

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

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING JUNE 13, 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 member Andrew Miller, Water Commissioners David Mason, Evelyn Bassetts and Stephen Whitmore, Water Department Superintendent Sean Anderson, 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 89% over 94% of the year.
- Water Department has a temporary occupancy permit and insurance on building.
- Received 30% design and waiting to see 50% design soon for Treatment Plant.
- Chemical Cooperative – KOH is down 2.26% and Chloride went up 16%.
- Commerce Road work gaining momentum.
- David Mason has been elected Chairman of the Board of Water Commissioners

Fire Department:

- Is over budget and expects to finish the year a little bit over budget. 95% spent so far over 94% of year. Estimated to be \$40,000 over budget,
- Fire Department filed with Old Kings Highway for a permit to work on memorial. Hearing date set for July 12, 2023 at 6:30 PM remotely.
- 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. Plans are available at the Fire and Water Departments.
- New boilers are 99% installed and should be completed tomorrow.
- Kitchen remodel is moving forward. RFQ's will be going out before the end of the month.
- Fire Department will start buying fuel from Hyannis Fire beginning July 1. There is a startup cost of \$100 a vehicle to install RFID tags for tracking and operation of pumps.
- Department will be terminating contract with Secure Networks in late August and moving IT services in house. The Department has an IT professional on staff now.
- P200 replacement is going very well. A 2022 Ford F-350 utility body truck is being held until July 1st. Should be in service this summer. Deputy Brailey is working on the detailing and upfitting of the truck.

- Firefighters Alex Smith and Dan Black will be attending the Mass. State Fire Academy in the fall at the Bridgewater Campus starting September 11, 2023 and graduating November 17, 2023.

Treasurer:

- Treasurer says he estimated to finish the year under budget by \$8,000 to \$10,000.
- Cash for May has been balanced with no variances
- Open enrollment for insurance runs has ended and paychecks will be updated.
- Treasurer asks if encumbrances be sent to him in the next couple of weeks.
- Treasurer will be on vacation from May 30th to June 6th. Please send any warrants to him by May 25th that are needed.

Clerk:

- Annual Meeting went off well.

Prudential:

- Chief Beal said he believes we are all set to go back to the Mary Pat Flynn Conference Room for our Annual Meetings. Chief has a reminder in his computer three months prior to make sure everything is set.
- Andrew Miller will represent the Prudential Committee on the By-law Committee. He will see that the By-law Committee looks into the recall provision.
- Karen Hickey has learned the District's payroll system and has become the Treasurer's backup. Chairman Jones told her he would ask the Prudential Committee provide her a \$1,000 stipend for doing this service. **Motion made, seconded and passed by a majority to provide a \$1,000 stipend a year to be backup payroll processor to the Treasurer.**
- Water Superintendent and Fire Chief have written letters to the Building Commissioner expressing concern with building going on in our District and strain it putting on the water supply and the amount of water we can pump.

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

Next Meeting is August 8, 2023