

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

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES APRIL 9, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Prudential Committee Chairman William Jones at the District Water Department. Also, in attendance were Prudential Committee members Joshua Miller and Peter Eastman, Water Commissioners David Jones and Evelyn Bassett, Water Superintendent Tom Rooney, Fire Chief Frank Pulsifer, Deputy Chief Rick Pfautz, Treasurer Rick Buffington, Moderator Peter Eleftherakis, District Counsel Charles Sabbatt and Clerk Charles Eager.

No public comment

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept the January 8th, February 12th, March 12th and 18th minutes.

The Committee put off the business part of the meeting and began by reviewing the Draft Annual Meeting Warrant and funding sources. It was decided Articles 15 and 16 will be raise and appropriate and not transfer from Ambulance Fund. Proposed Article 27 to take over the Barnstable Firefighters Association Relief Fund was dropped from this year's Warrant to do some research before going forward with the Article.

Water Department:

- Underbudget for F/Y 19 year having spent 59% over 75% of the year.
- Pre-construction meeting to replace the gates at Railway Ave, Millway, Braggs Lane and Commerce Way and Mary Dunn set for 1st two weeks of May.
- Tank 1 has a new circulator but it needs to be drained again and painted inside.
- Board of Water Commissioner give a warning if the EPA set new standard for PFAS contamination as proposed the District may have problems.

Fire Department:

- On budget for year.
- Incidents are slightly over last year at this time.
- FEMA reimbursement – no update yet.
- Mass Certified Public Expenditure Program application has been submitted for \$50,391. Completed desk review with no issues. Payment not expected until June 2019.
- Hurricane Florence – Chief has applied for reimbursement through EMAC. MEMA waiting on North Carolina to release funds

- 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 aa \$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 March 26, 2019. Waiting on decision.
- Cape Cod Commission held today. They are conducting a roadway safety audit of Mary Dunn and Route 6A. Draft document is being completed at this time they are waiting on any revisions.
- Village of Barnstable is expected to open Phase 1 later this month. Phase 2 is scheduled for July. 225 senior living units.
- Captain Written Exam scheduled for this Thursday. Assessment Center scheduled for April 26, 2019. There are five candidates scheduled to take the exam. One open permanent Captain position available. Permanent Captain will be appointed based on results of examination and assessment center.
- Ryan Jones will be attending recruit training from April 22,2019 through June 29, 2019.
- One-year status on staffing and callback changes given. Number of positive results.
- Chief submitted a Safer grant to add one additional firefighter.

Treasurer:

- On track to finish the year slightly under budget.
- March cash has been reconciled to bank and general ledger.
- Received a refund from Center for Medicare Service reimbursing a portion prescription drugs cost. Almost \$23,000 dollars.
- Insurance open enrollment is going until May 3rd.

Clerk:

- Warrant needs to ready to publish by April 19th.
- Annual Report is ready to be picked up.

Prudential Committee:

- Motion made to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation and not to reconvene in Open Session.

NEXT MEETING IS JUNE 11, 2019