

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

**PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING APRIL 9, 2024**

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 Peter Eastman and Andrew Miller, Water Commissioners Evely Bassett and Stephen Whitmore, Water Department Superintendent Sean Anderson, Fire Chief Christopher Beal, Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Brailey, Treasurer Rick Buffington Moderator Peter Eleftheris, District Counsel Charles Sabatt and Clerk Charles Eager.

Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the minutes of March 5, 2024 as corrected.

Water Department

- Water Department is on budget for FY 2024. Having spent 75% over 77% of the year.
- Capital Product Update
- Water Department was awarded a \$2,388,000.00 grant for Wells 2 and 5 from the Mass DEP. With this grant and loan forgiveness it has brought down the cost of the Treatment Plant to around \$2.400,000.00
- Flushing going on and should finish last April or early May.
- Applied to the State for a waiver of bathroom inside the Treatment Plant because there is not enough room. Looking to use a stand-alone structure. Both the Plumbing Inspector and Board of Health spoke against it. State granted the waiver but it is contingent on approval of Board of Health. Water Department will be meeting with the Board of Health on April 23, 2024.
- Hanover/Hyannis II no communication.
- Water department is looking into increasing the District's Water Management Act Withdrawal Permit. Superintendent received an email from DEP with requirements to increase the permit. As anticipated it will be a rather large push.

Fire Department:

- FY2024 is on budget for the year.
- The Regional Emergency Communication Center has applied for the second half of the grant for funding to proceed with design and construction of a new building in Barnstable. The IMA was signed by all three towns involved. The projected date of completion is still 3-5 years out.
- District is currently under review by ISO to determine the class of the department which affects insurance rates for homeowners in our District. The Chief hope to classified as a 2/10 this time around.
- All the equipment purchased through the state equipment grant has been ordered and all has been received except the ballistics gear.

- The sign in front of the station was completed and installed. Also, the signs over the message board were repainted to match the large sign on the station.
- Hanover/Hyannis 1 Complex has started occupying Building 1, which consists of 80 units. Building 2 will be inspected this Thursday with an expected occupancy date of April 22, 2024. The last building is only a few weeks away from completion. They are expecting to be fully occupied by July 1, 2024.
- Call volume is steadily increasing. Expecting to have well over 2,000 calls for calendar year 2024.

Treasurer:

- Treasurer on track to finish FY 2024 under budget.
- Cashbook has been reconciled to the bank and general ledger for March.
- Open enrollment for insurance is April 16<sup>th</sup> through May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Clerk:

- Reports one Annual Report outstanding.

Prudential:

- Steve Rizzo, Owner's Products Manager said the Fire Station Building Committee recommends \$1,200,000 Article for the design of the Fire Station in the Warrant. Not ready to negotiate a contract yet waiting on outcome of Article.
- Discussion of the Warrant continued. **Motion, made, seconded and passed to increase the Clerk salary by \$1,000.**
- **Motion made, seconded and passed for the Water Department working with the Treasurer transfer 7% of the water revenues on a quarterly basis to the Water System Improvement Fund.**

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

Next Meeting is June 11, 2024