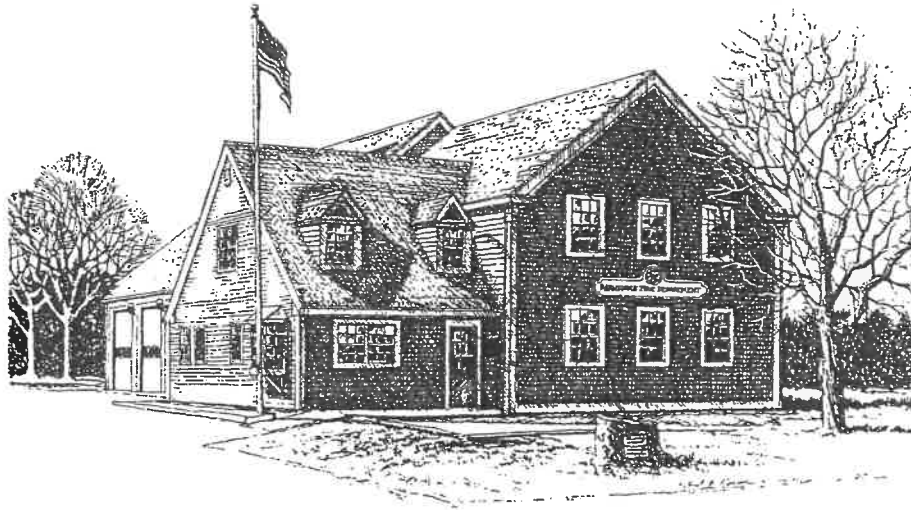




# Barnstable Fire District



## *Annual Report Fiscal Year 2020*

Barnstable, Massachusetts

Annual Election: Saturday, May 8, 2021 8:30 - 11:30 AM  
Barnstable Fire Station

Annual Meeting: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 7:30 PM  
Barnstable County Old Jail East Wing Conference Room  
3195 Main Street, Barnstable

## **BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT OFFICERS**

### **TERM EXPIRES**

#### **MODERATOR:**

Peter Eleftherakis	2023
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#### **PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE:**

Andrew Miller	2023
Joshua Miler	2022
William Jones	2021

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

Stephen Whitmore	2023
David Jones	2022
Evelyn Bassett	2021

#### **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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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 MEMORY

**WHEREAS:** It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst this past January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 our associate, fellow member of the Water Department for 28 years, and our friend

### **Superintendent Jon Erickson**

**WHEREAS:** That we the Board of Water Commissioners, Water Department, Fire Department, Prudential Committee and the People of the District do hereby express our deep sympathy in the loss that we in the District feel at his passing.

**RESOLVED:** That this expression of sorrow and respect be spread upon the minutes of our annual District Meeting.

**BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT WATER DEPARTMENT  
FISCAL YEAR 2020  
ANNUAL REPORT  
JULY 1, 2019 – JUNE 30, 2020**

**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 2020.

The Barnstable Fire District Water Department has detected Pre-and Polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) chemicals in the groundwater used to produce drinking water. PFAS is a group of man-made chemicals that have been in use since the 1940s in consumer products, cookware, food packaging, stain repellants, and firefighting foam. PFAS chemicals are also called, "forever chemicals" because they do not break down in the environment, which makes issue an item of particular concern for water suppliers. The Water Department has detected PFAS chemicals approaching the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Office of Research and Standards Health Guideline of 20 ng/l (parts per trillion). The Water Department has determined that PFAS is not present at well #1 which is located behind the District office, and plans are being made to place the pumping station back into service. Well #1 was the first District well and completed in 1954. The well was inspected and found to be in good condition. The pumping station for the well will be rebuilt with new pumping equipment. A new chemical addition building will be constructed to supply required corrosion control and disinfection chemicals.

The Water Department evaluated fees charged for service connections and service calls. The Board of Water Commissioners increased fees to provide revenue for operations and Maintenance. The Department paved the access road to Well #2, Well #5, and Treatment Building #2, located off Breeds Hill Road to ensure the safe deliveries of bulk chemicals, and to facilitate snow removal. Well #2 was rehabilitated by cleaning the well, and the well pump was replaced to restore production capacity. The Department is developing plans for the replacement of a 3,000-gallon potassium hydroxide chemical storage tank at Treatment #1 building located at Well #4.

The Benefit to the Barnstable Fire District from the District's solar array was \$56,950.00 dollars with \$32,741.00 dollars from energy credits, and \$24,209.00 dollars in off-taker revenue payments from credits sold to other municipalities.

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

Thomas Rooney, Superintendent  
Ronald Tivey, Senior Operator  
Charles Wood, Serviceperson 1  
Scott Heaslip, Serviceperson 2  
Kim Vermette, Collector  
Susan Campbell, Clerical Assistant

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 A. Jones, Chairman  
Evelyn G. Bassett  
Stephen F. Whitmore

# BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT WATER DEPARTMENT

## FISCAL YEAR 2020

### ANNUAL REPORT

#### JULY 1, 2019 – JUNE 30, 2020

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 2020.

#### RECEIPTS

Water Rates	\$1,071,613.00
Solar Revenues	\$ <u>24,209.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,095,822.00</b>

#### EXPENDITURES

Capital Expenses	\$ 425,000.00
Insurances	\$ 170,136.00
Operations	\$ 709,828.00
Debt & interest	\$ <u>351,533.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,656,497.00</b>

#### WATER DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

JULY 1, 2019 – JUNE 30, 2020

Miles of distribution mains as of June 30, 2020	51.5
Total number of service connections as of June 30, 2020	1974
Total water pumped July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020	155,878,000 Gallons
Total water pumped highest week 8/18/19 -8/24/2019	6,300,000 Gallons
Total water pumped highest day 7/14/2019	1,296,000 Gallons
Total number of old meters replaced	56
Total number of service calls	500
Total number of tests on back-flow devices	175
Total number of water quality samples performed	450

#### PRECIPITATION \*

JULY 1, 2019 – JUNE 30, 2020

July	4.23"	August	3.20"	September	1.15"
October	6.73"	November	3.61"	December	8.69"
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 **47.09"**

The Board of Water Commissioners

David A. Jones, Chair

Evelyn G. Bassett

Stephen F. Whitmore

# **Barnstable Fire Department FY 2020 Annual Report**

## **Emergency Incidents**

The Barnstable Fire Department responded to a total of 1,525 incidents during Fiscal Year 2020. This represents a 1% increase in run volume since last year. The following is a summary of incident types that the department responded to during Fiscal Year 2020:

- 902 Emergency Medical Incidents including Motor Vehicle Accidents
- 289 Incidents for smoke investigations, electrical emergencies, hazmat incidents, and service calls
- 298 Alarm investigations including fire alarm, CO alarm, and sprinkler alarms
- 25 Fires including building, vehicle, brush, and chimney fires
- 11 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 have a total estimated dollar loss of \$ 584,500.00 from fires for the entire 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:

- 30 Annual inspections of commercial properties
- 54 Smoke and CO alarm inspections for the resale of residential properties
- 21 Fire alarm and sprinkler system inspections
- 4 Oil burner, oil tank installation, oil tank removal, and LPG tank inspections
- 20 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.

## **Personnel Changes**

On July 8, 2019 Firefighter/Paramedic Brian Tyson was promoted to Captain/Paramedic. Captain Tyson has over fifteen (15) years of fire service experience and previously served as Acting Captain and EMS Officer in the department. Captain Tyson has multiple advanced degrees including an Associate's Degree, two Bachelor's Degrees, and a Master's Degree. In addition, Captain Tyson has an extensive background and experience as a Juvenile Fire-setter Intervention Specialist and is one of the leaders in the redevelopment of the county-wide juvenile fire-setters program here on Cape Cod. In 2012, Captain Tyson was awarded a department Commendation and earned the American Red Cross Hero Award for saving the life of a 54-year-old person in cardiac arrest. Captain Tyson lives in Barnstable Village with his wife Lauren and their son Grady.

On August 12, 2019 Firefighter/Paramedic J. Neil Tuepker was appointed as the department Emergency Medical Services Officer (EMS Officer) and Designated Infection Control Officer (DICO). These positions manage the overall EMS operations and Infection Control procedures for the department and also serve as the liaisons between our members and Cape and Islands EMS Systems, the receiving hospitals, and medical directors. EMS Officer Tuepker has been with the department since July 2000 and is a certified Paramedic. EMS Officer Tuepker is also a CPR, AED, and Stop-the-Bleed Instructor, and is working toward obtaining ACLS and PALS Instructor credentials. He is also a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician with advanced certification in special needs applications. In addition to EMS responsibilities, EMS Officer Tuepker has certifications in several technical rescue disciplines and actively serves on the Barnstable County Technical Rescue and Dive Teams. EMS Officer Tuepker lives in the Town of Barnstable and has two children, Owen and Ava.

On March 23, 2020 Barnstable Village resident Reid Mason was hired as a temporary Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) to augment staffing due to anticipated increase in run volume during the Covid-19 pandemic. EMT Mason was first introduced to the department during the 2017-2018 school year when he served in the department as a Barnstable High-School Intern. During his internship, Reid also studied to take the EMT examination, achieving certification soon after graduation. When the Covid-19 pandemic escalated, Reid who was now in Paramedic school, asked if there was any way he could help the department during this period of national crisis. Reid worked with us full-time from March – October 2020 during the height of the pandemic and was a valuable asset to the department during this difficult period. He has recently completed the academic and clinical hospital rotations of the paramedic program and is currently in the field rotation portion of the program. We would like to thank Reid for working with us during such a difficult time in our nations history and wish him well as he completes his certification requirements as a Paramedic.



### Special Christmas Delivery



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On December 25, 2019 at 1857 (6:57 pm) the Barnstable Fire Department was dispatched to the Village Green Apartments, 767 Independence Drive, for a woman reported to be in labor. The on-duty crew responded in Ambulance 203 and Car 212 along with officers from the Barnstable Police Department. On arrival, the patient was found to be in active labor and moved to the ambulance where shortly after starting transport to Cape Cod Hospital the mother gave birth to a baby girl in the back of the ambulance at 1920 (7:20 pm). Both mother and daughter were transported to Cape Cod Hospital Maternity Ward where both were found to be in perfect condition, happy and healthy.

Delivering a baby in the pre-hospital setting is not something that is done very frequently, however EMT's and Paramedics are trained in emergency childbirth procedures. The members that were on-duty for this special incident were Captain Christopher Beal, Firefighter John Fleming, Firefighter Nicholas Black, and Firefighter Frederico Nogueira. Our Ambulance 203 proudly displays a pink stork signifying the pre-hospital childbirth in that ambulance. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the family on the birth of their baby girl!

## **Training and Education**

Five (5) 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. These teams drill monthly with other specially trained firefighters across Cape Cod and 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 Chief Richard Pfautz, Captain Christopher Beal, Firefighter John Fleming, Firefighter Neil Tuepker, and Chief Francis Pulsifer. In addition to the regional team, Captain 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 a technical disaster management assistance team that may be deployed on very large-scale incidents and wide-spread disasters. Members associated with these specialized teams commit an extraordinary amount of time to maintaining their proficiency with skills.

In August 2019, Captain Christopher Beal was deployed for ten days with Massachusetts Task Force-1 FEMA USAR Team to the state of Florida following a major disaster declaration during Hurricane Dorian. This team was activated as a technical search and recovery unit in areas that were devastated by the hurricane. The advanced technical expertise of these team members is centered around managing emergency operations in heavily impacted areas of natural disasters. We are proud and fortunate to have personnel that are highly trained to assist other states during disasters on a national level.

In addition to Technical Rescue, Firefighter John Fleming is also assigned to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts-District 1 Hazardous Materials Team as a certified Hazardous Materials Technician. The MA - District 1 Team is based out of the South-Eastern part of Massachusetts and is funded through the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services. Team members train monthly and are called to assist communities that encounter unusual, complex, or large-scale hazardous materials incidents.

In October 2019, Firefighter Matthew Goodwin received a Master's Degree in Emergency Services Management from Columbia Southern University. The Barnstable Fire Department continually encourages our members to further their professional education. Congratulations to Firefighter Goodwin, and all department members who dedicate their time and commitment to furthering their professional education.

In January 2020, Firefighter Adam Penni completed EMT-Paramedic training and successfully passed the certification examination. The Paramedic program builds on skills that students originally learn in the EMT-Basic course. Paramedic students learn advanced anatomy and physiology, cardiac monitoring, fluid resuscitation, advanced airway techniques, and advanced pharmacology. Paramedic students complete their training on average, in just over a year and a half. Paramedic training consists of rigorous didactic and practical based learning in the classroom environment, many times on nights and weekends. Once the classroom portion of the training is completed, students are evaluated during in-hospital rotations in the emergency room and operating room, to practice their advanced skills on actual patients in a controlled setting while under physician supervision. Once in-hospital rotations are

complete, students then move onto the ride-time portion of their training, where they have the opportunity to practice their skills on actual patients in the pre-hospital emergency setting, while being supervised by approved EMT-Paramedic preceptors. Once the student has completed the program and achieved the required number of hours and skills under supervision, they then must take a written and practical examination in accordance with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and National curriculum guidelines. Once the student achieves certification by the state, the paramedic must then take a protocol review examination and be interviewed by the medical control physician that the paramedic will operate under before they can operate in the field as a paramedic. We would like to extend our sincere congratulations to Firefighter Penni on this outstanding achievement.

In May 2020, Firefighter Frederico Nogueira graduated from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Recruit Training Program. The Recruit Training Program is an intensive ten-week training program that operates Monday through Friday at the state academy in Stow, Massachusetts. Students learn classroom and practical-based applications in entry level firefighting including safely using personal protective equipment, search and rescue techniques, ladder evolutions, pumping evolutions, hose line management, and technical rescue applications under both fire and non-fire conditions. Students are graded throughout the program with written examinations and practical evolutions. Students must maintain a high level of self-discipline, obtain passing grades on written examinations, and demonstrate proficiency during practical evolutions in order to maintain their position and complete the program. We would like to extend our sincere congratulations to Firefighter Nogueira on this outstanding achievement.

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. Firefighter 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 2020, members of the Barnstable Fire Department educated the public on the safe installation of sixteen (16) 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 in an effort to provide fiscal relief to the citizens of Barnstable. In Fiscal Year 2020, the Barnstable Fire District applied for the following grants:

### **Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) Grant**

In Fiscal Year 2019, the Barnstable Fire Department applied for over \$200,000.00 in grant requests through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program. One of the grant requests was to replace mobile and portable radios as part of a statewide upgrade to the 800 Mhz trunked radio system and federal Project 25 (P-25) upgrades. In August 2019 we were notified that the department was awarded \$164,483.00 to replace our mobile and portable radios. There is a local cost share of 5% of the project cost (\$7,832.53) but 95% of the project is funded with federal funds (\$156,650.47). 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. This federal grant award will not only increase the safety of our firefighters and the public we serve to protect, but also provides our residents with some fiscal relief by supplying us with funding for critical communications equipment that we use every single day. We are very grateful to be awarded this opportunity.

### **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 2020, we applied for, and were reimbursed \$116,728.04 under this program. This represents a 144% increase in reimbursement from the previous fiscal year. 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 \$1,948.00 grant from the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services, Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) program. The money provided under this grant 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 SAFE educator in the schools. These grants are very competitive and specific criteria must be met in order to be awarded a grant.

#### **Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association (MIIA) Grant**

In 2019, Chief Pulsifer applied for a grant under the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association (MIIA) to create an updated Exposure Control Plan. The Exposure Control Plan is required under the Department of Labor Standards (DLS) – Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). The plan is designed to outline current best practices with infection control and exposure protection management with biological hazards. This initiative was led by Firefighter/Paramedic James Giannelli a certified Designated Infection Control Officer (DICO). The timing of this project proved to be of critical importance as shortly after completion, we were faced with a global pandemic of epic proportions. Armed with a completely up-to-date Exposure Control Plan and well-trained employees, we were able to manage the effects of the pandemic seamlessly and provide continuous and uninterrupted service to the community. Many thanks to Firefighter Giannelli and MIIA for the opportunity to complete this initiative.

#### **Shepley Wood Products and Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank**

In 2019, Deputy Fire Chief Richard Pfautz began looking for an environmentally friendly prop to conduct fire extinguisher training. The department conducts fire extinguisher training for department members, civilians, and local businesses upon request. After some research, Deputy Pfautz found a propane-fired prop that has built-in safety features that can provide realistic live-fire training under extremely safe conditions. After securing costs to purchase the equipment, Deputy Pfautz began looking for grant funding to make the purchase. Shepley Wood Products and Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank each had grant opportunities that Deputy Pfautz applied for. Both organizations, which are located in the Barnstable Fire District, awarded funding for the full purchase of the equipment. We are very fortunate and thankful to both organizations for the grant awards which will provide excellent training opportunities for the public and increase the safety of our residents and business owners. If you are a local business owner, or a resident that would like to learn how to use a fire extinguisher with realistic and safe training, please contact Deputy Chief Pfautz at 508-362-3312.

#### **Department of Fire Services – Equipment Grant**

The Barnstable Fire Department maintains an active Capital Projects list that identifies the timely replacement of equipment that requires capital expenditures. In 2020, the washer/extractor that cleans our turnout gear after a fire-related incident reached the end of its life-expectancy at 20-Years old. This equipment is necessary to remove harmful carcinogens from our gear that can affect the health and safety of our firefighters from constant exposure. Chief Pulsifer applied for and received an Equipment Grant under the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services for the replacement of a new energy efficient washer/extractor, complete installation, and removal of the existing washer/extractor. The new equipment has modern technology that cleans the gear more effectively, is more energy-efficient,

and has a life expectancy of 20-years. We would like to thank the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services for making this funding available to us to better protect our members.

### **CARES Act Provider Relief Funding**

During the Covid-19 pandemic, the federal government made relief funding available to effectively and efficiently manage operational costs due to Covid-19. One of the funding opportunities was through the CARES Act Provider Relief Fund. The department applied for and was awarded \$12,000.00 in funding that went to offset our operational costs during the past Fiscal Year. The department has continued to apply for other federal Covid-19 relief funding throughout the past year.

### **Covid-19 Pandemic Response**

The third-quarter Fiscal Year 2020 and much of Fiscal Year 2021 was severely impacted by the global Covid-19 pandemic. On March 16, 2020, the Barnstable Fire District initiated a written Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) specific to our response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This COOP outlines specific mission-critical activities and sets in place our plans to ensure operational readiness in delivering services to our residents at the highest level possible, without interruption, while maintaining the highest level of safety to our employees and our district residents. Effective March 16, 2020 the Barnstable Fire Station and the Barnstable Water Department were placed on restrictive access to the public in an effort to reduce any exposure risk to our personnel and our facilities. The management and operations of the fire district have been maintained without interruption, and business transactions have been unaffected by our ability to remotely manage through web-based applications where possible. Communications have been consistently maintained and are ongoing with all Town of Barnstable Department Heads, Cape Cod Hospital, Cape and Islands EMS, and our regional fire, police, and water department partners.

The Barnstable Fire Department is committed to maintaining the highest level of emergency service to our residents, and I want to provide you with confidence that our personnel are fully prepared to respond to any threat that we are presented with. While the COVID-19 pandemic is a global concern with an increased level of media attention, I want to assure our residents that the fire department has trained for this type of event for years. All our department members have been extensively trained on infection control procedures, but to compliment that, the fire department has five (5) specially trained and nationally recognized Designated Infection Control Officers (DICO) and one (1) hazardous materials technician on staff. The level of knowledge and experience in our department relative to managing our operation under these conditions is unparalleled. Although you continue to see our staff looking a bit different on medical emergency incidents by wearing medical masks, surgical gowns, and eye protection, we are here to provide the same exceptional level of service as we have before this pandemic began. The reason you are seeing us dressed like this more frequently is to protect our staff from any unknown exposure risks, and to keep our personnel healthy and safe with each and every patient we treat. Finally, as we do after every emergency incident, our ambulances and equipment are thoroughly cleaned, disinfected, and prepared for the next response.

I would like to reassure you that the members of the Barnstable Fire District are here to protect and serve our residents under any and all emergency circumstances. Our fire department personnel will continue to be on the front lines fighting this pandemic and assist in vaccine distribution until it is brought to a successful conclusion. In order for us to end this pandemic, we urge the public to adhere to the current mandates from the President of the United States and the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to maintain physical distancing and limit exposure until this situation is brought under control. By doing this it limits exposure to our most vulnerable populations including our older adults and those with immune deficiencies. Together, we will soon put an end to this pandemic and resume our daily lives in our little slice of heaven here in Barnstable. Thank you all for your continued support and for the ability to serve you with the highest levels of pride, honor, and distinction.

### **Donations to the Fire Department**

Each year, many generous residents and business owners make donations to the fire department for various reasons. Over the past year with the Covid-19 pandemic, we have had an outpouring of support with donations of personal protective equipment and disinfectant supplies that were in extremely limited supply throughout the course of the pandemic. Your donations helped us to maintain our emergency response to the community without interruption and ensure the highest level of protection for our responders on the street. We would like to thank the following people and organizations for making these critical donations to the fire department in the past year. We apologize in advance if we missed a donation that is not listed below.

Be Real Cookie Dough  
BJs Wholesale  
Cape Cod Potato Chips  
Cape Wildlife Center  
Col. Christopher Mason - MSP  
Daniel Penni  
EM Crosby Boatworks  
Fresh Nail Bar – Andy Ho  
Home Depot  
JoAnn Fabrics  
Kenneth Defeudis  
Linda Fontneau  
Ms. McNeeley-Herbert  
Nikki Bourne-Hudick  
Nirvana Coffee Co. – Laura and Rick Shechtman  
Northeast Tool Supply  
Paul Richard  
Peter and Sue Eleftherakis  
Sam Diegos - Charlie Hormann  
Spoon & Seed  
Stephanie Jones

Once again, **THANK YOU** all for your continued support!

## **Volunteer Efforts**

Ms. Judy Scarafile 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 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 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.

## **Organizational Analysis**

The Barnstable Fire Department is pleased to announce the release of an Organizational Analysis that has been completed on the Barnstable Fire Department. This Organizational Analysis, completed in January 2020, provides a detailed analysis of the history, organization, and future projections of the Barnstable Fire Department. Prepared by Chief Francis M. Pulsifer, this document brings you inside Barnstable Fire Department and offers residents an opportunity to learn more about us and what the goals of the fire department are moving forward. To view an electronic copy of the Organizational Analysis, please visit our website at [www.barnstablefire.org](http://www.barnstablefire.org) and click on the link titled "*Barnstable FD Organizational Analysis 2019*".

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

Francis M. Pulsifer  
Fire Chief



## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

The Honorable Prudential Committee  
Barnstable Fire District

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Barnstable Fire District, (the "District") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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.

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of those risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District as of June 30, 2020 and the respective changes in financial position where applicable in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Other Matters**

*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 of 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 it 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 15, 2020

**BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT**

**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
BALANCE SHEET  
JUNE 30, 2020**

	General Fund	Ambulance Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Assets:</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,507,333	\$ 1,305,387	\$ 232,164	\$ 3,044,884
Investments	\$ 938,658			938,658
Receivables, net of allowance:				
Property taxes	179,740	-	-	179,740
Departmental and other	514,337	141,130	-	655,467
Intergovernmental	-	-	138,432	138,432
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>3,140,068</b>	<b>1,446,517</b>	<b>370,596</b>	<b>4,957,181</b>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources:</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>\$ 3,140,068</b>	<b>\$ 1,446,517</b>	<b>\$ 370,596</b>	<b>\$ 4,957,181</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Warrants and accounts payable	\$ 112,928	\$ -	\$ 383	\$ 113,311
Accrued payroll and withholdings	95,909	-	-	95,909
Other liabilities	50	-	-	50
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>208,887</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>209,270</b>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources:</b>				
Unavailable revenues - property taxes	237,947	-	-	237,947
Unavailable revenues - department and other	389,834	141,130	-	530,964
<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<b>627,781</b>	<b>141,130</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>768,911</b>
<b>Fund Balances:</b>				
Restricted	-	1,305,387	458,290	1,763,677
Committed	515,613	-	-	515,613
Assigned	15,670	-	-	15,670
Unassigned	1,772,117	-	(88,077)	1,684,040
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>2,303,400</b>	<b>1,305,387</b>	<b>370,213</b>	<b>3,979,000</b>
<b>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 3,140,068</b>	<b>\$ 1,446,517</b>	<b>\$ 370,596</b>	<b>\$ 4,957,181</b>

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

## BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND  
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final	Budgetary	Encumbrances	Budgetary	Positive
	Budget	Budget	Amounts		Adjusted	(Negative)
<b>REVENUES</b>						
Real estate and personal property taxes, net	\$ 4,066,361	\$ 4,066,361	\$ 4,037,429	\$ -	\$ 4,037,429	\$ (28,932)
Charges for services	1,050,000	1,050,000	1,071,613	-	1,071,613	21,613
Departmental and other revenue	28,000	28,000	27,482	-	27,482	(518)
License and permits	3,000	3,000	4,082	-	4,082	1,082
Penalties and interest on taxes	5,500	5,500	32,683	-	32,683	27,183
Investment income	6,500	6,500	19,571	-	19,571	13,071
Total Revenues	5,159,361	5,159,361	5,192,860	-	5,192,860	33,499
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>						
Prudential operations	1,671,715	1,671,715	1,513,545	-	1,513,545	158,170
Fire operations	2,710,985	2,710,985	2,626,301	58,002	2,684,303	26,682
Water operations	1,486,623	1,486,623	1,212,197	266,102	1,478,299	8,324
Debt service	256,133	256,133	253,830	-	253,830	2,303
Total Expenditures	6,125,456	6,125,456	5,605,873	\$ 324,104	5,929,977	195,479
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>						
Transfers in	470,000	470,000	470,000		470,000	-
Transfers out	(118,000)	(118,000)	(118,000)		(118,000)	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	352,000	352,000	352,000		352,000	-
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES/USE OF PRIOR YEAR BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>(614,095)</b>	<b>(614,095)</b>	<b>(61,013)</b>		<b>(385,117)</b>	<b>228,978</b>
Other budget items:						
Free Cash	217,000	217,000				
Prior year encumbrances and carryovers	388,872	388,872				
Miscellaneous items	8,223	8,223				
Total other budget items	614,095	614,095				
Net budget	\$ -	\$ -				

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

***BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT***  
***FY 2021 OPERATING BUDGET REQUESTS***

DEPARTMENT	FY 2021 BUDGET	FY 2020 BUDGET		% CHANGE
FIRE				
SALARIES	\$2,379,221.94	\$2,186,598.57	\$192,623.37	8.10%
EQUIPMENT	\$39,600.00	\$37,450.00	\$2,150.00	5.43%
VEHICLE EXPENSE	\$39,500.00	\$34,100.00	\$5,400.00	13.67%
UTILITIES	\$21,000.00	\$21,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
MAINTENANCE	\$50,200.00	\$48,114.00	\$2,086.00	4.16%
TRAINING PERSONNEL	\$59,550.00	\$58,050.00	\$1,500.00	2.52%
OFFICE	\$16,360.00	\$14,500.00	\$1,860.00	11.37%
E.M.S. SUPPLIES/ASSESSMENT	\$57,984.26	\$54,070.76	\$3,913.50	6.75%
TRAINING CHIEF	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
LEGAL AND FIRE PREVENTION	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00	\$0.00	0.00%
TOTAL FIRE	\$2,675,616.20	\$2,466,083.33	\$209,532.87	7.83%
WATER				
SALARIES	\$380,159.84	\$374,118.94	\$6,040.90	1.59%
UTILITIES	\$47,750.00	\$47,798.00	(\$48.00)	-0.10%
MAINTENANCE	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
WATER QUALITY	\$95,000.00	\$96,760.80	(\$1,760.80)	-1.85%
PROFESSIONAL EXPENSE	\$39,500.00	\$39,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
OFFICE EXPENSE	\$19,300.00	\$20,550.00	(\$1,250.00)	-6.48%
UNIFORMS	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$0.00	0.00%
RESERVE COVERAGE				
VEHICLE EXPENSE	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS				
TOTAL WATER	\$712,809.84	\$709,827.74	\$2,982.10	0.42%
TREASURER				
GROUP INSURANCE	\$907,368.00	\$907,368.00	\$0.00	0.00%
RETIREMENT	\$470,468.00	\$459,517.00	\$10,951.00	2.38%
MEDICARE/FICA/DET	\$48,500.00	\$46,200.00	\$2,300.00	4.98%
FINANCIAL EXPENSE	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
PAYROLL EXPENSE	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
OFFICE EXPENSE	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$0.00	0.00%
DEBT(PRINCIPAL)	\$175,000.00	\$263,000.00	(\$88,000.00)	-33.46%
DEBT(INTEREST & AGENCY)	\$82,056.25	\$91,132.50	(\$9,076.25)	-9.96%
TREASURER'S EXPENSE	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00	\$0.00	0.00%
COMPUTER MAINTENANCE/SUPPORT	\$4,200.00	\$4,200.00	\$0.00	0.00%
TOTAL TREASURER	\$1,695,492.25	\$1,779,317.50	(\$83,825.25)	-4.71%
PRUDENTIAL				
SALARIES (ELECTED)	\$9,725.00	\$9,725.00	\$0.00	0.00%
SALARIES (APPOINTED)	\$71,800.00	\$68,362.75	\$3,437.25	5.03%
CONTINGENCY	\$5,100.00	\$5,100.00	\$0.00	0.00%
FINANCIAL EXPENSE	\$19,000.00	\$19,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
LEGAL	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
INSURANCE	\$88,850.00	\$79,850.00	\$9,000.00	11.27%
CLERK'S EXPENSES	\$2,920.00	\$2,920.00	\$0.00	0.00%
STREET LIGHT	\$15,500.00	\$12,500.00	\$3,000.00	24.00%
EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	\$3,800.00	\$4,000.00	(\$200.00)	-5.00%
TOTAL PRUDENTIAL	\$221,695.00	\$206,457.75	\$15,237.25	7.38%
FY2021 TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$5,305,613.29	\$5,161,686.32	\$143,926.97	2.79%

***BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT***  
***FY 2021 BUDGET SUMMARY***  
 March 26, 2021

**FY 2021 OPERATING BUDGET** \$5,305,613.29

**OTHER FY 2021 EXPENDITURES**

FIRE DEPARTMENT ARTICLES	\$418,530.00
FIRE DEPT ARTICLE SDM 09-23-20	\$14,120.00
WATER DEPARTMENT ARTICLES	\$60,000.00
DISTRICT RESERVE FUND	\$50,000.00
TREASURER ARTICLES	\$0.00
AMBULANCE BILLING	\$20,000.00
LAND ARTICLE	\$0.00
TOWN TAX COLLECTOR	\$5,968.00
DISTRICT STABILIZATION FUND	\$0.00
OTHER POST EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND	\$20,000.00
WATER STABILIZATION FUND	\$0.00
WATER DEPARTMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT	\$20,000.00

**TOTAL FY 2021 EXPENDITURES**

**\$5,914,231.29** must agree with total request next page

**FY 2021 FUNDING SOURCE**

WATER REVENUE	\$1,050,000.00
INVESTMENT INCOME	\$6,500.00
OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	\$3,000.00
SOLAR PANEL REVENUE	\$28,000.00
PENALTIES & INTEREST ON TAXES	\$5,500.00

**TRANSFERS (TO REDUCE TAXES)**

TRANSFER FROM DISTRICT STABILIZATION	\$0.00
TRANSFER FROM WATER STABILIZATION	\$0.00
SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENTS	\$60,000.00
OLD ARTICLES WATER DEPT	\$0.00
OLD ARTICLE FIRE DEPT	\$0.00
OLD ARTICLE PRUDENTIAL	\$0.00
TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH	\$0.00
TRANSFER FROM AMBULANCE FUND	\$780,530.00
WATER DEPARTMENT DONATIONS	\$0.00
TRANSFER FROM OVERLAY SURPLUS	\$0.00
BORROWING	

**TOTAL INCOME/TRANSFERS**

**\$1,933,530.00**

**NET TO BE RAISED**

**\$3,980,701.29**

**FIRE DISTRICT REAL ESTATE VALUATION** (Estimated)

**\$1,528,234,790.00** Under LA-4; RE/PP Value

**ESTIMATED FY 2021 TAX RATE**

**\$2.61** Actual

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

APPROPRIATION/ FUNDING SOURCES FY2021														
Annual District Meeting														
Article #	Comments	Total Request	Relase & Appropriate	Free Cash	(Memo Only) Other Funding Sources	Ambulance Fund	Prior Water Articles	Prior Fire Articles	Prior Prudential Article	Dist Stabilizatio n	Water System Improvement	Water Dept. Donations	Borrowing	Overseiy Surplus
1	Acceptance of Reports	\$ 9,725.00	9,725.00											
2	Elected Officials	\$ 211,970.00	211,970.00											
3	Prudential/Operating	\$ 175,000.00	175,000.00											
4	Debt/Principal	\$ 82,056.25	82,056.25											
5	Treasurer & Agency	\$ 1,438,436.00	1,438,436.00											
6	Treasurer/Operating	\$ 712,809.84	712,809.84											
7	Water/Operating	\$ 2,075,616.20	2,075,616.20											
8	Fire/Operating	\$ 5,988.00	5,988.00											
9	Town of Barnstable-Tax Collection	\$ 20,000.00	0.00											
10	Ambulance Billing	\$ 310,000.00	0.00											
11	Fire Article Ambulance 204 Replacement	\$ 68,000.00	68,000.00											
12	Fire Article Personal Protective Equipment	\$ -	0.00											
13	Fire Article Medication Intufion Pumps (Reappropriation)	\$ 33,630.00	0.00											
14	Fire Article Replacement Collars Fire/Rescue Boat Marine 219	\$ 17,000.00	0.00											
15	Fire Article Hand-free Decontamination/Disinfectant Machine	\$ -	0.00											
16	Water Article Borrowing Pumping Sta./Treatment Facilities	\$ 60,000.00	0.00											
17	Water Article Roof repair Wells 3 and 4	\$ 20,000.00	20,000.00											
18	FY20 Water Reserve	\$ 20,000.00	20,000.00											
19	OPEB Trust Fund	\$ 60,000.00	60,000.00											
20	FY20 District Reserve Fund	\$ -	0.00											
21	Donation of Street Lights	\$ -	0.00											
Special District Meeting 09-23-20														
1	Accept FEMA SAFER hire ons FF and associated costs	\$ 14,120.00	14,120.00											
2	Training expenses for FF position	\$ -												
3	Accept FEMA AFG Grant purchase of fire apparatus	\$ -												
4	Purchase NFPA 1901 Fire Apparatus	\$ -												
TOTALS		\$ 5,914,231.29	5,073,701.29	0.00	0.00	780,530.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60,000.00	0.00	3,045,195.24	0.00

## ELECTION RESULTS

### Prudential Committee

Andrew Miller	75
Peter Eastman (Write-in, Incumbent)	46
Peter S. Myrbeck	8
Others	1
Blanks	3

### Board of Water Commissioners

Stephen F. Whitmore	80
Peter S. Myrbeck (Write-in)	38
Others	1
Blanks	14

### Moderator

Peter Eleftherakis (Incumbent)	119
Others	1
Blanks	13

### Clerk

Charles W. Eager (Incumbent)	117
Others	2
Blanks	14



# **BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING JUNE 10, 2020**

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 meeting had been postponed from May 13, 2020 due to concern of the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Moderator led the meeting participants in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Moderator then explained how the meeting would be run. The Moderator requested the Clerk to certify that there was a quorum present which he did in the affirmative. The Moderator then requested the Clerk report on the Annual Election. The Clerk then announced the election results. Finally, he requested the Clerk certify the publication of the Warrant. The Clerk certified that the publication of the Meeting Warrant was posted more than 14 days prior to the meeting according to the District By-laws on the 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 requested a motion on the first article.

Article 1. Prudential Chairman, William Jones, moved that the District vote to act on the reports of the officers as printed in the Annual Report. The motion was seconded and then opened to meeting floor for comment and questions. The Moderator seeing no questions moved the article for a vote. The article passed unanimously.

Article 2. Prudential Chairman, William Jones, moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,725.00 for salaries of elected officials as follows:

Prudential Committee Chairman	\$1,250.00
Prudential Committee members (2)	1,000.00
Chairman, Water Commissioners	1,250.00
Board of Water Commissioners (2)	1,000.00
Clerk	2,500.00
Moderator	125.00
Tax Collector (Town)	600.00

said funds to be expended by the Prudential Committee. The motion was seconded and then opened to meeting floor for comment and questions. The Moderator seeing no questions moved the article for a vote. The article passed unanimously.

- Article 3. Prudential Chairman, William Jones, moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$211,970.00 for the operation of the Prudential Committee; said funds to be expended by the Prudential Committee. The motion was seconded and then opened to meeting floor for comment and questions. The Moderator seeing no questions moved the article for a vote. The article passed unanimously.
- Article 4. Prudential Chairman, William Jones, moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$175,000.00 for Debt; said funds to be expended by the Prudential Committee. The motion was seconded and then opened to meeting floor for comment and questions. It was questioned why the amount was lower than last year. The Treasurer explained some debt was paid off. There being no more questions the Moderator moved the article for a vote. The article passed unanimously.
- Article 5. Prudential Chairman, William Jones, moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$82,056.25 for interest and agency fees; said funds to be expended by the Prudential Committee acting by its employee, the Treasurer. The motion was seconded and then opened to meeting floor for comment and questions. The Moderator seeing no questions moved the article for a vote. The article passed unanimously.
- Article 6. Prudential Chairman, William Jones, moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,438,436.00 for the operation of the District; said funds to be expended by the Prudential Committee acting by its employee, the Treasurer. The motion was seconded and then opened to meeting floor for comment and questions. The Moderator seeing no questions moved the article for a vote. The article passed unanimously.
- Article 7. Prudential Chairman, William Jones, moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$712,809.84 for the operation of the Water Department; said funds to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners. The motion was seconded and then opened to meeting floor for comment and questions. The Moderator seeing no questions moved the article for a vote. The article passed unanimously.
- Article 8. Prudential Chairman, William Jones, moved that the District vote to transfer and appropriate from the Ambulance Fund the sum of \$400,000.00 and raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,275,616.20 for a total appropriation of \$2,675,616.20 for the operation of the Fire Department;

said funds to be expended by the Fire Chief, with the approval of the Prudential Committee. The motion was seconded and then opened to meeting floor for comment and questions. The Moderator seeing no questions moved the article for a vote. The article passed unanimously.

Article 9. Prudential Chairman, William Jones, moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,968.00 to pay the Town of Barnstable for tax billing expenses of Fiscal Year 2021; said funds to be expended by the Prudential Committee acting by its employee, the Treasurer. The motion was seconded and then opened to meeting floor for comment and questions. The Moderator seeing no questions moved the article for a vote. The article passed unanimously.

Article 10. Prudential Chairman, William Jones, moved that the District vote to transfer and appropriate from the Ambulance Fund the sum of \$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. The motion was seconded and then opened to meeting floor for comment and questions. It was asked if the amount was contractual. The Fire Chief explained the District pays a percentage of all proceeds collected by the District's billing company. The Moderator seeing no further questions moved the article for a vote. The article passed unanimously.

Article 11. Prudential Chairman, William Jones, moved that the District vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$310,000.00 from the Ambulance Fund to purchase an ambulance, and to dispose of Ambulance #204, a 2007 Chevrolet, in the best interest of the District; said funds to be expended by the Fire Chief, with the approval of the Prudential Committee. The motion was seconded and then opened to meeting floor for comment and questions. It was questioned if the amounts appropriated were just for the ambulance. The Fire Chief said it was just for the vehicle. It would be outfitted with the equipment from Ambulance #204. The Moderator seeing no further questions moved the article for a vote. The article passed unanimously.

Article 12. Prudential Chairman, William Jones, moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$58,000.00 to purchase personal protective equipment for the Fire Department; said funds to be expended by the Fire Chief, with the approval of the Prudential Committee. The motion was seconded and then opened to meeting floor for comment and questions. The Moderator seeing no questions moved the article for a vote. The article passed unanimously.

Article 13. Prudential Chairman, William Jones, moved that the District vote to transfer and appropriate \$14,000.00 approved in Article 16 of the May 15, 2017 Annual District Meeting for the purchase of medication infusion pumps for the Fire Department. Said funds to be expended by the Fire Chief with the approval of the Prudential Committee. The motion was seconded and then opened to meeting floor for comment and questions. The Moderator seeing no questions moved the article for a vote. The article passed unanimously.

Article 14. Prudential Chairman, William Jones, moved that the District vote to transfer and appropriate from the Ambulance Fund the sum of \$33,530.00 to purchase replacement collars for Fire/Rescue Boat Marine 219; said funds to be expended by the Fire Chief with the approval of the Prudential Committee. The motion was seconded and then opened to meeting floor for comment and questions. The Moderator seeing no questions moved the article for a vote. The article passed unanimously.

Article 15. Prudential Chairman, William Jones, moved that the District vote to transfer and appropriate from the Ambulance Fund the sum of \$17,000.00 to purchase a hands-free decontamination and disinfectant machine for the Fire Department. Said funds to be expended by the Fire Chief with the approval of the Prudential Committee. The article was seconded and then open to the meeting floor for comment and discussion. The Moderator seeing no questions moved the article for a vote. The article passed unanimously.

Article 16. Prudential Chairman, William Jones, moved that the District appropriate \$2,483,000.00 to pay costs of (i) designing, permitting and rehabilitating Well Pumping Station 1, and (ii) designing, permitting and constructing filtration treatment facilities for each of Wells 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5; and that 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 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 received from the Trust, or any other source, on account of this project. The motion was seconded and then opened to meeting floor for comment and questions. It was asked if this had anything to do with PFAS contamination. The Water Superintendent explained the new state guidelines and told the voters the District has had some hits under the new limits. This article will help to keep the District compliant. The Moderator seeing no more questions moved the article for a vote. The article passed unanimously.

Article 17. Prudential Chairman, William Jones, moved that the District transfer and appropriate from the Water Department System Improvement Account the sum of \$ 60,000.00 for roof repairs to wells #3 and #4; said funds to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners. The motion was seconded and then opened to meeting floor for comment and questions. The Moderator seeing no questions moved the article for a vote. The article passed unanimously.

Article 18. Prudential Chairman, William Jones, moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for the Water Department's Reserve Account; said funds to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners. The motion was seconded and then opened to meeting floor for comment and questions. The Moderator seeing no questions moved the article for a vote. The article passed unanimously.

Article 19. Prudential Chairman, William Jones, moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 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. The motion was seconded and then opened to meeting floor for comment and questions. It was asked what is the balance on the account. The Treasurer said he did not have it with him but estimated the balance to be \$800,000.00. The Moderator seeing no more questions moved the article for a vote. The article passed unanimously.

Article 20. Prudential Chairman, William Jones, moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 to establish the Reserve Account for Fiscal Year 2020; said funds to be expended by the Prudential

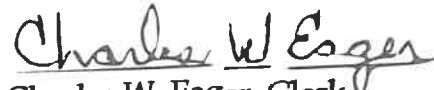
Committee. The motion was seconded and then opened to meeting floor for comment and questions. The Moderator seeing no questions moved the article for a vote. The article passed unanimously.

Article 21: Prudential Chairman, William Jones, moved that the District vote to authorize the Prudential Committee to accept the donation from the Town of Barnstable of street lights and related apparatus to be constructed or installed on Kidds Hill Road and Independence Drive and to thereafter assume responsibility to maintain and repair said street lights and any related apparatus. The motion was seconded and then opened to meeting floor for comment and questions. It was asked who determines the design of the lights. It was explained they would be compatible with the District lights already in the Industrial Park area but it is a Town contract. It was asked if there was any cost to the District. There would be about a \$3,000.00 cost for electricity and the lights were warrantied for 10 years so any maintenance cost would be down the line. The Moderator seeing no more questions moved the article for a vote. The article passed unanimously.

Prudential Chairman, William Jones, thanks former Prudential Committee member Peter Eastman for his nine years of service to the District.

The Moderator thanked everyone in attendance. He then entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles W. Eager, Clerk  
Barnstable Fire District

# **BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING SEPTEMBER 23, 2020**

The Moderator, Peter Eleftherakis, opened the Special District Meeting at 7:30 PM, held at the Barnstable County Old Jail East Wing Conference Room, 3195 Main Street, Barnstable, MA, 02630. The Moderator led the meeting participants in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Moderator requested the Clerk certify that there was a quorum present which he did in the affirmative. Finally, he requested the Clerk certify the posting and publication of the Warrant. The Clerk certified that the Meeting Warrant was posted more than 14 days prior to the meeting according to the District By-laws and Massachusetts General Laws on the Town of Barnstable website, the District's website the District Office, 1841 Phinney's Lane, Barnstable, MA 02630, the District's Fire Station, 3249 Main Street, Barnstable, MA 02630 and published in the Cape Cod Times. The Moderator then requested a motion on the first article.

**Article 1:** Prudential Committee Chairman, William Jones, moved the District vote to accept the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant (AFG) under the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) program in the amount of \$305,225.88 to hire one (1) additional Firefighter/Paramedic in the Barnstable Fire Department for a three-year period. Said funds to be expended by the Fire Chief with the approval of the Prudential Committee. The motion was seconded. The Moderator opened the motion to the meeting floor for comment and questions. There was a question on the cost of adding an additional person. The Chief explained that the federal government would pay the entire cost of a first step firefighter/paramedic including benefits for the three years. There would be a cost in the second and third year for step increases the individual would earn. He also said there would be a modest cost in the first year that would be explained as the meeting goes on. There was also a question what would happen to the firefighter once the three years has ended. It was explained by the Fire Chief that a decision would be made whether to retain the firefighter or terminate the position. If the decision is to retain the position the salary would become part of the Fire Department budget. Most likely the position would not be terminated. There being no further questions the motion was brought to a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

**Article 2:** Prudential Committee Chairman, William Jones, moved the District vote to borrow and appropriate the sum of \$4,100.00 and raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,120.00 for pre-employment examinations, background checks, uniforms and turnout gear, and recruit training expenses for the hiring of one (1) additional

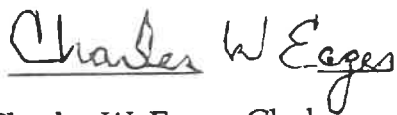
Firefighter/Paramedic in the Barnstable Fire Department. Said funds to be expended by the Fire Chief with the approval of the Prudential Committee. The motion was seconded. The Moderator opened the motion to the meeting floor for comment and questions. The Moderator seeing no questions called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Article 3:** Prudential Committee Chairman, William Jones, moved the District vote to accept the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) under the Equipment/Vehicle program in the amount of \$761,904.76 to be used to purchase and equip a \$1,320,000.00 new NFPA 1901 compliant Quint fire apparatus for the Barnstable Fire Department. Said funds to be expended by the Fire Chief with the approval of the Prudential Committee. The motion was seconded. The Moderator opened the question to the floor for comment and questions. The Moderator seeing no questions called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Article 4:** Prudential Committee Chairman, William Jones, moved the District vote to borrow and appropriate the sum of \$558,095.24 to be used to purchase and equip a \$1,320,000.00 new NFPA 1901 compliant Quint fire apparatus for the Barnstable Fire Department and dispose of a 1991 Pierce Arrow aerial ladder truck in the best interest of the Barnstable Fire District. Said funds to be expended by the Fire Chief with the approval of the Prudential Committee. The motion was seconded. The Moderator opened the motion to the meeting floor for comment and questions. The Moderator seeing no questions called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Moderator thanked everyone in attendance. He then entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Charles W. Eager". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "C" and "E".

Charles W. Eager, Clerk  
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