

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

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING OCTOBER 5, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Prudential Committee Chairman William Jones at the Water Department Office, 1841 Phinney's Lane, Barnstable. Also, in attendance was Prudential Committee member Andrew Miller, Water Commissioners David Mason, Stephen Whitmore and Evelyn Bassetts and Water Department Superintendent Sean Anderson, Fire Chief Christopher Beal, Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Brailey, Treasurer Rick Buffington and Clerk Charles Eager.

Water Department

- Water Department is under budget for FY 2024. Having spent 22% over 30% of the year.
- Leak on Millway has been fixed. There were 2 holes in the 2" pipe.
- Letter sent out last week to Nate Cheal at Tetra Tech about Hanover/Hyannis II but no reply received.
- Well 4 redevelopment has been completed and is back in service.
- Began the 2nd round of Lead and Copper sampling this week.
- 2 Hydrants on Flintlock Road broke when performing flow testing. They have been repaired and are back in service.
- Water Main flushing to begin October 11, 2023.
- Water Commissioners voted to award the construction contract for the new Treatment Plan pending DEP approval to Biszko Building Systems, Inc. at a cost of \$5,521,731.69.
- DEP SRF requested a contract with an engineering firm to oversee the construction phase of the new Treatment Plant. Board of Water Commissioners passed a motion to sign an agreement for construction phase engineering service in connection with Well 2 & 5 GAC Water Treatment Plant with H2Olson Engineering, Inc for \$484,000.

Fire Department:

- FY2024 is on budget. Spent 22% over 25% of year.
- No change in grant status. Still waiting on news on application to replace and add extraction and stabilization equipment to both engines and ladder truck. Announcements began in late August and run through the fall.
- The first phase grant of the Regional Emergency Communication Center has been awarded. All three towns are working on (Intermunicipal Agreement) IMA's.
- The front of the station remodel is moving slowly as the Department waits on word on donations of products and labor. The project is being broken in 2 parts: the landscaping and parking as the first part and the 9/11 memorial being the second part. Work on the first part

should start soon. Work on the 9/11 memorial will be completed after a fundraising effort by the union to cover all those costs and is slated for completion before next year's ceremony.

- Boiler replacement still at 99% complete.
- Kitchen renovation is moving forward. Nothing new to report.
- The HVAC Scope of Work is being rewritten and will go back out for a smaller scope of work quote.
- Lieutenants Exam was held and 7 of the 8 members who took it passed. Promoted to Lieutenant were Matthew Goodwin, Group 1, Ryan Smith, Group 2, John Fleming, Group 3 and Brian Cabral, Group 4 effective September 29, 2023.
- P200 replacement is complete. Currently having plow and parts from old P200 put on it.
- The trade of the 2006 Ford F250 pickup truck for the 2018 inflatable boat with motor and trailer has been completed
- Last two new hire firefighters Alex Smith and Dan Black are attending the Mass State Fire Academy at Bridgewater.
- Department selected to undergo Medicare Ground Ambulance Date Collection System audit. Currently in the data collection phase.
- The Fire Chief said as discussed during September's meeting with the addition of 375 apartments at the Hanover Hyannis site the fire department would be looking at an estimated 450 additional calls for service. To try and stay ahead of the growth they are requesting 1 additional firefighter to be added to the department starting July 1, 2024. By the completion of Hanover/Hyannis in 3 to 4 years out they would be looking to add 2 additional firefighters.
- The Chief asked the Prudential Committee to consider using \$7,609.96 from the Gifts of Funds account to cover the cost of new Lifepak 15's that were ordered in July. The original cost increased after the article was voted on at the Annual District Meeting. The Lifepak 15's has been received and are in service now. Chief doesn't have a specific amount because company is giving them a trade in on the old Lifepaks. The Prudential Committee come back when the exact amount is known.
- The Fire Department was given a \$1,000 Gift from Charles and Marylin Fuller that has been deposited in the Gift of Funds account. The Fullers requested the gift be used for the front of the station remodel. The Chief requests that the fund be used to purchase materials for this project. The Prudential Committee said request again when you have bills.
- Chief will be having surgery so he will be out for a while.

Treasurer:

- Treasurer on track to finish FY 2024 under budget.
- September's cashbook balanced to the bank and the general ledger with no variances.
- Free Cash has been certified at \$607,490.
- The Audit for FY 2023 is ongoing and should be complete in the next few weeks.
- Treasurer has entered most of the information for the FY 2024 DOR recap documents but needs some final figures from the Town Assessor.
- Town Assessor not ready to proceed with Classification Hearing.

Clerk:

- Nothing

Prudential:

- By-law Committee meetings are starting up. Anyone with any thoughts speak up. Chairman Jones said a recall provision and strengthen wording on who can run for elective office.
- Fire Station Needs Committee is being set up.

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

Next Meeting is November 14, 2023