

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

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING NOVEMBER 9, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Prudential Committee member William Jones at the Water Department Office, 1841 Phinney's Lane, Barnstable. Also, in attendance was Prudential Committee members Joshua Miller and Andrew Miller, Water Commissioners David Jones, Stephen Whitmore and Evelyn Bassett, Water Superintendent Tom Rooney, Fire Chief Frank Pulsifer and Clerk Charles Eager.

No public comment

Motion made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of October 12, 2021 as written.

The first order of business was to hold the tax classification hearing. The committee listen as town assessor, R. Lane Partridge. explain the District's options and his recommendation. He recommended remaining with single tax factor because the commercial, industrial and personal property values were so miniscule it will have insignificant effect to the residential taxpayers to split the rate. He felt it would be unfair to commercial, industrial and personal property taxpayers especially after just going through the pandemic. The committee discussed his recommendation then **a motion was made by Joshua Miller, seconded by Andrew Miller and passed unanimously to use a residential factor of one.** The hearing then adjourned.

Water Department:

- Water Department is under budget it has spent 31% over 33% of the year.
- Well 1 work is proceeding. Still waiting on Eversource to provide power to the building, the concrete chemical building and the generator.
- Well 2 and 5 project is still moving along. Water Superintendent is looking to get a price for the filtration project by December's meeting.
- The County has paved the old Fire Academy site.
- Board of Water Commissioner instructed the Water Superintendent to see where to apply for grant money when it comes available for water protection. Congress has recently passed a bill which provides billions of dollars under the Covid relief. Waiting on President's signature.

Fire Department:

- Fire Department is on budget for the FY 2022 year.
- Fire Department was awarded a FEMA grant of \$205,213.00. to replace Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), as well as a new SCBA Cascade filling station. IPS was the vendor that offered the best price options and stayed within the grant.
- Ambulance 204 had final inspection at factory October 20 -22. Anticipated delivery is late November/early December. Need to swap radios and power stretcher.

- Ladder Truck 206 final inspection at factory was November 2 - 5. Anticipated delivery is late November/early December. Department received trademark approval form Boston Red Sox and MLB.
- Shift Commander Vehicle C-212 is at MHQ getting lights, radios and lettering completed. MHQ waiting on some electronic parts to complete install. Hope to have vehicle back the end of November.
- Marine 219 incurred damage during the October Nor'easter from a fallen tree. GPS antennas, radar and pump housing damaged. Submitted information to MIIA, waiting for adjuster's report. Chief estimates about \$2,000 of damage.

Treasurer:

- On track to be on budget for the year.
- Cash has been balanced to the bank and the general ledger with no variances for the month of October.
- The auditor indicated that the audit will be completed the second week of December. Delay due to staffing shortage.
- Treasurer is working on FY 2022 recap documents.
- Treasurer will submit documents for Annual Report to the Clerk once the tax rate is set.

Clerk:

- Schedule for budgets and reports are set.

Prudential Committee:

- Prudential Committee is starting the process of filling the upcoming Deputy Chief vacancy. It will be open to internal candidates only. There are three eligible candidates based on the criteria set by the Committee. Posting will go up in the next few days, candidates will apply within two weeks of posting. Interview will be set up after applications are received. Job will start in February. This will allow the candidate picked to work with the Deputy prior to retirement to make for an easier transition.
- **Motion made by Joshua Miller, seconded by Andrew Miller to extent the Memorandum of Understanding with the Union regarding Ryan Jones until November 10, 2022 and motion passed unanimously.**

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

CAPITAL PROJECTS ARTICLES DUE AT DECEMBER'S MEETING

PRELIMINARY OPERATIONAL BUDGETS DUE AT JANUARY'S MEETING

ANNUAL REPORT DUE AT FEBRUARY'S MEETING

FINAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET DUE AT MARCH'S MEETING

MODERATOR AND COUNSEL INVITED TO REVIEW DRAFT WARRANT AT APRIL'S MEETING

WARRANT DUE APRIL 25TH

Next Meeting is December 14, 2021