

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

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES FEBRUARY 12, 2019

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

No public comment

Water Department:

- Underbudget for F/Y 19 year having spent 48% over 58% of the year.
- Tank 1 is out of service due to a defective circulator.
- The valve project is almost set to go. Preconstruction meeting being set up with contractor hoping to start in April.
- The Water Department building project is complete except for the mini splits for front and Treasurer's offices.
- Superintendent Rooney said Vineyard Wind is looking to begin in the Fall 2019. The cables will be 6 to 10 inches wide. There will be 6 of them. The entire run of cables will be encased in concrete.
- Annual Report presented.

Fire Department:

- On budget for year.
- Incidents are consistent with last year at the same time.
- FEMA reimbursement for March 3, 2018 storm is in process. Chief has completed all paperwork. Waiting on processing.
- Mass Certified Public Expenditure Program application has been submitted for \$50,391 and is currently in the desk review period. Payment not expected until June 2019.
- Hurricane Florence – Chief has applied for reimbursement through EMAC. No update.
- Engine 205 structural work completed and under budget. Ryan Smith working on a few things not part of the structural work before engine comes back in service.
- Chief submitted for a \$42,000 Assistance to Firefighters Fire Prevention and Safety Grant for policy management solution. District share would be 5% or \$2,100. No update.

- Chief submitted for a \$165,000 Assistance to Firefighters Equipment Grant for radio replacements. District share would be \$8,250. No update.
- Terminated employee appealed the denial for unemployment benefits. Hearing with DUA held January 24, 2019 but continued until February 27, 2019.
- There were 16 applications received for vacant firefighter position with Fire executive interviewing 6 candidates on January 17, 2019. Conditional offer made to Frederico Nogueira. Pre-employment testing going well expected to start late February.
- Injured Captain returned to duty Monday. Acting Captain Tyson returned to EMS Officer.
- Administrative Assistant Karen Hickey recently complete 3-day First Responder /CPR training at COMM
- Annual Report submitted

Treasurer:

- All budgets have been put into tax rate spreadsheet. This preliminary draft and does include capital articles.
- FY 2018 audit is complete and is in Treasurer's office.
- January cash has been reconciled to bank and general ledger.
- Solar revenues were \$1,811 for January and \$22,018 for the year.
- CVEC reimbursement of \$4,100 personal property tax paid by solar developer. This is the amount the District has received.

Clerk:

- Barnstable/West Barnstable Elementary was not available May 8, 2019 so I booked it for May 15, 2019.

Prudential Committee:

- The Prudential Committee denied the Step 2 appeal of the terminated employee.
- Town set public meeting on streetlight tomorrow so Prudential Committee meeting on issue no longer needed.

Motion made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting.

NEXT MEETING IS March 12, 2019

**FINAL OPERATIONAL BUDGETS DUE MARCH'S MEETING
PRELIMINARY WARRANT AND MEETING WITH MODERATOR AND DISTRICT COUNSEL AT APRIL'S
MEETING**