

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

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES OCTOBER 9, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Prudential Committee Chairman William Jones at the District Water Department. Also, in attendance were Prudential Committee members Peter Eastman and Joshua Miller, Water Commissioners David Jones and Stephen Whitmore, Water Superintendent Tom Rooney, Fire Chief Frank Pulsifer, Deputy Chief Rick Pfautz, Treasurer Rick Buffington, Streetlight Committee Chairman Richards French and Clerk Charles Eager.

Chairman Jones deviated from the agenda to let Mr. French give his report. Oct 18th at 10 AM, Margaret Song of the Cape Light Compact has asked interested party that have been in the process of the streetlight conversion program. She was see if we had an interest in the problem Eversource has with rate setting. Mr. French sent a letter stating he would like to attend. The District repair contract with Siemens and the Compact wants to know if we would like them to act on the District's behalf negotiating a new contract. The Prudential Committee will wait for more information before making any decision. Mr. French will report back in November.

No public comment

Motions were made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of September 18, 2018 as amended. The amendment being the Fire Department budget was .5% over rather than under.

Water Department:

- Underbudget for F/Y 19 year having spent 17.43% over 25% of the year.
- Building project gutters and doors ordered, sign have been ordered and island repair has started.
- Phone system a local company has been chosen.
- Air conditioner same company that installed the first one will do the work.
- Main Street value project is through engineering stage, the specs should be coming by the end of week and probably go out within two weeks for bids.
- 2nd Tank work is 50% completed.
- Water quality regulations is ongoing.

Fire Department:

- On budget for year although overtime budget is slightly over budget but stabilizing.
- Incidents up 150 over last year at the same time. 63% of calls occur between 9 AM – 5PM.
- Staffing and call back changes and is working out well for administration. Union has not provided a written letter outlining their concerns and requests yet.
- No progress on storm reimbursement.
- There has been no progress on the Chief request from Mass Certified Public Expenditure Program.
- Firefighter/ Paramedic Keith Stranger had his permanent appointment letter given today. All pre-employment test completed and passed.
- Firefighters Black and Jones Recruit Training set for April and July respectively.

- Hurricane Florence – Two BFD members from the BCTRT (Tuepker and Fleming) have deployed to North Carolina. It is a ten day deployment. Members time and overtime reimbursed but not backfill. They will be returning September 24, 2018.
- Hurricane Michael – One BFD member assigned to the FEMA MA-TF-1 team is on stand-by for deployment. All pay and backfill will be reimbursed.
- Engine 205 structural work is scheduled for mid to late October. It will take approximately one month for repairs. Chief confirmed estimate given and it has not changed.
- A Captain will be out approximately 4-6 months on sick leave for a personal injury. Union has asked about making an Acting Captain but current promotional list is exhausted and the next promotional exam is scheduled for Spring 2019. Chief intends not to appoint an acting Captain and appoint DFF for the shift until new promotional test results are completed.
- There is a active shooter drill scheduled for October 27, 2018 from 8 AM to 12 PM in the County Complex. Drill will be with BFD, BPD and the Trial Courts.
- Department has put in for \$165,000 Assistance to Firefighters Grant for radio equipment replacement. If granted the District share is 5% or \$8,250.

Treasurer:

- Solar revenue for October is \$3,965..
- Cash has been reconciled for July to bank and general ledger for September.
- Recap and Free Cash is ongoing.
- Treasurer is at 48% of his budget mainly due to prepaid insurance.

Clerk:

- Set up schedules for budgets

Prudential Committee:

- Website – Webmaster said District should include addons to the site. Prudential Committee decides against at this time.
- Meeting set up for October 17, 2018 at 4 PM at the Water Department to discuss Treasurer's contract.

Motion made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting.

NEXT MEETING IS NOVEMBER 13, 2018

CAPITAL BUDGETS DUE DECEMBER'S MEETING

PRELIMINARY OPERATIONAL BUDGETS DUE FEBRUARY'S MEETING

FINAL OPERATIONAL BUDGETS DUE MARCH'S MEETING

PRELIMINARY WARRANT AND MEETING WITH MODERATOR AND DISTRICT COUNSEL AT APRIL'S MEETING