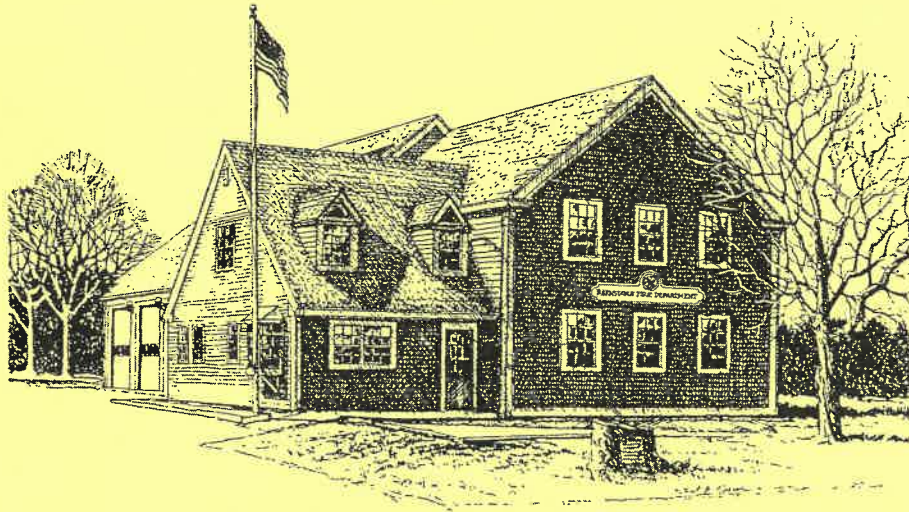




Barnstable Fire District



Annual Report Fiscal Year 2022

Barnstable, Massachusetts

Annual Election: Saturday, May 6, 2023 8:30 - 11:30 AM
Barnstable Fire Station

Annual Meeting: Wednesday, May 10, 2023 7:30 PM

IN RECOGNITION

Richard P. Pfautz

RESOLUTION

- Whereas: Our retired Deputy Fire Chief has served generously with his time and effort in the interest of the District, during the past 32 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 Richard P. Pfautz 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 2023 Annual Meeting.

BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT OFFICERS

TERM EXPIRES

MODERATOR:

Peter Eleftherakis	2023
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PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE:

Peter Eastman	2025
William Jones	2024
Andrew Miller	2023

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS:

David Jones	2025
Evelyn Bassett	2024
Stephen Whitmore	2023

DISTRICT CLERK:

Charles W. Eager, III	2023
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WATER DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT:

Thomas Rooney	N/A
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DISTRICT TREASURER:

Richard Buffington	N/A
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FIRE CHIEF:

Francis M. Pulsifer	N/A
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Address: 1841 Phinney's Lane, Box 546	
Barnstable, MA 02630	

Fire Department Telephone	(508) 362-3312 (non-emergency)
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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, 2022, 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, 2022, 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 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
December 20, 2022

BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2022

	General Fund	Ambulance Fund	Capital Project Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,323,001	\$ 1,244,850	\$ 310,290	\$ 2,878,141
Investments	1,499,087			1,499,087
Receivables, net of allowance:				
Property taxes	144,158	-	-	144,158
Departmental and other	569,919	187,199	-	757,118
Intergovernmental	-	-	785,746	785,746
Total Assets	<u>3,536,165</u>	<u>1,432,049</u>	<u>1,096,036</u>	<u>6,064,250</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources:	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$ 3,536,165</u>	<u>\$ 1,432,049</u>	<u>\$ 1,096,036</u>	<u>\$ 6,064,250</u>
Liabilities:				
Warrants and accounts payable	\$ 30,437	\$ -	\$ 104,048	\$ 134,485
Accrued payroll and withholdings	129,822	-	-	129,822
Retainage payable	-	-	45,850	45,850
Appellate tax board liability	53,932	-	-	53,932
Other liabilities	378	-	-	378
Short-term notes payable	-	-	2,732,756	2,732,756
Total Liabilities	<u>214,569</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,882,654</u>	<u>3,097,223</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources:				
Unavailable revenues - property taxes	282,918	-	-	282,918
Unavailable revenues - department and other	353,765	187,199	-	540,964
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>636,683</u>	<u>187,199</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>823,882</u>
Fund Balances:				
Restricted	-	1,244,850	210,762	1,455,612
Committed	241,750	-	-	241,750
Assigned	518,542	-	-	518,542
Unassigned	1,924,621	-	(1,997,380)	(72,759)
Total Fund Balances	<u>2,684,913</u>	<u>1,244,850</u>	<u>(1,786,618)</u>	<u>2,143,145</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 3,536,165</u>	<u>\$ 1,432,049</u>	<u>\$ 1,096,036</u>	<u>\$ 6,064,250</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, 2022**

	General Fund	Ambulance Fund	Capital Project Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:				
Property taxes	\$ 4,055,620	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,055,620
Intergovernmental	-	127,268	834,951	962,219
Departmental and other revenue	1,311,473	492,106	28,629	1,832,208
License and permits	4,130	-	-	4,130
Penalties and interest on taxes	13,882	-	-	13,882
Investment income	(38,794)	-	-	(38,794)
Total Revenues	<u>5,346,311</u>	<u>619,374</u>	<u>863,580</u>	<u>6,829,265</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Prudential operations	1,732,657	-	-	1,732,657
Fire and ambulance operations	3,213,830	-	1,220,476	4,434,306
Water operations	759,388	-	1,428,938	2,188,326
Debt service:				
Principal	175,000	-	-	175,000
Interest expense	76,920	-	-	76,920
Total Expenditures	<u>5,957,795</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,649,414</u>	<u>8,607,209</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>(611,484)</u>	<u>619,374</u>	<u>(1,785,834)</u>	<u>(1,777,944)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Transfers in	620,000	-	112,439	732,439
Transfers out	(112,439)	(620,000)	-	(732,439)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>507,561</u>	<u>(620,000)</u>	<u>112,439</u>	<u>-</u>
Changes in Fund Balances	<u>(103,923)</u>	<u>(626)</u>	<u>(1,673,395)</u>	<u>(1,777,944)</u>
Fund Balances - Beginning of year, as restated	<u>2,788,836</u>	<u>1,245,476</u>	<u>(113,223)</u>	<u>3,921,089</u>
Fund Balances - End of year	<u>\$ 2,684,913</u>	<u>\$ 1,244,850</u>	<u>\$ (1,786,618)</u>	<u>\$ 2,143,145</u>

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT PRUDENTIAL REPORT
FY 2023 OPERATING BUDGET REQUESTS

DEPARTMENT	FY 2023 BUDGET		FY 2022 BUDGET		% CHANGE
FIRE					
SALARIES	\$	2,581,365.52	\$	2,499,675.21	\$ 81,690.31 3.27%
EQUIPMENT	\$	40,450.00	\$	40,450.00	\$ - 0.00%
VEHICLE EXPENSE	\$	39,500.00	\$	39,500.00	\$ - 0.00%
UTILITIES	\$	21,000.00	\$	21,000.00	\$ - 0.00%
MAINTENANCE	\$	67,600.00	\$	54,200.00	\$ 13,400.00 24.72%
TRAINING PERSONNEL	\$	59,550.00	\$	59,550.00	\$ - 0.00%
OFFICE	\$	17,860.00	\$	16,360.00	\$ 1,500.00 9.17%
E.M.S. SUPPLIES/ASSESSMENT	\$	61,850.00	\$	58,384.31	\$ 3,465.69 5.94%
TRAINING CHIEF	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00	\$ - 0.00%
LEGAL AND FIRE PREVENTION	\$	7,200.00	\$	7,200.00	\$ - 0.00%
TOTAL FIRE	\$	2,901,375.52	\$	2,801,319.52	\$ 100,056.00 3.45%
WATER					
SALARIES	\$	417,625.42	\$	394,506.00	\$ 23,119.42 5.86%
UTILITIES	\$	47,065.00	\$	50,750.00	\$ (3,685.00) -7.26%
MAINTENANCE	\$	131,000.00	\$	129,000.00	\$ 2,000.00 1.55%
WATER QUALITY	\$	120,000.00	\$	105,000.00	\$ 15,000.00 14.29%
PROFESSIONAL EXPENSE	\$	39,500.00	\$	43,500.00	\$ (4,000.00) -9.20%
OFFICE EXPENSE	\$	24,300.00	\$	20,300.00	\$ 4,000.00 19.70%
UNIFORMS	\$	2,100.00	\$	2,100.00	\$ - 0.00%
RESERVE COVERAGE			\$		\$ -
VEHICLE EXPENSE	\$	18,500.00	\$	4,000.00	\$ 14,500.00 362.50%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS					
TOTAL WATER	\$	800,090.42	\$	749,156.00	\$ 50,934.42 6.37%
TREASURER					
GROUP INSURANCE	\$	909,115.00	\$	927,580.00	\$ (18,465.00) -1.99%
RETIREMENT	\$	586,546.00	\$	524,084.00	\$ 62,462.00 11.92%
MEDICARE/FICA/DET	\$	51,450.00	\$	49,950.00	\$ 1,500.00 3.00%
FINANCIAL EXPENSE	\$	850.00	\$	850.00	\$ - 0.00%
PAYROLL EXPENSE	\$	2,600.00	\$	2,500.00	\$ 100.00 4.00%
OFFICE EXPENSE	\$	2,100.00	\$	2,100.00	\$ - 0.00%
DEBT(PRINCIPAL)	\$	384,057.00	\$	287,439.00	\$ 96,618.00 33.61%
DEBT(INTEREST & AGENCY)	\$	78,968.56	\$	94,096.77	\$ (15,128.21) -16.08%
TREASURER'S EXPENSE	\$	2,300.00	\$	2,300.00	\$ - 0.00%
COMPUTER MAINTENANCE/SUPPORT	\$	4,600.00	\$	4,400.00	\$ 200.00 4.55%
TOTAL TREASURER	\$	2,022,586.56	\$	1,895,299.77	\$ 127,286.79 6.72%
PRUDENTIAL					
SALARIES (ELECTED)	\$	9,725.00	\$	9,725.00	\$ - 0.00%
SALARIES (APPOINTED)	\$	84,205.00	\$	81,751.00	\$ 2,454.00 3.00%
CONTINGENCY	\$	7,900.00	\$	9,300.00	\$ (1,400.00) -15.05%
FINANCIAL EXPENSE	\$	19,000.00	\$	25,000.00	\$ (6,000.00) -24.00%
LEGAL	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00	\$ - 0.00%
INSURANCE	\$	91,000.00	\$	95,850.00	\$ (4,850.00) -5.06%
CLERK'S EXPENSES	\$	2,260.00	\$	2,495.00	\$ (235.00) -9.42%
STREET LIGHT	\$	24,000.00	\$	24,500.00	\$ (500.00) -2.04%
EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	\$	3,800.00	\$	3,800.00	\$ - 0.00%
TOTAL PRUDENTIAL	\$	246,890.00	\$	257,421.00	\$ (10,531.00) -4.09%
FY2023 TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$	5,970,942.50	\$	5,703,196.29	\$ 267,746.21 4.69%

***BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT
FY 2023 BUDGET SUMMARY***

FY 2023 OPERATING BUDGET \$ 5,970,942.50

OTHER FY 2023 EXPENDITURES

FIRE DEPARTMENT ARTICLES	
WATER DEPARTMENT ARTICLES	\$ -
DISTRICT RESERVE FUND	\$ 50,000.00
TREASURER ARTICLES	\$ 20,000.00
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 2023 EXPENDITURES \$ 6,266,910.50 must agree with total request next page

FY 2023 FUNDING SOURCE

WATER REVENUE	\$ 1,100,000.00
INVESTMENT INCOME	\$ 5,500.00
OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	\$ 3,000.00
SOLAR PANEL REVENUE	\$ 25,000.00
PENALTIES & INTEREST ON TAXES	\$ 5,500.00

TRANSFERS (TO REDUCE TAXES)

TRANSFER FROM DISTRICT STABILIZATION	
TRANSFER FROM WATER STABILIZATION	
SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENTS	
OLD ARTICLES WATER DEPT	\$ -
OLD ARTICLE FIRE DEPT	\$ 3,725.00
OLD ARTICLE PRUDENTIAL	
TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH	\$ 500,000.00
TRANSFER FROM AMBULANCE FUND	\$ 600,000.00
WATER DEPARTMENT DONATIONS	
TRANSFER FROM OVERLAY SURPLUS	
BORROWING	

TOTAL INCOME/TRANSFERS \$ 2,242,725.00

NET TO BE RAISED \$ 4,024,185.50

FIRE DISTRICT REAL ESTATE VALUATION \$ 2,096,417,120.00 Under LA-4; RE/PP Value

FY 2023 TAX RATE \$ 1.91 Actual

Barnstable Fire Department FY 2022 Annual Report

Emergency Incidents

The Barnstable Fire Department responded to a total of 1,627 incidents during Fiscal Year 2022. This represents an 8.9% increase in run volume since last year. The following is a summary of incident types that the department responded to during Fiscal Year 2022:

- 956 Emergency Medical Incidents including Motor Vehicle Accidents
- 188 Incidents for smoke investigations, electrical emergencies, hazmat incidents, and service calls
- 457 Alarm investigations including fire alarm, CO alarm, and sprinkler alarms
- 17 Fires including building, vehicle, brush, and chimney fires
- 9 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 \$201,601.00 from fires for fiscal year 2022. This is an 8% reduction from the previous 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:

- 125 Annual inspections of commercial properties
- 72 Smoke and CO alarm inspections for the resale of residential properties
- 27 Fire alarm and sprinkler system inspections
- 33 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

Fire Department
Career Personnel

Administration:

Fire Chief:	Francis M. Pulsifer
Deputy Chief:	Christopher A. Beal
Administrative Assistant:	Karen Hickey

Day Shift – EMS Officer:

FF/Paramedic:	Keith Stranger
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Group 1:

Captain/Paramedic:	J. Neil Tuepker
FF/Paramedic:	Matthew Goodwin
FF/EMT:	Ryan Jones
FF/EMT:	Frederico Nogueira

Group 2:

Captain/Paramedic:	Kevin Brailey
FF/EMT:	Edward Poirier
FF/EMT:	Brian Cabral
FF/Paramedic:	Michael Watts

Group 3:

Capt./Paramedic:	Robert Cecil
FF/EMT:	John Fleming
FF/Paramedic:	James Giannelli
FF/Paramedic:	Austin Osborne

Group 4:

Captain/ Paramedic:	Brian Tyson
FF/Paramedic:	Adam Penni
FF/EMT:	Ryan Smith
FF/Paramedic:	Nicholas Black

Personnel Changes

Deputy Fire Chief Richard Pfautz retired on February 1, 2022, after 32 Years of Service to the Barnstable Fire District. Deputy Pfautz has played an important and pivotal role in the department's success over the past 32 years. In addition to being a highly competent and well-respected firefighter, his unique skills have earned him leadership positions with the marine units in the department and as a founding member of the Barnstable County Technical Rescue Team. In 2009, Deputy Pfautz was awarded the Medal of Valor (the second-highest distinction in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts) for saving the life of a distressed windsurfer in rapidly deteriorating conditions.

With the retirement of Deputy Pfautz, Captain Christopher Beal has been selected as Barnstable Fire Department's next Deputy Fire Chief effective February 1, 2022. Deputy Beal has more than 20 years of experience in the fire and emergency services field, including the last 10 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. 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 Deputy Fire Chief with the Barnstable Fire Department. Information on promotional events to be posted soon.

With the promotion of Deputy Beal, a Captain's position became available. This position was filled by EMS Officer Neil Tuepker. Captain Tuepker has been a member of the Barnstable Fire Department since July of 2000 and a career member since August of 2004. Captain Tuepker is a past Rescue Specialist with Massachusetts Task Force 1, a FEMA Urban Search and Rescue team based in Beverly MA and was deployed twice for Hurricanes Irene and Sandy. He is also a member and team leader of the Barnstable County Technical Rescue Team, a member of the Cape and Islands Critical Incident Stress Management Team, a Child Passenger Safety Technician, and a member of the Barnstable Fire Department Capital Improvement Committee. Captain Tuepker has been a paramedic since 2010 and recently finished his Bachelor's Degree in Fire Science with a concentration in Fire Administration from Columbia Southern University. He is a past Executive Board member of both the Barnstable Fire Fighters Association and Barnstable Professional Firefighter Local 3276. Captain Tuepker has two children, Owen, and Ava.

With Captain Tuepker's promotion the EMS Officer position became vacant and was filled by Keith Stranger. EMS Officer Stranger holds an Associate Degree in Fire Science from Columbia Southern University and is currently working towards his Bachelor of Science Degree in Fire Administration. EMS Officer Stranger obtained his EMT certification in 2006 followed by his Paramedic certification in 2009. Prior to working for the Barnstable Fire Department, he was a member of the West Barnstable Fire Department for 9 years as a call firefighter with the last 4 being full-time. EMS Officer Stranger graduated from the Massachusetts Career Firefighting Academy in 2017 and joined the Barnstable Fire Department in June of 2018 as a Firefighter/Paramedic. While continuing to work for the Barnstable Fire Department, EMS Officer Stranger also works as a lab instructor for the EMT and Paramedic Programs at Cape Cod Community College. EMS Officer Stranger currently lives in Barnstable village with his wife Kaitlyn and their two daughters Kelsey and Mackenzie.

With the recent promotions a position on the floor became vacant and through a very competitive process we are happy to announce that we have hired FF/Paramedic Austin Osborn. FF Osborn is a 2013 graduate of Barnstable High School and came to the Barnstable Fire Department from the West Barnstable Fire Department where he spent the last 3 years working as a call firefighter/paramedic. We look forward to having FF Osborne enjoy a long and successful career.

Training and Education

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.

Captain Neil Tuepker has completed his classes and education with Columbia Southern University and has graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Fire Science with a concentration in Fire Administration from Columbia Southern University. This is a great achievement and Captain Tuepker should be congratulated for his extraordinary efforts.

Four (4) 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 rope rescue, confined space rescue, trench rescue, structural collapse, 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 Deputy Richard Pfautz (Ret.), Deputy Christopher Beal, Firefighter John Fleming, and Captain Neil Tuepker. In addition to the regional team, Deputy Christopher Beal is also a member 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 2022, members of the Barnstable Fire Department educated the public on the safe installation of thirty-five (35) 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 2022, the Barnstable Fire District was awarded the following grants:

Massachusetts Office of Grants and Research AED Grant

In fiscal year 2022 Captain Tuepker wrote a grant request for an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and it was awarded in the amount of \$2,500.00. The Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant's (JAG) AED Grant Opportunity by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Office of Grants and Research (OGR) helps to supply AEDs to police and fire departments in the commonwealth. This AED was purchased and placed in service in our shift officer's vehicle, Car 212. This enables us to have our shift officers respond with a greater ability to deal with critical patients. We will continue to find and apply for more grant opportunities like this one that will help defray the cost of services and equipment needed to provide the excellent services we strive to deliver every day.

Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) Grant

In fiscal year 2020, the Barnstable Fire Department applied for over \$900,000.00 in grant requests through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program and the Staffing For Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) program. One of the grant requests was to replace all of our Self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and our station air compressor needed to fill the bottles for our SCBA's. In August 2021 we were notified that the department was awarded \$215,474.00 to replace our SCBA's and Compressor. There is a local cost share of 5% of the project cost (\$10,773.70) but 95% of the project is funded with federal funds (\$204,700.30). The Barnstable Fire Department would like to thank Congressman Keating, Senator Warren, and Senator Markey for supporting the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant program and for advocating for the critical needs of public safety. We would also like to thank FEMA Region 1 Fire Program Specialist David Parr for his guidance with our application submission.

In August 2020, the Barnstable Fire Department (BFD) was awarded an Assistance to Firefighters Grant with a federal share of \$723,809.52 towards the total price of \$1,233,455.76 with the fire district paying the balance of \$509,646.24 for the purchase of a quint-style aerial ladder truck to replace an aging and unreliable 1991 aerial ladder truck. On September 1, 2020, the BFD Prudential Committee voted to accept the grant award, followed by voter approval on September 23, 2020. Following a pre-established collective procurement process and taking advantage of a 25% pre-payment program and trade-in options, we signed a contract on November 17, 2020 for the complete design and manufacture of a 107 ft aerial quint with a 2000 GPM pump. The truck was delivered on December 20, 2021, and vendor training was conducted with all BFD staff by the second week of January 2022. The next several months involved significant in-service training, driver training (confidence course and over-the-road) and mounting of radios and equipment. The vehicle was placed in service on April 4, 2022, and the 1991 aerial ladder was retired from service and traded-in with the vendor. The new aerial ladder is responding to the majority of our emergency incidents (except for medical emergencies) and has operated at several building fires. With the robust capability of this aerial ladder, the Barnstable County Mutual Aid System has added this resource on several run cards that will also benefit other communities.

These federal grant awards 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 firefighting apparatus that we use every single day. We are very grateful to be awarded this opportunity and for the support the district taxpayers have given us and continue to give us.

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 \$127,268.00 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 \$2,648.00 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 Cardio Pulmonary 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 Scarafale has graciously offered her volunteer services to the Barnstable Fire Department for the last several years. Judy has volunteered to take on projects that improve the efficiency of the department and improve pre-incident planning in our community. 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

BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT WATER DEPARTMENT
FISCAL YEAR 2022 ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2021 – JUNE 30, 2022
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 2022.

The Barnstable Fire District Water Department has been working diligently in 2022 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 has been 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 together to reduce exposure.
2. Well #1, the District's original source for water, has been rebuilt and returned to service because the water produced has been "Non-Detect" for PFAS. The Department also installed a newly constructed Chemical addition building to supply required corrosion control and disinfection additives required by MassDEP.
3. Plans and specifications have been developed to construct a water filtration facility to remove PFAS from the water supply. Groundwater will pass through Activated Carbon to remove PFAS compounds to levels as close to zero as possible.
4. District voters have approved the twenty million dollars of funding for the construction of the new filtration facility off Breed's Hill Road.
5. The water department has rebuilt the Emergency Interconnection between the District's water system and the Town of Yarmouth's water system to provide adequate supply capacities for both water systems. The water department applied for and received a \$50,000 PFAS Remediation Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to facilitate the project.

The Barnstable Fire District is a participant in a Class Action Lawsuit to recover costs related to PFAS removal form 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 reconstruction of Well #1, and the plans for a water filtration plant. Last year the District was granted \$96,000 dollars of loan forgiveness for previous loans. The District will continue to receive zero percent loan financing from the Commonwealth for the future construction costs of the filtration plan.

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
Ronald Tivey, Senior Operator
Charles Wood, Serviceperson 1
Scott Heaslip, Serviceperson 2
Kim Vermette, Collector
Katherine Armstrong, Clerical Assistant

The Commissioners would also like to thank David A. Jones for 15 years of service as a Water Commissioner. He retired from service in May of 2022. The Prudential Committee appointed David Mason for the remainder of the year.

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 2022.

RECEIPTS

Water Rates	\$1,287,411.71
Solar Revenues	<u>\$57,000.00</u>
Total	\$1,344,411.71

EXPENDITURES

Capital Expenses	\$	0.00
Insurances	\$	154,764.00
Operations	\$	749,156.00
Debt & interest	\$	<u>253,128.00</u>
Total	\$	<u>1,157,048.00</u>

WATER DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

JULY 1, 2021 – JUNE 30, 2022

Miles of distribution mains as of June 30, 2022	52.0
Total number of service connections as of June 30, 2022	1979
Total water pumped July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022	184,749,000 Gallons
Total water pumped highest week 7/18/21 -7/24/2021	7,174,000 Gallons
Total water pumped highest day 7/22/2021	1,384,000 Gallons
Total number of old meters replaced	76
Total number of service calls	441
Total number of tests on back-flow devices	216
Total number of water quality samples performed	226

PRECIPITATION *

JULY 1, 2021 – JUNE 30, 2022

July	1.43"	August	1.89"	September	11.03"
October	7.72"	November	1.59"	December	1.93"
January	1.79"	February	4.05"	March	3.76"
April	7.68"	May	1.59"	June	0.61"

* As recorded in rain meter at Water Department office. Total Rainfall for Fiscal Year **45.07"**

The Board of Water Commissioners

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BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT

ELECTION RESULTS

MAY 7, 2022

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

PETER EASTMAN	52
JOSHUA MILLER	43
BLANKS	7
SCATTERINGS	3

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

DAVID JONES (INCUMBANT)	63
PETER MYBECK	32
BLANKS	8
SCATTERINGS	2

BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING MAY 11, 2022

The Moderator, Peter Eleftherakis, opened the Annual Meeting at 7:30 PM held at the Barnstable County Old Jail East Wing Conference Room, 3195 Main Street, Barnstable, MA . The Moderator explained how the meeting would be run. 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 14 days prior to the meeting according to the District By-laws on the Town of Barnstable website, the District's website 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. The Moderator then asked for the Treasurer's report which he provided. 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 \$384,057.00 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 \$78,968.56 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 \$1,359,561.00 and transfer and appropriate \$200,000.00 from Free Cash, for a total appropriation of \$1,559,561.00 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 \$800,090.42 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 \$600,000.00, transfer and appropriate \$3,725.00 from Article 14 of May 15, 2019 Annual District Meeting, transfer and appropriate \$120,000.00 from Free Cash and further raise and appropriate \$2,177,650.52 for a total appropriation of \$2,901,375.52 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 2023; 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 rescind the authority to borrow previously authorized un-issued debt of \$200,000.00 voted at the June 10, 2020 Annual District Meeting, under Article 16 for a Filtration Treatment Facility. **Motion passed unanimously**

Article 12: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted to establish a fund to buy out all accrued benefits from employees of the District upon separation from service and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 to fund the account. **Motion passes unanimously**

Article 13: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted to borrow and appropriate \$20,000,000.00 to pay costs of permitting, bidding and constructing a new Water Treatment Plant adjacent to Breed's Hill Road which will include filtration vessels, chemical feed systems, communications, controls, site work and utility work; modifications to Pump Station #2 & #5, water mains on the site, modifications to the Scada System (supervisory control and data acquisition) and modifications to the chemical addition building known as Treatment #2; and to meet this appropriation, the District Treasurer, with the approval of the Commissioners, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §8(5) or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the District therefor. Any premium received by the District upon the sale of any bonds or notes authorized by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount. All or any portion of the amount authorized to be borrowed by this vote may be obtained through the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (the "Trust") the Massachusetts State Revolving Fund or private borrowing. The Commissioners and the Treasurer are authorized to execute any and all agreements with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection of The Commonwealth of

Massachusetts as may be required in connection with obtaining any such financing. The total amount authorized to be borrowed by this vote shall be reduced to the extent of any grants or loan forgiveness received from the Trust, or any other source, on account of this project. **Pass by the required 2/3 majority (33 in favor and 2 opposed)**

Article 14: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted to transfer \$60,000.00 to add funds to the Water Department's Stabilization Fund. **Motion passes unanimously**

Article 15: 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 16: 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 17: 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 2023; said funds to be expended by the Prudential Committee. **Motion passes unanimously**

Article 18: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District voted to transfer \$100,000.00 from Free Cash to add funds to the District's Stabilization Fund. **Motion passes unanimously**

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