

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

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING FEBRUARY 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 Peter Eastman, Water Commissioners Evelyn Bassetts, Dave Mason and Stephen Whitmore, Water Superintendent Sean Anderson, Fire Chief Christopher Beal, Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Brailey, Treasurer Rick Buffington, Moderator and Clerk Charles Eager.

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of December 13, 2022 executive session and the regular monthly meeting of January 10, 2023.

Water Department:

- Water Department is on budget for the year.
- Well 1 needs to get a variance to get occupancy permit.
- Superintendent Anderson hired an engineering firm to do a peer review on the Water Treatment Plant. The firm agreed with his determination. Water Department has put in request to see if the State will allow the department to put off the project 6 months and still keep the interest free loan. The delay will allow the department to redesign the plant reducing the cost by \$10,000,000.
- Commerce Road improvement discussed last meeting no decision has been made when to go for the funding. Looking for \$100,000 engineering article.

Fire Department:

- Fire Department for FY 2023 is over budget. Spent 64% of budget over 61% of the year.
- Chief complete his Chief Fire Officer Program and his FEMA All Hazards Safety Officer Certification.
- Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program – Safer Grant . The Firefighter/EMT Alex Smith and Dan Black finished their 2 weeks of day February 3, 2023.
- The Firefighter/Paramedic candidates William Murray and Quinton Campbell started their two weeks of days on February 6, 2023.
- Record Management System the department has discontinued ESO Firehouse and has successfully downloaded all Firehouse files and have full access to all historic files moving forward from 1993/1994. The department has completely transitioned to Image Trend Elite but decided to move away from Slate, Image Trend crew management system as it is not meeting expectations. The department has signed a contract with Vector Solutions and are in

the process of building out their crew management program that could be operational by March 2023. The change will save \$1,500 a year.

- Firefighter/EMT Stephen Bunker will be going to Mass State Fire Academy in Springfield started January 17, 2023 with graduation date of March 24, 2023.
- Firefighter/Paramedic Matthew Judge will be attending Mass State Fire Academy in Bridgewater starting April 3, 2023 and graduating June 16, 2023.
- Department awarded FY23 Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security and the Department of Fire Service in the amount of \$7,993.04. The equipment has been ordered and should be delivered in the next few weeks. Every firefighter will get two hoods, gloves and eye protection.
- In December with assistance of Captain Robert Cecil secured a piece of steel from the World Trade Center. The department is working with the Local to design and build a memorial.
- The Chief has been talking with the Town Tree Warden to determine the health of the trees in front of the station. The department is working with the Local on plans for remodeling the front of the building.
- Two new boilers are installed, and that project should be completed next week. One is up and running and the other is waiting on wiring.
- The Department was selected by the Centers of Medicare & Medicaid Services to participate in the Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection System. This to determine if Medicare payments for ground ambulance services is adequate. First team meeting is February 15, 2023. Failure to provide information will result in fees and a reduction in CPE funds in the future.
- The Department is meeting within the Towns of Sandwich, Yarmouth and Barnstable including both fire and police to determine the need for a regional emergency communications center. Prudential Committee gives their support. Project is moving forward with a grant application due March 2, 2023.

Treasurer:

- FY 2023 on track to finish year under budget.
- Cashbook has been balanced to the bank and the general ledger with no variances.
- Please send any updates to budgets or articles to him.
- Put together an analysis of cost saving for stipend for employees not taking insurance.

Clerk:

- Annual Reports are due at the next meeting.

Prudential Committee:

- Commonwealth Wind is looking to purchase an easement from the District on Oak Street. Superintendent Anderson has list to do including seeking advice from Counsel. The Prudential and Water Commissioners are working on the easement.
- Negotiations nearing the end.
- Prudential Committee will need to meet with Superintendent and Fire Chief to go over their budgets. Hopefully, at the end of March.

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

Next Meeting is March 14, 2022