

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

**PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING APRIL 8, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Prudential Committee member Peter Eastman at the Water Department Office, 1841 Phinney's Lane, Barnstable. Also, in attendance were Prudential Committee members Andrew Miller and William Jones (Remotely), Water Commissioner Dave Mason, Water Superintendent Sean Anderson, Chief Christopher Beal, Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Brailey, Treasurer Rick Buffington, Moderator Peter Eleftherakis, District Counsel Charles Sabatt and Clerk Charles Eager.

Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept March 11, 2025; minutes as written.

**Water:**

- The Water Department is under budget for FY 2025, 70% spent over 76% of the year.
- Equipment is arriving next Wednesday for pilot study at wells 3 and 4. Pilot study will start on Wednesday and run for 2 weeks. Wells will be offline during this time but could be used in an emergency. Tree removal and site work has been completed for drilling the satellite well at well 3. DL Maher will be drilling the well.
- Maher Services is scheduled to install well 5 Wednesday this week.
- All piping has been completed for the new treatment plant. They have chlorinated the mains outside the building and are sampling today and tomorrow. After that they will begin pressure testing inside the building followed by chlorinating and sampling.
- Superintendent Anderson spoke with Mark Jackson from New England Development and passed along the Board of Water Commissioners sees the connections fees as being separate from the Water Balance Program. He did not seem phased. He will supply an update on where they are with the Water Balance Program but is waiting on more definitive plans to base the numbers on. New water main plans were sent over yesterday afternoon. They were reviewed with the Fire Chief today,

**Fire:**

- Fire Department is on budget for FY 2025. 74% spent over 77% of the year.
- The Town has sent an application for the next phase of the Regional Emergency Communication Center Grant. A decision is expected in June 2025 for the FY 26 grant cycle. Chief was informed by the end of May there will be a meeting for all stakeholders with an update and a plan going forward.
- The Fire Department applied for the Massachusetts State Equipment Supplemental Grant on February 27, 2025, and was awarded an additional \$6,300 for equipment.
- The new Engine 205 preconstruction will start in June 2025. December 2025 is the anticipated delivery date.
- Driver training classes started last month, beginning with Emergency Vehicle Operator Course. All members complete training over a two-day period. FEMA AFG program covers 95% of the cost and the District 5%. The other two classes are scheduled for delivery in May 2025.

- Marine 219 will be going out for its refurbishment of the electronics this month and will be back in the water by May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Call volume continues to trend upwards, 28% higher compared to this period last year.
- The department will be holding forcible entry training this week and structural fire training in the portable training prop this Saturday. These props are available at no cost from Barnstable County

Treasurer:

- The Treasurer is on track to finish FY 2025 under budget.
- The cashbook has been reconciled to the bank and general ledger with no variances.
- Health insurance open enrollment will be May 1 to June 6. Any changes get them to Treasurer by June 9.

Clerk:

- Mentioned taxpayer request to be more transparent on when nomination papers are available. Suggested putting on the Fire Department Board. The Chief said with the number of requests he receives for putting messages on the board this would be impractical for the amount of time it would have to be left on the Fire Department board. Instead of placing it on the board, it was suggested putting it in the Civic Association newsletter, Cummaquid newsletter and Town Councilor's newsletter.

Prudential:

- The Building Committee working with the Architect and the Fire Department has worked on:
  - Received the cost estimate of \$35.2 million.
  - Construction documents have been completed to document phase.
  - The retainer was sent to Sullivan Construction Law for contract review.
  - Revised furniture plans have been received from W.B. Mason and estimates.
  - POs for Traffic Light design at Phinney's Lane, survey for existing buildings at 1841 Phinney's Lane for hazardous material, and surveys for sites at Breed's Hill and Main Street for radio signal strength for the SCADA system until after the Annual Meeting.
  - Continuing work with our state legislators on Article 97 land. May just go for a waive and not put up Article 97 land. There is a meeting with DEP to discuss our options with Article 97. Senator Cyr, Representative Diggs and the District are requesting a waiver,
  - The OPM will be amending the Context Contract for CM at Rick,
  - Waiting on a proposal from the Lorusso Trust about the lease at 255 Breeds Hill for the temporary Water Department offices.
  - Meeting next week to discuss options in case the lease on 255 Breeds Hill falls through the cracks.
  - A RFQ was issued for Trade Contractor qualifications. This is step one of bidding the Trades.
  - We have begun drafting instructions for Trade Bidders. Expect to issue the documents for Trade Bids in early May,
  - Upcoming public forums are scheduled on the new Fire Station including Warrant night.

- The Fire Station Article for the Warrant should be for \$35,200,000 barring any unforeseen circumstances.
- **Motion made, seconded and passed by the Prudential Committee to revised and recommend Article 18 to read \$35,200,000 instead of \$35,000,000.**
- Deputy is requesting permission to take a vacation longer than 14 days as permitted by contract.
- **Motion made, seconded and passed to grant the Deputy's 16 days' vacation recognizing the fact this is an exception to the Contract.**
- The Moderation explains the type of slides he is looking to use on Warrant. The information is more than just the Warrant. The first part of the meeting would be information about the District. Then discuss how to present the Warrant Articles.
- Chairman Jones asked District Counsel if we will have a zoning problem. District Counsel said there could be.
- It was decided not to have a monthly meeting in May.

**Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting.**

**Warrant Night April 29, 2005**

**Annual Meeting – May 14, 2025**