

## **BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT OFFICERS**

### **TERM EXPIRES**

#### **MODERATOR:**

Peter Eleftherakis	2026
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#### **PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE:**

William A. Jones	2027
Andrew Miller	2026
Peter Eastman	2025

#### **BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS:**

Peter S. Myrbeck	2027
Stephen Whitmore	2026
David Mason	2025

#### **DISTRICT CLERK:**

Charles W. Eager, III	2026
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#### **WATER DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT:**

Sean Anderson	N/A
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#### **DISTRICT TREASURER:**

Richard Buffington	N/A
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#### **FIRE CHIEF:**

Christopher Beal	N/A
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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	

## 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.

## **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.

**BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT WATER DEPARTMENT**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2024 ANNUAL REPORT**  
**JULY 1, 2023 – JUNE 30, 2024**  
**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 2024.

The Barnstable Fire District Water Department has been working diligently in 2024 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. The new Water Treatment Facility for wells 2 & 5 went out to bid in October of 2023. It was awarded to Biszko Building Systems Inc. and construction on a new facility began in April 2024. The new facility should be online by May of 2025. 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 online in 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 Water Department received an Emerging Contaminants in Small or Disadvantaged Communities Grant with a contract value of \$2,388,000. The Department was awarded loan forgiveness from the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust for the new treatment plant in the amount of \$2,206,756.

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:

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

The Board of Water Commissioners would like to thank Evelyn G. Bassett for 24 years of dedicated service as a Water Commissioner.

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:  
David B. Mason, Chair  
Stephen F. Whitmore  
Peter Myrbeck

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 2024.

#### RECEIPTS

Water Rates	\$1,826,713.58
Solar Revenues	<u>\$55,491.54</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,882,205.12</b>

#### EXPENDITURES

Capital Expenses	\$	0.00
Insurances	\$	237,658.00
Operations	\$	872,642.00
Debt & interest	\$	<u>337,780.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,448,080.00</b>

#### WATER DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

JULY 1, 2023 – JUNE 30, 2024

Miles of distribution mains as of June 30, 2024	52.0
Total number of service connections as of June 30, 2024	1990
Total water pumped July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024	205,049,000 Gallons
Total water pumped highest week 7/23/23-7/29/2023	7,531,000 Gallons
Total water pumped highest day 8/6/2023	1,771,000 Gallons
Total number of old meters replaced	33
Total number of service calls	471
Total number of tests on back-flow devices	240
Total number of water quality samples performed	242

#### PRECIPITATION \*

JULY 1, 2023 – JUNE 30, 2024

July	1.70"	August	6.88"	September	7.37"
October	1.44"	November	2.56"	December	5.32"
January	8.16"	February	1.20"	March	9.65"
April	3.24"	May	5.81"	June	1.80"

\* As recorded in rain meter at Water Department office. Total Rainfall for Fiscal Year 2024 is **55.13"**

The Board of Water Commissioners

David B. Mason, Chair

Stephen F. Whitmore

Peter Myrbeck

## TREASURER'S REPORT



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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, 2024, 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, 2024, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Basis for Opinion

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.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

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, 2025



**BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT**

**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
BALANCE SHEET  
JUNE 30, 2024**

	General Fund	Ambulance Fund	Capital Project Funds	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Assets:</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,964,222	\$ 1,468,524	\$ -	\$ 424,724	\$ 3,857,470
Investments	1,210,692				1,210,692
Receivables, net of allowance:					
Property taxes	140,750	-	-	-	140,750
Tax liens	321,958	-	-	-	321,958
Departmental and other	373,659	212,570	-	-	586,229
Intergovernmental	-	-	1,217,419	22,829	1,240,248
Due from other funds	381,754	-	-	-	381,754
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>4,393,035</u>	<u>1,681,094</u>	<u>1,217,419</u>	<u>447,553</u>	<u>7,739,101</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources:</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<u>\$ 4,393,035</u>	<u>\$ 1,681,094</u>	<u>\$ 1,217,419</u>	<u>\$ 447,553</u>	<u>\$ 7,739,101</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>					
Warrants and accounts payable	\$ 59,569	\$ -	\$ 90,500	\$ 99	\$ 150,168
Accrued payroll and withholdings	184,723	-	-	16,015	200,738
Retainage payable	-	-	26,722	-	26,722
Appellate tax board liability	21,564	-	-	-	21,564
Tax refunds payable	34,439	-	-	-	34,439
Due to other funds	-	-	381,754	-	381,754
Short-term notes payable	-	-	866,198	-	866,198
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>300,295</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,365,174</u>	<u>16,114</u>	<u>1,681,583</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources:</b>					
Unavailable revenues - property taxes	285,561	-	-	-	285,561
Unavailable revenues - department and other	373,659	212,570	-	-	586,229
<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<u>659,220</u>	<u>212,570</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>871,790</u>
<b>Fund Balances:</b>					
Restricted	-	1,468,524	73,731	431,439	1,973,694
Committed	397,614	-	-	-	397,614
Assigned	599,964	-	-	-	599,964
Unassigned	2,435,942	-	(221,486)	-	2,214,456
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<u>3,433,520</u>	<u>1,468,524</u>	<u>(147,755)</u>	<u>431,439</u>	<u>5,185,728</u>
<b>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances</b>	<u>\$ 4,393,035</u>	<u>\$ 1,681,094</u>	<u>\$ 1,217,419</u>	<u>\$ 447,553</u>	<u>\$ 7,739,101</u>

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, 2024**

	General Fund	Ambulance Fund	Capital Project Funds	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Property taxes	\$ 5,024,012	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,024,012
Intergovernmental	-	135,187	1,157,398	495,325	1,787,910
Departmental and other revenue	1,889,477	581,223	100	20,365	2,491,165
License and permits	3,798	-	-	-	3,798
Penalties and interest on taxes	23,961	-	-	-	23,961
Investment income	139,056	-	-	-	139,056
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>7,080,304</u>	<u>716,410</u>	<u>1,157,498</u>	<u>515,690</u>	<u>9,469,902</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
Current:					
Prudential operations	1,780,593	-	-	-	1,780,593
Fire and ambulance operations	3,339,755	-	7,773	415,297	3,762,825
Water operations	948,453	-	867,304	-	1,815,757
Debt service:					
Principal	248,110	-	-	-	248,110
Interest expense	105,196	-	-	-	105,196
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>6,422,107</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>875,077</u>	<u>415,297</u>	<u>7,712,481</u>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</b>	<u>658,197</u>	<u>716,410</u>	<u>282,421</u>	<u>100,393</u>	<u>1,757,421</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>					
Transfers in	562,350	-	429,057	-	991,407
Transfers out	(429,057)	(562,350)	-	-	(991,407)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<u>133,293</u>	<u>(562,350)</u>	<u>429,057</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Changes in Fund Balances</b>	791,490	154,060	711,478	100,393	1,757,421
Fund Balances - Beginning of year	<u>2,642,030</u>	<u>1,314,464</u>	<u>(859,233)</u>	<u>331,046</u>	<u>3,428,307</u>
Fund Balances - End of year	<u>\$ 3,433,520</u>	<u>\$ 1,468,524</u>	<u>\$ (147,755)</u>	<u>\$ 431,439</u>	<u>\$ 5,185,728</u>

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

**BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT**  
**FY 2025 OPERATING BUDGET REQUESTS**

**PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

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DEPARTMENT	FY 2025 BUDGET		FY 2024 BUDGET		% CHANGE
FIRE					
SALARIES	\$	2,952,452.44	\$	2,719,737.60	\$ 232,714.84 8.56%
EQUIPMENT	\$	26,050.00	\$	26,050.00	\$ - 0.00%
VEHICLE EXPENSE	\$	54,000.00	\$	47,000.00	\$ 7,000.00 14.89%
UTILITIES	\$	11,000.00	\$	21,000.00	\$ (10,000.00) -47.62%
MAINTENANCE	\$	80,610.00	\$	70,610.00	\$ 10,000.00 14.16%
TRAINING PERSONNEL	\$	77,800.00	\$	67,800.00	\$ 10,000.00 14.75%
OFFICE	\$	17,860.00	\$	17,860.00	\$ - 0.00%
E.M.S. SUPPLIES/ASSESSMENT	\$	76,933.45	\$	72,450.00	\$ 4,483.45 6.19%
TRAINING CHIEF	\$		\$	-	\$ - 0.00%
LEGAL AND FIRE PREVENTION	\$	7,200.00	\$	7,200.00	\$ - 0.00%
TOTAL FIRE	\$	3,303,905.89	\$	3,049,707.60	\$254,198.29 7.69%
WATER					
SALARIES	\$	495,330.72	\$	436,061.80	\$ 59,268.92 13.59%
UTILITIES	\$	49,545.00	\$	48,680.00	\$ 865.00 1.78%
MAINTENANCE	\$	174,200.00	\$	131,000.00	\$ 43,200.00 32.98%
WATER QUALITY	\$	165,000.00	\$	165,000.00	\$ - 0.00%
PROFESSIONAL EXPENSE	\$	48,900.00	\$	46,500.00	\$ 2,400.00 5.16%
OFFICE EXPENSE	\$	25,400.00	\$	24,300.00	\$ 1,100.00 4.53%
UNIFORMS	\$	2,100.00	\$	2,100.00	\$ - 0.00%
RESERVE COVERAGE					\$ - 0.00%
VEHICLE EXPENSE	\$	19,000.00	\$	19,000.00	\$ - 0.00%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS					
TOTAL WATER	\$	979,475.72	\$	872,641.80	\$ 106,833.92 12.24%
TREASURER					
GROUP INSURANCE	\$	1,129,298.00	\$	999,350.00	\$ 129,948.00 13.00%
RETIREMENT	\$	649,127.00	\$	566,046.00	\$ 83,081.00 14.68%
MEDICARE/FICA/DET	\$	54,585.00	\$	52,994.00	\$ 1,591.00 3.00%
FINANCIAL EXPENSE	\$	850.00	\$	850.00	\$ - 0.00%
PAYROLL EXPENSE	\$	2,730.00	\$	2,600.00	\$ 130.00 5.00%
OFFICE EXPENSE	\$	2,100.00	\$	2,100.00	\$ - 0.00%
DEBT(PRINCIPAL)	\$	669,450.92	\$	452,167.00	\$ 217,283.92 48.05%
DEBT (INTEREST & AGENCY)	\$	159,560.06	\$	107,496.96	\$ 52,063.10 48.43%
TREASURER'S EXPENSE	\$	2,100.00	\$	2,300.00	\$ (200.00) -8.70%
COMPUTER MAINTENANCE/SUPPORT	\$	5,700.00	\$	5,100.00	\$ 600.00 11.76%
TOTAL TREASURER	\$	2,675,500.98	\$	2,191,003.96	\$ 484,497.02 22.11%
PRUDENTIAL					
SALARIES (ELECTED)	\$	10,725.00	\$	9,725.00	\$ 1,000.00 10.28%
SALARIES (APPOINTED)	\$	107,915.00	\$	86,646.00	\$ 21,269.00 24.55%
CONTINGENCY	\$	7,800.00	\$	8,000.00	\$ (200.00) -2.50%
FINANCIAL EXPENSE	\$	19,000.00	\$	19,000.00	\$ - 0.00%
LEGAL	\$	5,500.00	\$	5,500.00	\$ - 0.00%
INSURANCE	\$	104,250.00	\$	97,050.00	\$ 7,200.00 7.42%
CLERK'S EXPENSES	\$	2,310.00	\$	2,310.00	\$ - 0.00%
STREET LIGHT	\$	29,000.00	\$	31,600.00	\$ (2,600.00) -8.23%
EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	\$	4,200.00	\$	4,200.00	\$ - 0.00%
TOTAL PRUDENTIAL	\$	290,700.00	\$	264,031.00	\$26,669.00 10.10%
FY2025 TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$	7,249,582.59	\$	6,377,384.36	\$872,198.23 13.68%

**BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT**  
**FY 2025 BUDGET SUMMARY**

April 2, 2025

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**FY 2025 OPERATING BUDGET** \$ 7,249,582.59

**OTHER FY 2025 EXPENDITURES**

FIRE DEPARTMENT ARTICLES	\$	783,106.72
WATER DEPARTMENT ARTICLES	\$	640,000.00
DISTRICT RESERVE FUND	\$	50,000.00
TREASURER ARTICLES	\$	-
AMBULANCE BILLING	\$	20,000.00
LAND ARTICLE		
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 2025 EXPENDITURES** \$ 8,948,657.31

**Allowance for Abatements** \$ 50,000.00

**FY 2025 FUNDING SOURCE**

WATER REVENUE	\$	1,200,000.00
INVESTMENT INCOME	\$	25,000.00
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 WTR TRTMNT STABILIZATION	\$	162,555.00
OLD ARTICLES WATER DEPT	\$	76,688.16
OLD ARTICLES FIRE DEPT	\$	3,391.61
TRANSFER FROM DISTRICT STABILIZATION	\$	-
TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH	\$	580,000.00
TRANSFER FROM AMBULANCE FUND	\$	1,042,043.00
TRANSFER FROM SYSTEM IMP ACCOUNT		
TRANSFER FROM OVERLAY SURPLUS		
BORROWING		

**TOTAL INCOME/TRANSFERS** \$ 3,128,677.77

**NET TO BE RAISED** \$ 5,869,979.54

**FIRE DISTRICT REAL ESTATE VALUATION** \$2,557,248,090.00 Under LA-4; RE/PP Value

**FY 2025 TAX RATE** \$ 2.30 Actual

# **Barnstable Fire Department FY 2024 Annual Report**

## **Emergency Incidents**

The Barnstable Fire Department responded to a total of 1863 incidents during Fiscal Year 2024. This represents a 15% increase over FY23. The following is a summary of incident types that the department responded to during Fiscal Year 2024:

- 1,177 Emergency Medical Incidents including Motor Vehicle Accidents.
- 285 Incidents for smoke investigations, electrical emergencies, hazmat incidents, and service calls.
- 351 Alarm investigations including fire alarm, CO alarm, and sprinkler alarms.
- 42 Fires including building, vehicle, brush, and chimney fires.
- 8 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 \$28,100 from fires for fiscal year 2024. This is a significant decrease over the previous 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:

- 245 Annual inspections of commercial properties
- 56 Smoke and CO alarm inspections for the resale of residential properties
- 47 Fire alarm, sprinkler system and hood inspections
- 32 Oil burner, oil tank installation, oil tank removal, and LPG tank inspections
- 129 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
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**Group 1:**

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

**Group 2:**

Captain/Paramedic:	Nicholas Black
Lt/EMT/MM:	Ryan Smith
FF/Paramedic:	Michael Watts
FF/Paramedic:	Austin Osborn
FF/EMT:	Daniel Black

**Group 3:**

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

**Group 4:**

Captain/ Paramedic:	Brian Tyson
Lt./EMT:	Brian Cabral
FF/Paramedic:	Adam Penni
FF/EMT:	Alexander Smith
FF/Paramedic:	William Murray

## **Personnel Changes**

As we transitioned to a 5-member shift after being awarded a FEMA SAFER Grant covering the cost of 4 new firefighters, we worked very closely with both the Prudential Committee and Barnstable Professional Firefighters Local 3276 to negotiate the addition of another rank to our organization. Together we decided to add the rank of Lieutenant to our department and after an arduous and comprehensive examination process are happy to introduce our four new Lieutenants to you all now.

Group 1 – Lieutenant/Paramedic Matthew Goodwin  
Group 2 – Lieutenant/EMT/Master Mechanic Ryan Smith  
Group 3 – Lieutenant/EMT John Fleming  
Group 4 – Lieutenant/EMT Brian Cabral

In Fiscal Year 2024 we were also able to add a fire department chaplain. The Barnstable Fire Department has never had a chaplain so when we were approached to add one, we did not know where to begin. Luckily for us Pastor Joshua Adams was known to a few of our members and had already been trying to find a department to work with. Pastor Adams comes from a service-based family and works with his brother, who is the fire department chaplain for the COMM Fire Department, with the Barnstable Police Department. Pastor Adams has had extensive training and is working towards his credentialing from the Massachusetts Fire Chaplain council.

## **Training and Education**

Lieutenant/EMT/Master Mechanic 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.

Two (2) 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.

The Barnstable Fire Department currently has four (4) 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. Captain Nicholas Black, Firefighter Frederico Nogueira 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 2024, members of the Barnstable Fire Department educated the public on the safe installation of 50 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 2024, the Barnstable Fire District was awarded the following grants:

#### **Massachusetts Office of Public Safety Grants**

In the Fall of 2023, 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 February of 2024 the Barnstable Fire Department was notified they were awarded a grant in the amount of \$8,905.78 to be used to purchase personal floatation devices, two (2) Electric Vehicle shut off tools, and 5 sets of protective ballistics. With the addition of this personal protective equipment and tools, the members will be able to safely execute their responsibilities to the residents and visitors.

#### **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 2023, we applied for, and were reimbursed \$135,187.00 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**

This year, Captain Brian Tyson initiated a joint grant application between the Barnstable Fire Department and the West Barnstable Fire Department to the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services. The application for the Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) program and the SENIOR S.A.F.E. Program was successful, securing \$10,800.00. This funding will be used to provide fire education within the school system and the broader community.

The Barnstable Fire Department places significant emphasis on prevention and education, particularly in schools, by highlighting the importance of the 9-1-1 emergency reporting system, conducting exit drills,



practicing stop-drop-and-roll, and educating about the fire service's role in the community. Beyond school-based programs, the department also offers various adult public education initiatives, including hands-only Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), Automated External Defibrillation (AED) training, fire extinguisher training, and customized emergency services education for community groups. While all personnel contribute to fire safety education, Captain Brian Tyson leads the grant application process and serves as the primary S.A.F.E. educator in the schools. These grants are highly competitive and require meeting specific criteria for approval. We look forward to collaborating with the West Barnstable Fire Department this year to provide these valuable programs to both communities.

### **Volunteer Efforts**

Ms. Judy Scarafale 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 11<sup>th</sup>. 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 4, 2024 ELECTION

### PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

William A. Jones (Three Year Term):	45 Votes
Scatterings	2

### BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS (Three Year Term):

Peter S. Myrbeck	44 Votes
Scattering	1
Blanks	2

# **BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING MAY 8, 2024**

The Moderator, Peter Eleftherakis, opened the Annual Meeting at 7:30 PM held at the Barnstable County Offices, Old Jail Building, Mary Pat Flynn Conference Room, Barnstable County Complex, 3195 Main Street, Barnstable MA. The Moderator then led the meeting participants in the Pledge of Allegiance. 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 7 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 had the Officials of the District introduce themselves. The Moderator then asked the Treasurer to report on any sunsetting articles. The Treasurer reported there were articles that are sunsetting but would be repurposed if the voters go along with the recommendations. Town Councilor Gordon Starr and State Representative Kip Diggs recognized outgoing Water Commissioner Evelyn Bassett for her service. Gordon Starr read a proclamation from the Town Council thanking her for her 24 years of service. The Moderator then explained how the meeting will run. The Fire Chief Christopher Beal then read proclamations for retired Firefighter Edward Poirier and retired Fire Chief Francis Pulsifer for their years of service to the District. Board of Water Commissioners Chairman David Mason ready a proclamation for retired Water Superintendent Thomas Rooney for his years of service to the District. The Moderator requested a motion for 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 passed unanimously**

**Article 2:** Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted to raise and appropriate \$10,725.00 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 \$3,500.00, Moderator at \$125.00 and Tax Collector (Town) at \$600.00. **Motion passed unanimously**

**Article 3:** Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted to raise and appropriate \$279,975.00 for the operation of the Prudential Committee; said funds to be expended by the Prudential Committee. **Motion passed unanimously**

**Article 4:** Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted to transfer and appropriate \$162,555.00 from the Water Treatment Stabilization Fund and raise and appropriate \$506,895.92, for a total appropriation of \$669,450.92 for Debt; said funds to be expended by the Prudential Committee acting by its employee, the Treasurer. **Motion passed unanimously**

**Article 5:** Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted to raise and appropriate \$159,560.06 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 \$1,846,490.00 for the operation of the District; said funds to be expended by the Prudential Committee acting by its employee, the Treasurer. **Motion passed unanimously**

**Article 7:** Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted to raise and appropriate \$979,475.72 for the operation of the Water Department; said funds to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners. **Motion passed unanimously**

**Article 8:** Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted transfer and appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$400,000.00, transfer and appropriate from the Ambulance Fund the sum of \$400,000.00 from Free Cash and raise and appropriate \$2,503,905.89 for a total appropriation of \$3,303,905.89 for the operation of the Fire Department; said funds to be expended by the Fire Chief with the approval of the Prudential Committee. **Motion passed 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 2025; said funds to be expended by the Prudential Committee acting by its employee, the Treasurer. **Motion passed unanimously**

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

**Article 11:** Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 90,000.00 for a ¾ ton Regular Cab pickup truck with plow package and safety accessories, and to dispose of a 2014 Ford pickup truck in the best interest of the District. Said funds to be expended by the Water Commissioners with the approval of the Prudential Committee. **Motion passed unanimously**

**Article 12:** Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted to transfer and appropriate from the Ambulance Fund the sum of \$ 100,000.00 to add funds to the Fire Department Future Staffing Stabilization Fund. **Motion passed unanimously**

**Article 13:** Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 100,000.00 for a pilot study required by the Department of Environmental Protection for the removal of iron and manganese from well numbers 3 and 4 for the Water Department. Said funds to be expended by the Water Commissioners with the approval of the Prudential Committee. **Motion passed unanimously**

**Article 14:** Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted to vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 373,311.84, transfer and appropriate the sum of \$ 48,500.00 from Article 17 of the June 10, 2020 Annual District Meeting; transfer and appropriate the sum of \$ 5,500.00 from Article 17, transfer

and appropriate the sum of \$ 13,846.35 from Article 18, transfer and appropriate the sum of \$ 352.80 from Article 19, and transfer and appropriate the sum of \$8,489.01 from Article 21, in the aggregate amount of \$ 76,688.16 of the May 15, 2019 Annual District Meeting, for a total appropriation of \$450,000.00 for the purpose of providing engineering, exploratory drilling, pump tests and pump test reports to the Department of Environmental Protection for locating a suitable site to replace well # 3 for the Water Department. Said funds to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners with the approval of the Prudential Committee. **Motion passed unanimously**

**Article 15:** Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted to transfer and appropriate from the Ambulance Fund the sum of \$ 482,043.00 for a new ambulance for the Fire Department, and to dispose of a 2013 Ford F550 ambulance in the best interest of the district. Said funds to be expended by the Fire Chief with the approval of the Prudential Committee. **Motion passed unanimously**

**Article 16:** Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 46,608.39, and transfer and appropriate \$ 3,391.60 from Article 2 of the September 23, 2020, Special District Meeting for structural turnout gear for the Fire Department. Said funds to be expended by the Fire Chief with the approval of the Prudential Committee. **Motion passed unanimously**

**Article 17:** Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted to transfer and appropriate from the Ambulance Fund the sum of \$ 60,000.00 for electronics for Marine 219 (Safe Boat) for the Fire Department. Said funds to be expended by the Fire Chief with the approval of the Prudential Committee. **Motion passed unanimously**

**Article 18:** Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted to authorize the Treasurer to borrow and appropriate the sum of \$ 1,200,000.00 for the design and engineering costs for the proposed construction of a new fire station. Said funds to be expended by the Fire Chief with the approval of the Prudential Committee. **Motion passed unanimously – Meets 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority requirement**

**Article 19:** 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 Stabilization Fund. **Motion passed unanimously**

**Article 20:** Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted to raise and appropriate \$20,000.00 for the Water Department Reserve Account for FY 2025. Said funds to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners with the approval of the Prudential Committee. **Motion passed unanimously**

**Article 21:** Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted to transfer \$20,000.00 from Free Cash 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 passed unanimously**

**Article 22:** Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted to raise and appropriate \$50,000.00 to establish the District Reserve account for FY 2025; said funds to be expended by the Prudential Committee. **Motion passed unanimously**

**Article 23:** 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 passed unanimously**

**Article 24:** Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 91,063.72 for hiring, equipping and training (1) Firefighter/Paramedic or Firefighter/EMT. Said funds to be expended by the Fire Chief with the approval of the Prudential Committee. **Motion passed unanimously**

**Article 25:** Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted to amend the Bylaws of the District as set forth within Warrant Article 25 by amending the following Articles of the Bylaws, all as stated and set forth within said Warrant Article 25: Articles III, Article IV, Article V, Article VI and Article VII. **Motion passed unanimously – Meets 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority requirement**

Prudential Chairman William Jones, on behalf of the elected officials and employees of the District, would like to thank Evelyn Bassett for her 24 years of service.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Charles W. Eager, Clerk  
Barnstable Fire District



