

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

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING DECEMBER 13, 2022

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 members Andrew Miller and Peter Eastman, Water Commissioners Evelyn Bassett, Dave Mason and Stephen Whitmore, Water Superintendent John Anderson, Fire Chief Christopher Beal, Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Brailey, Treasurer Rick Buffington and Clerk Charles Eager.

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of November 8, 2022 and November 14, 2022.

Water Department:

- Water Department is on budget for the year
- Well 1 is on line.
- Bids for Treatment Plant going out in January.
- John Anderson has been appointed Water Superintendent.
- Water Department has requested a Bylaw Committee be set up. Prudential Chairman said he will contact Moderator Peter Eleftherakis.

Fire Department:

- Fire Department for FY 2023 is currently on budget.
- Firefighter Austin Osborn has graduated the Fire Academy. He has been appointed to Group 2 and started back on shift December 2nd.
- Fire Department has awarded Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program awarded September 15th for hiring of four firefighters. 2 Firefighter/EMT's and 2 Firefighter/Paramedics were offered positions. The Firefighter/EMT candidates are Alex Smith and Dan Black. The Firefighter/Paramedic candidates request holding off making their names public they have not told their employer they are leaving yet.
- Fire Department will be completely transitioning IT record management system to Image Trend Elite in FY2023 is about 70% complete. ESO Firehouse will be discontinued December 31, 2022. EMS Officer Strayer has been working as point person and has been doing a great job.
- Stephen Bunker has been assigned to Group 1 on November 15, 2022. He will go to Mass State Fire Academy in Springfield starting January 17, 2023.
- Chief Pulsifer's last day coffee was held November 17, 2022 and was a great success.

- Promotional and Pinning Ceremony was held Saturday, November 19, 2022. Chief, Deputy, Captains, EMS Officer and 3 new firefighters were pinned by family. Years of service awards, unit citations and special presentation for Ladder 206 Truck Committee were also given.
- Matt Judge started December 5, 2022 on Group 3. He will be attending the Fire Academy starting April 3, 2023.
- E205 replacement has been approved by the voters and is ordered. The Fire Department will be working with Allegiance Fire Apparatus on final design and specifications in the next few months.
- There is a regional dispatch study going on.

Treasurer:

- FY 2023 on track to finish year under budget.
- Cashbook has been balanced to the bank and the general ledger with no variances.
- All recap documents were sent to DOR, and the actual tax rate for FY 2023 has been approved at 1.91 per thousand of valuation.
- Treasurer is reviewing the FY 2022 Draft audit, which was received yesterday. Once finalized, Treasurer will get the financials and the budget documents over to the Clerk for the annual report.

Clerk:

- Department annual reports are due end of February.

Prudential Committee:

- Sexual Harassment Policy still with District Counsel.
- Prudential Committee put a hold on Deputy Chief's request to be reimbursed for not taking health insurance. Committee determined it affected more employees than just him. Committee will let him know determined before end of year.
- Committee went into executive session to discuss possible litigation and collective bargaining. **Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn the public meeting and go into executive session per exception 3 for negotiation with the Union and/or litigation, and not return to public session. All members were polled and William Jones, Peter Eastman and Andy Miller agreed to adjourn public session and go into executive session.**

Next Meeting is January 10, 2023

JANUARY MEETING CAPITAL AND PRELIMINARY OPERATIONAL BUDGET DUE

MARCH MEETING FINAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET DUE

APRIL MEETING WARRANT PREPARED FOR PUBLICATION (DISTRICT COUNSEL AND MODERATOR INVITED)