

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

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING JUNE 10, 2025

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

Water:

- The Water Department is under budget for FY 2025, 88% spent over 94% of the year.
- Pilot study at wells 3 and 4 for Greensand Filtration of iron and manganese was completed with excellent results. Steve Olson is writing a summary pilot report for DEP. Satellite well for well 3-some pipe has been delivered-waiting on the drilling rig-should be this week or next. Then they will start to drill the final production well. Water Department will be replacing fire hydrant on Meridian Drive-it has no isolation valve so there will be a small shut down to install new valve and hydrant. All residents have been informed. There was also a leak on First Way-hope to perform both jobs tomorrow. Received first settlement check from 3M for ongoing PSAF litigation for \$133,910.04. Further payments come over a 10-year period, with the largest coming at the end of the summer. Other payments expect from Dupont, BASF and Tyco anticipated by the end of the year. It was agreed payment should go toward PFAS treatment.
- We have DEP approval to start utilizing the new GAC treatment. However, we do not have an occupancy permit yet. The stand-alone ADA compliant bathroom is still being worked on as well as propane tanks and piping. They are also working on a two-page punch list from a walk-through inspection.
- Superintendent Anderson sent a letter to the Zoning Board of Appeals advocating for New England Development to connect to the 12" main surrounding BJ's. Steve Olson agrees with the connection. Superintendent Anderson's initial meeting with BJ's was positive. Things have changed since that meeting. BJ's leases the land so the landowner would have to grant the easement and BJ's would have to add it to their lease as well. He doesn't think this connection should be dropped. The Superintendent spoke with Michael Ford, attorney for New England Development He said they will pursue it further but may submit an alternative plan to have the second connection connect to Kidd's Hill Road. This will cost more but save time.

Fire:

- With three weeks left in FY25 the Fire Department is scheduled to come in on or under budget for the year.
- The administration, officers and firefighters thank the Barnstable Fire District Prudential Committee members, Water Department Board and employees, the Fire Station Building Committee, OPM Steve Rizzo and the entire Fire District for their support and assistance in approving the construction of a new fire station.

- The Town has sent an application for the next phase of the Regional Emergency Communication Center Grant. A decision is expected in June 2025 for the FY 26 grant cycle. This is for the radio tower and more architectural and engineering work. Their plan is to apply next year for all the construction costs.
- The new Engine 205 preconstruction is starting on June 16-18, 2025. The Truck Committee will be traveling to Wisconsin to finalize design. We should have a better anticipated delivery date upon their return.
- Driver training classes have been successfully completed. Beginning with Emergency Vehicle Operator Course, continued with Aerial Ladder Operations, and concluding with Motor Pump Operator Training, FEMA AFG program covers 95% of the cost and the District 5%.
- Marine 219 is out for its refurbishment of the electronics. It is 90% complete. Only two minor projects remain before the work is fully completed.
- Call volume continues to trend upwards, 15 - 20% higher compared to this period last year.
- The Fire Department is requesting to declare used electronics from M219 surplus and to dispose of them in the best interest of the District.
- **Motion made and seconded and passed by a majority to declare all items listed on the Chief's list for M 219 as surplus.**

Treasurer:

- The Treasurer is on track to finish FY 2025 under budget.
- The Treasurer asked the Water and Fire Departments to have their encumbrances to him by June 30th.
- Informs the Fire Chief and Superintendent there will be a split payroll on July 17th.
- The Treasurer mentioned the percentage of water rate allocation is increasing from 7% to 10% on July 1st.
- Rick in absence of Rich French informs the Committee that Cape Light Compact is going out to bid for a contract for the streetlights.
- A former elected official let office owning insurance premiums. Counsel recommendation is to leave it be. Send a letter and if he pays good. Counsel also recommends sending Notice of Cancellation.

Clerk:

- Nothing

Prudential:

- The Building Committee working with the Architect and the Fire Department has worked on:
 - Design of the Traffic Light at Phinney's Lane expected to be completed by July 4,
 - Sampling of the existing building at 1841 Phinney's for hazardous materials was performed on June 5th. Awaiting results (10 days).
 - Survey the sites at Breed's Hill and Main Street for radio signal strength for the SCADA system being scheduled with the Water Department.
 - Soil pre-classification survey ongoing. Filed work was completed, awaiting tab test results.

- Revised furniture plans have been received from W.B. Mason and estimates.
- Plan on working with municipal attorney recommended by District Counsel to help write RFP for relocation of the Water Department.
- Continuing to work with state legislators on Article 97 land. Request a fee proposal from Peter Slovak of Yarmouthport for appraisal of the land we contemplate conserving.
- The OPM will be amending the Context Contract for CM at Risk. The amendment has been included in the latest cost estimates and is ready to be signed.
- Prequalification of Trade Contractor qualification under MGL C 149A, Section 8 was completed. Bid documents have been issued via an ONLINE bid room.
- W T Rich requested confirmation of the benchmarks. Requested Backen Engineering to perform the work.
- Requested proposal from Woodard & Curran for the cost to relocate the Water System SCADA Controls to the new Water Department office. The project will include a cost to relocate the system. Also asked the proposal to include an alternative for an entirely new system so a decision can be made if that option is feasible, using Water Department funds to make up any difference.

Next Steps:

- Issue RFP for temporary Water Department office. District Counsel said the project may be exempt from the RFP process.
- Trade Bids are due July 2nd. Evaluations of the low bidders will be made immediately following.
- W T Rich has issued the Non-Trade Bidder documents for bid. Bids for this work will be received on the same date as the Trade Bids.
- Once all bids are received, negotiate the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) with W T Rich.
- The District is looking for a waiver of fees. Will go in front of the Town Council on the 26th and July 17th. There are a number of precedents waiving the fees.
- Thea Prudential Committee agreed with Wellesley Marsh's idea of elected officials using District Email addresses.
- The Prudential Committee decided to put off any decision on DOCUSIGN software until Wellesley can be in attendance due to some opposing positions on the use of the software.
- The District Counsel said they maybe a zoning issue. He is in contact with the Building Department.

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