

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

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING NOVEMBER 14, 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 32% over 36% of the year.
- Pipe on Millway leaking again. 60 feet of 2-inch pipe has been replaced already. Will be addressing the new leak asap.
- This morning received reply back from Nate from Tatra Tech, Inc, on Hanover/Hyannis II. He is asking for a sample report like the one requested from him. Superintendent Anderson doesn't have one here but can request one from his former assistant in Scituate.
- Lead and Copper sampling is complete.
- Water Main flushing is almost complete, should be finished this week.
- The preconstruction meeting with Biszko Building Systems was held at the Water Department with DEP participating virtually. Biszko would like to begin in February/March. They would like to start with the constructing a reinforced building with one side open so vessels can be place inside. The Water Department's engineer will check with his structural engineer to if it can be done. The reason for starting with the building is because it lead time is shorter. It will mean finishing the project in December 2024 and not February 2025.
- 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.
- The Water Department has a Service Technician resigning with his last day Friday. The Water Department will be replacing him.

Fire Department:

- FY2024 is on budget. Spent 32% over 35% of year.
- Barnstable Fire Department was not selected for any FEMA grants. The Chief will be filing for a few grants this year for equipment for the new engine and funds for training.
- The three towns are still working on (Intermunicipal Agreement) IMA's but Fire Department will be filing for Phase 2 grant.
- The front of the station remodel is being broken in 2 parts: the landscaping and parking as the first part which is almost complete, just waiting on signs and the 9/11 memorial being the

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

- Boiler replacement still at 99% complete. Waiting on word how to program the boilers to alternate work load so one boiler isn't working all the time.
- Kitchen renovation is at the halfway mark. Demo, painting and repairs have been completed. Cabinets and flooring are being installed this week, Appliances to be delivered next week and countertops installed the week after.
- The HVAC Scope of Work is being indefinitely put on hold until Fire Station Building Needs Committee makes its recommendations.
- Alex Smith and Dan Black are attending the Mass State Fire Academy at Bridgewater and will be graduating November 17, 2023.
- The Fire Department's Promotional and Awards Ceremony will be held this Saturday November 19, 2023 at the Fire Station at 10:00 AM.
- The Department has contracted with Public Consulting Group with Medicare Ground Ambulance Date Collection System audit. Currently they are assisting in the data collection phase.
- 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 have been received and are in service now. **Andrew Miller made a motion which was seconded and passed to allow the Fire Department to use \$7,684.84 from the Gift of Funds to pay the outstanding balance for Lifepak 15's.**
- 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 funds be used to pay for materials for this project. **Andrew Miller made motion which was seconded and passed allow the Fire Department to use \$1,000 to help pay for materials used in the front of the station remodel.**
- Surplus items discussed previously were posted and only two items received bids. The rest of the items will be disposed of according to policy.
- The Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief contracts are expiring on June 30, 2023 and requesting to meet with the Prudential Committee at their December meeting to discuss new contracts.

Treasurer:

- Treasurer on track to finish FY 2024 under budget.
- October's cashbook balanced to the bank and the general ledger with no variances.
- The Audit for FY 2023 is ongoing and should be complete in the next few weeks.
- The F/Y 2024 Solar Farm revenues for the first four months of the year are \$24,000,
- Classification Hearing not held due to a miscommunication.

Clerk:

- Reported By-Law Committee had met.
- Capital Budgets are due at the January Meeting.

Prudential:

- Fire Station Building Needs Committee will meet on November 30, 2023 at the Fire Station at 4:00 PM. The committee will consist of 5 residents, Prudential Committee Chairman William Jones, Firefighter's Union representative Ryan Jones and Chief Christopher Beal.
- Classification Hearing date needs to be set. Clerk needs to check availability for November 27th, 28th or 29th. He will convey the date to the Prudential Committee and Treasurer. The meeting will be held at the Water Department at 3:00 PM.

Motion made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting.

Next Meeting is December 12, 2023