relief to the citizens of Barnstable. In Fiscal Year 2023, the Barnstable Fire District was awarded the following grants:

Massachusetts Office of Public Safety Grants

In the Fall of 2022, the Barnstable Fire Department applied for a Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant through a program from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security and the Department of Fire services. In December of 2022 the Barnstable Fire Department was notified they were awarded a grant in the amount of \$7,993.04 to be used to purchase personal protective clothing for all 19 members of the department. With the award of this grant the department can provide 2 structural firefighting protective hoods, 1 pair of structural firefighting gloves, 1 pair of auto-extrication gloves, and a set of protective eyewear. With the addition of this personal protective equipment the members will be able to safely execute their responsibilities to the residents and visitors. The hoods also provide an additional layer of protection to known carcinogens that firefighters are exposed to during various types of fires.

Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant

In Fiscal Year 2022, the Barnstable Fire Department applied for a grant request through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as part of the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant program. This grant was to increase our current staffing model by adding 4 new firefighters to our department. In August 2022 we were notified that the department was awarded \$1,359,448.92 to be used to hire and maintain 4 new firefighters at no cost to the Barnstable Fire Department for a period of 3 years. The Barnstable Fire Department would like to thank Congressman Keating, Senator Warren, and Senator Markey for supporting the FEMA Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant program and for advocating for the critical needs of public safety.

This federal grant award will not only increase the safety and capabilities of our firefighters to the public we serve to protect, but also provides our residents with some fiscal relief by supplying us with funding for increased staffing that will help us to properly respond to all emergencies. With the recent buildout of apartment complexes in the Industrial Park this Grant comes and a crucial time for us. We are very grateful to be awarded this opportunity and for the support the district taxpayers have given us and continue to give us.

With the awarding of this SAFER Grant the Barnstable Fire Department was able to hire 4 new firefighters. The following new members were hired after a long search for the best possible candidates available:

Firefighter/EMT Alexander Smith is a 2020 graduate of Barnstable High School and during his senior year FF Smith was an intern with the Barnstable Fire Department. FF Smith comes to Barnstable Fire from the West Barnstable Fire Department where he has been a volunteer firefighter for the last 1.5 years. FF Smith attended and graduated from the Massachusetts Fire Academy Recruit Program in Bridgewater in November 2023.

Firefighter/EMT Daniel Black is a 2018 graduate of Barnstable High School and a 2022 graduate of Anna Maria College with Bachelor of Science in Fire Science with a minor in Emergency Management, Cum

Laude. While attending college FF Black was a member of the Leicester Fire Department. During his senior year at Barnstable HS, he was an Intern with the COMM FD. FF Black attended and graduated from the Massachusetts Fire Academy Recruit Program in Bridgewater in November 2023.

Firefighter/Paramedic Quinton Campbell is a graduate of Dennis-Yarmouth High School in 2012 and came to the Barnstable Fire Department after working for 1 year for the Eastham Fire Department. He is a graduate of the Massachusetts Fire Academy Recruit Program in August 2022 and a licensed paramedic. FF Campbell holds an Associate Degree in Business from Dean College graduating in 2014.

Firefighter William Murray comes to the Barnstable Fire Department from the West Barnstable Fire Department after serving there in various capacities for the last 17 years, most recently as shift captain. FF Murray brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to BFD including being a certified paramedic, HazMat technician, drone pilot and IT specialist. FF Murray is a graduate of the Massachusetts Fire Academy Recruit Program.

Ambulance Certified Public Expenditure (CPE) Program

The Ambulance Certified Public Expenditure Program (CPE) is an ongoing cost-based reimbursement program designed to help government ambulance/EMS providers recover additional federal revenue up to the actual incurred cost of providing services to MassHealth beneficiaries. Working in conjunction with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office of Health, and Human Services (EOHHS), this program is offered annually and involves a complex and detail-oriented application and cost report process for the requesting organization. If the allowable costs for MassHealth services determined through the cost report exceed the MassHealth interim payments received through traditional fee for service billing, then a positive settlement will be reimbursed to the ambulance service agency. In Fiscal Year 2021, we applied for, and were reimbursed \$148,123.00 under this program. The Barnstable Fire Department plans to apply to this reimbursement program each year as the funding remains available.

S.A.F.E Grant

Captain Brian Tyson applied for and was awarded a \$4,658.00 grant from the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services, Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) program and for the SENIOR S.A.F.E. Program. The money provided under these grants will be used to provide fire education in the school system and the community. The Barnstable Fire Department focuses a great deal of attention on prevention and education in the school environment by reinforcing the importance and values of the 9-1-1 emergency reporting system, exit drills in the home, stop-drop-roll, and the fire service function in the community. In addition to school-based programs, we offer a variety of adult public education programs including hands only Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), Automated External Defibrillation (AED) training, fire extinguisher training, and specially tailored emergency services education to community groups. While all personnel participate in fire safety education, Captain Brian Tyson completes the grant application process and is the lead S.A.F.E. educator in the schools. These grants are very competitive and specific criteria must be met to be awarded a grant.

Volunteer Efforts

Ms. Judy Scarafile has graciously offered her volunteer services to the Barnstable Fire Department for the last several years. I would especially like to recognize the extraordinary efforts that Judy puts into our annual 9/11 ceremony to commemorate the events of September 11th. Each year, Judy coordinates the participants, singers, and speakers at our events and makes sure that every detail is well thought out and executed to perfection. Her commitment, dedication, and patriotism to the community are outstanding and we are very thankful that she volunteers her time and resources to help manage this significant event each year.

In closing, I would like to extend my personal appreciation and gratitude to the officers, firefighters, administrative staff, residents, and business owners in the Barnstable Fire District for continually supporting the mission of the fire department and for making this one of the most desirable and safest communities to live. Respectfully,

Christopher A. Beal
Fire Chief

MAY 6, 2023 ELECTION

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

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| Andrew Miller (Three Year Term): | 87 Votes |
| Blanks | 9 |

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS (Three Year Term):

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| Stephen Whitmore | 48 Votes |
| Wellesley Marsh | 39 Votes |
| David Mason | 5 Votes |
| Blanks | 4 |

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS (Two year Term):

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| David Mason | 60 Votes |
| David Jones | 1 Vote |
| Stephen Whitmore | 1 Vote |
| Wellesley Marsh | 1 Vote |
| Blanks | 33 |

Moderator (Three Year Term):

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| Peter Eleftherakis (Three Year Term) | 89 Votes |
| Blacks | 7 |

Clerk (Three Year Term):

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| Charles Eager | 87 Votes |
| Blanks | 9 |

BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING NOVEMBER 10, 2022

The Moderator, Peter Eleftherakis, opened the Special District Meeting at 7:30 PM held at the Barnstable County Offices, Old Jail Building, Mary Pat Flynn Conference Room, 3195 Main Street, Barnstable, MA. The Moderator then led the meeting participants in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Moderator then explained how the meeting will run. The Moderator requested the Clerk to certify that there was a quorum present. The Clerk reported a quorum was present. The Moderator then requested the Clerk certify the publication of the Warrant. The Clerk certified that the publication of the Meeting Warrant was posted more than 14 days prior to the meeting according to the District By-laws. It was posted on the District's website, at District Office, Fire Station, sent to the Town Clerk and published in the Cape Cod Times. The Moderator then requested a motion on the first article.

Article 1: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted to accept the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant (AFG) under the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) program in the amount of \$1,359,448.92 to hire four (4) additional Firefighters to be employed by the Barnstable Fire Department for a three (3) year period. Said funds to be expended by the Fire Chief with the approval of the Prudential Committee. **Motion passes unanimously**

Article 2: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted to raise transfer and appropriate the sum of \$86,544.00 from funds approved by the District at its Special District Meeting of September 23, 2020 pursuant to Article 4 of the Warrant authorizing the purchase of a Quint Fire Apparatus to be used for turnout gear, medical evaluations, psychological evaluations, uniforms, background checks, and recruit training for the hiring of four (4) additional Firefighters to be employed by the Barnstable Fire Department with funds obtained through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) under Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) as described within Article 1. Said funds to be expended by the Fire Chief with the approval of the Prudential Committee. **Motion passes unanimously**

Article 3: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted to establish a Fire Department Stabilization Fund titled, "Future Budgetary Needs Stabilization Fund" for the purpose of continuing to provide funds for the employment and equipping of the four (4) additional Firefighters to be employed by the Barnstable Fire Department with funds obtained through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) under the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) as described within Article 1 or to take any other action thereon. **Motion passes unanimously**

Article 4: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted to establish a Stabilization Fund for the purpose of providing funds for the operation of and payment of the debt incurred in connection with the construction of the Water Treatment Plant to be constructed adjacent to Breeds Hill Road as approved by the district at the Annual Meeting of May 11, 2022 pursuant to Article 13 that approved the

permitting, bidding, and construction of said new Water Treatment Plant or to take any other action thereon. **Motion passes unanimously**

Article 5: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted to approve the purchase of a new pumper engine for the purchase price of \$901,366.00 less a credit of \$10,000.00 for trade in of the 1996 Pierce Quantum Pumper Engine resulting in a net purchase price of \$891,366.00 to be made by means of a lease purchase agreement providing for 9 annual installment payments commencing in fiscal year 2025, said funds to be expended by the Fire Chief with the approval of the Prudential Committee and to authorize the Prudential Committee to enter into and execute on behalf of the District a lease purchase agreement with the vendor of the said new pumper engine for the lease purchase of said new pumper engine for the net purchase price of \$891,366.00 to be paid in 9 annual installments pursuant to said lease purchase agreement commencing in Fiscal 2025 or to take any other action thereon. **Motion passes by a majority with one nay**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted unanimously to adjourn the Special District Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles W. Eager, Clerk
Barnstable Fire District

**BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT
SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 22, 2023**

District Counsel, Charles Sabbat, acted as Moderator due to the absence of the Moderator, Peter Eleftherakis. Mr. Sabbat opened the Special District Meeting at 7:30 PM with a quorum being present at the Barnstable County Offices, Old Jail Building, Harborview Conference Room, 3195 Main Street, Barnstable, Massachusetts. Mr. Sabbat asked the Clerk to make the return of the Warrant. The Clerk said the Warrant was posted to the District website, posted at the Water and Fire Departments and sent to the Town Clerk and published in the Cape Cod Times more than 14 days prior to the meeting. The Acting Moderator then asked everyone to stand and join in with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Sabbat then introduced all the District officials at the head table. The Acting Moderator then explained there was one article to be voted on and a 2/3 majority was needed to pass. He then explained how the vote will be handled. He then asked for a motion on the article.

Article 1: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$325,000.00 from the District's Stabilization Account for engineering costs for the redesign of the water treatment facility. Said funds to be expended by the Water Commissioner with the approval of the Prudential Committee. The Prudential Committee said they were in favor of the article. **Motion passes unanimously.**

The Acting Moderator then asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the Special District Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles W. Eager, Clerk
Barnstable Fire District

BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING MAY 10, 2023

The Moderator, Peter Eleftherakis, opened the Annual Meeting at 7:30 PM held at the Unitarian Church, 3330 Main Street, Barnstable, MA. The Moderator then led the meeting participants in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Moderator then explain how the meeting will run. The Moderator requested the Clerk to certify that there was a quorum present which he did in the affirmative. The Moderator then requested the Clerk report on the Annual Election. The Clerk then announced the election results. Finally, he requested the Clerk certify the publication of the Warrant. The Clerk certified that the publication of the Meeting Warrant was posted more than 14 days prior to the meeting according to the District By-laws on the District's website, sent to the Town Clerk and published in the Cape Cod Times. It was also posted at the Water Department and Fire Station. The Moderator then introduced the Officials of the District seated at the front table. Chief Christopher Beal read a resolution for retired Deputy Chief Richard Pfautz for his years of service to the District. The Moderator then asked for the Treasurer's report which he provided. The Treasurer reported there were three articles that are sunsetting but would be repurposed if the voters went along with the recommendations. The Moderator asked if anyone would like to sit on the By-law Committee to see him at the end of the meeting. The Moderator then requested a motion on the first article.

Article 1: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted to accept the reports of the officers of the District as printed in the Annual Report. **Motion passes unanimously**

Article 2: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted to raise and appropriate \$9,725.00 for the salaries of elected officials as follows; Prudential Committee Chairman at \$1,250.00, Prudential Committee members at \$1,000.00 each for 2, Board of Water Commissioners Chairman at \$1,250.00, Board of Water Commissioner members at \$1,000.00 each for two, Clerk at \$2,500.00, Moderator at \$125.00 and Tax Collector (Town) at \$600.00 for a total appropriation at \$9,725.00. **Motion passes unanimously**

Article 3: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted to raise and appropriate \$237,165.00 for the operation of the Prudential Committee; said funds to be expended by the Prudential Committee. **Motion passes unanimously**

Article 4: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted to raise and appropriate \$452,167.00 for Debt; said funds to be expended by the Prudential Committee acting by its employee, the Treasurer. **Motion passes unanimously**

Article 5: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted to raise and appropriate \$107,496.96 for interest and agency fees, said funds to be expended by the Prudential Committee acting by its employee the Treasurer. **Motion passes unanimously**

Article 6: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted to raise and appropriate \$1,631,340.00 for the operation of the District; said funds to be expended by the Prudential Committee acting by its employee, the Treasurer. **Motion passes unanimously**

Article 7: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted to raise and appropriate \$872,641.80 for the operation of the Water Department; said funds to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners. **Motion passes by a majority**

Article 8: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted transfer and appropriate from the Ambulance Fund \$500,000.00, transfer and appropriate \$320,000.00 from Free Cash and further raise and appropriate \$2,229,707.60 for a total appropriation of \$3,049,707.60 for the operation of the Fire Department; said funds to be expended by the Fire Chief with the approval of the Prudential Committee. **Motion passes unanimously**

Article 9: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted to raise and appropriate \$5,968.00 to pay the Town of Barnstable for tax billing expenses for Fiscal Year 2024; said funds to be expended by the Prudential Committee acting by its employee, the Treasurer. **Motion passes unanimously**

Article 10: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted to raise and appropriate \$20,000.00 to cover the expense of Ambulance Billing; said funds to be expended by the Prudential Committee; acting by its employee, the Treasurer. **Motion passes unanimously**

Article 11: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted to transfer and appropriate the sum of 225,000.00 for the prior year engineering costs for phase 1 of the water treatment facility. Said funds to be expended by the Water Commissioners. **Motion passed unanimously**

Article 12: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$95,000.00 for water main improvements to Commerce Road, Locust Lane and Harvey Avenue. Said funds to be expended by the Water Commissioners. **Motion passes unanimously**

Article 13: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted to raise and appropriate \$100,000.00 to add funds to the Future Firefighter Costs Stabilization Fund. **Motion passes unanimously**

Article 14: Upon motion duly made and seconded the District voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000.00 for the purchase of a Ford F250 one ton pickup truck with plow and dispose of a 2006 Ford F250 pickup truck in the best interest of the District; said funds to be expended by Fire Chief with the approval of the Prudential Committee. **Motion passes unanimously**

Article 15: Upon motion duly made and seconded the District voted to transfer and appropriate from Article 13 of the May 12,2021 Annual District Meeting the sum of \$15,000.00, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00, for a total appropriation of \$40,000.00 for the purchase USAR brush gear for each member of the Fire Department; said funds to be expended by the Fire Chief, with the approval of the Prudential Committee. **Motion passes unanimously**

Article 16: Upon motion duly made and seconded the District voted to transfer and appropriate from Article 16 of the May 12, 2017 Annual District Meeting, transfer and appropriate the sum of \$3949.40 from Article 11 of the June 10, 2020 Annual District Meeting, and transfer and appropriate from the Ambulance Fund the sum of \$62,350.50 for a total appropriation of \$80,299.90 to purchase (2) Lifepak 15 Cardiac Monitors for the Fire Department. Said funds to be expended by the Fire Chief with the approval of the Prudential Committee. **Motion passes unanimously**

Article 17: Upon motion duly made and seconded the District voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 for Fire Station renovations, including but not limited to HVAC replacement/remodel, front apron remodel, apparatus floor repairs and training room remodel. Said funds to be expended by the Fire Chief with the approval of the Prudential Committee. **Motion passes unanimously**

Article 18: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$60,000.00 to add funds to the Water Department's Stabilization Fund. **Motion passes unanimously**

Article 19: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted to raise and appropriate \$20,000.00 for the Water Department Reserve Account; said funds to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners. **Motion passes unanimously**

Article 20: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted to transfer \$20,000.00 from Free Cash to fund the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund; said funds to be expended by the Prudential Committee acting by its employee, the Treasurer. **Motion passes unanimously**

Article 21: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted to raise and appropriate \$50,000.00 to establish the District Reserve account for fiscal year 2024; said funds to be expended by the Prudential Committee. **Motion passes unanimously**

Article 22: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$100,000.00 to add funds to the District's Stabilization Fund. **Motion passes unanimously**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted unanimously to adjourn the Annual District Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles W. Eager, Clerk
Barnstable Fire District

