

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

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING MAY 9, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 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 Commissioner Evelyn Bassetts, Water Department employee Ronald Tivey, Fire Chief Christopher Beal, Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Brailey, Treasurer Rick Buffington and Clerk Charles Eager.

Water Department

- Water Department is under budget. It has spent 78% over 85% of the year.
- Flushing is going on.
- Waiver For Station 1 has been filed. Waiting on state.
- Counsel Charles Sabatt spoke to Commonwealth Winds attorney about the decision not to go forward with the easement. They asked if he minded if they talked to the Superintendent. Counsel said he had no problem with that.

Fire Department:

- Is over budget and expects to finish the year a little bit over budget. 85% spent so far over 84% of year.
- Firefighter Matthew Judge is attending Mass State Fire Academy in Bridgewater with anticipated graduation date of June 16th.
- Going ahead with area in front of station redesign. A landscape designer is volunteering his time to assist with design. The 9/10 memorial is going in front of Old Kings Highway Historical Committee. Trees should be coming down this week by the Town. Should have full plans available by next Prudential Meeting.
- New boilers are 95% installed and should be completed soon.
- Station repairs are moving forward. All Mini splits have been cleaned, painting almost done and kitchen moving forward.
- Fire Department will start buying it fuel from Hyannis Fire beginning July 1.
- Chief and Deputy having been meeting with Local 3276 about the addition of a Fire Department Chaplain. Pastor John Adams is willing to volunteer as Chaplain.
- Department held the Captain's Promotional Exam. Nick Black received the highest score. Nick Black has been promoted to the rank of Captain. His promotion leaves one member on the Captains Promotional Exam.

- Fire Department had update quote for (2) Lifepak cardiac monitors which was \$7,609.96 more than last quote and amount appropriated at the Annual District Meeting. Fire Department has funds to cover shortfall in Gifts of Funds. Chief said the monitors won't be ready for a year. Prudential Committee said to move forward with purchase. May be able to put in an article next District Meeting.

Treasurer:

- Treasurer says he will finish the year under budget.
- Cash for April has been balanced up to date with no variances
- Open enrollment for insurance runs through May 31st. Please have any changes to the Treasurer by June 7th.
- Treasurer will be on vacation from May 30th to June 6th. Please send any warrants to him by May 25th that are needed.

Clerk:

- Has questions about where to hold Annual Meeting. Chief and Clerk will look into the availability of the Unitarian Church. If not available look to see availability of St. Mary's. The Harbor View Conference Room was pretty tight for the Special District Meeting.

Prudential:

- Treasurer and Superintendent will amount needed for past debt on Water Treatment Plant.
- Request Moderator set up a By-law Committee.
- Prudential Committee asked the Water Commissioners write a letter to the Town of Barnstable on the growth within the District.
- **Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the new collective bargaining agreement with Local 3276.**

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

Next Meeting is June 13, 2023