

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

**PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING MARCH 11, 2025**

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

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

**Water:**

- The Water Department is under budget for FY 2025, 60% spent over 69% of the year.
- National Gird is requesting a natural gas easement. They will also need an easement from the Town. The Superintendent will review the easement and District Counsel's comment with the Board of Water Commissioners.
- Steve Olsons proposal to conduct a pilot study for iron and manganese removal at wells 3 and 4 has been approved by DEP. Tentatively scheduled for April.
- Superintendent met with Steve Olsons and Maher Services (Well Drilling Company) today about Well 3 – satellite well. There is site work needed to be done before the new well is drilled and the pump test is performed.
- Biszko Building Systems Inc. and subs have been working on the valve manifolds. They had to disassemble them to get them in the building. They are continuing to install piping throughout the building and continuing electrical work. Maher Services started redeveloping well 5 last week and will be finishing this week. No date for installation of new pump and column yet.
- Superintendent reached out to Jeff of the Cape Cod Commission about Wilkens Phase II. They discussed adequate water for the project and fire flows. He is not concerned about moving forward. He knows there will be many meetings ahead with the Town and that the project will need to meet all requirements from the District before getting a "Will Serve Letter."

**Fire:**

- Fire Department is on budget for FY 2025. 67% spent over 69% of the year.
- The Town has sent an application for the next phase of the Regional Emergency Communication Center Grant. A decision is expected in June 2025.
- The Fire Department applied for the Massachusetts State Equipment Supplemental Grant on February 27, 2025, and is waiting for a response. The Department would receive an additional \$6,300 for equipment if awarded.
- The new Engine 205 preconstruction will start in June 2025. December 2025 is the anticipated delivery date.
- FF/EMT Andrew Riley graduated on February 14, 2025, and is back on shift.

- Deputy Chief Kevin Brailey has been accepted to the National Fire Academy's Executive Officer Program.
- Driver training classes started this week beginning with the Emergency Vehicle Operator course. The other two classes are scheduled for delivery in March of 2025.
- Marine 219 will be going out for its refurbishment of the electronics this month and will be back by the start of boating season.

Treasurer:

- The Treasurer is on track to finish FY 2025 under budget.
- The February cashbook has been reconciled to the bank and general ledger with no variances.
- \$5,000 legal retain has been sent to Attorney Sullivan.
- The Treasurer has identified sun setting articles.
- The System Improvement Account has increased from \$235,000 to \$368,000 since allocating 7% of water rate revenues to the fund. The increase to 10% allocation will start in July.
- The FY2024 audit is complete. Documents for the Annual Report have been sent to the Clerk.
- The Treasurer reported the Financial Adviser is all set for the Warrant Night and Annual District Meeting.

Clerk:

- Reminder, all Department Annual Reports are due today.

Prudential:

- The Building Committee working with the Architect and the Fire Department has worked on:
  - Have sent draft contract to W.T. Rich Company and Sullivan Construction Law for review,
  - 60% of Construction Document Estimates are in progress. A reconciliation meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>,
  - The retainer was sent to Sullivan Construction Law for contract review.
  - Revised furniture plans have been received from W.B. Mason and estimates.
  - POs for Traffic Light design at Phinney's Lane, survey for existing buildings at 1841 Phinney's Lane for hazardous material, and surveys for sites at Breed's Hill and Main Street for radio signal strength for the SCADA system until after the Annual Meeting.
  - Continuing work with our state legislators on Article 97 land. May just go for a waive and not put up Article 97 land.
  - The OPM will be amending the Context Contract for CM at Rick,
  - Waiting on a proposal from the Lorusso Trust about the lease at 255 Breeds Hill for the temporary Water Department offices.
- Chairman Jones will not be present for the April Meeting. Chairman Jones will attend remotely using the zoom application.
- Capital and Operating Budgets meeting for all Departments set up for March 18, at 2:00 PM.

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

**Next Meeting is April 8, 2025.**

**Meeting with Moderator and District Counsel at April's Meeting**

**Warrant Night April 29, 2005**

**Annual Meeting – May 14, 2025**