

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

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING June 7, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Prudential Committee member 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 Commissioners Evelyn Bassett and Stephen Whitmore, Water Superintendent Tom Rooney, Fire Chief Frank Pulsifer, Deputy Fire Chief Christopher Beal, Treasurer Rick Buffington and Clerk Charles Eager.

No public comment

Motion made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of April 14, 2022

Water Department:

- David Jones resigned from Board of Water Commissioners for personal reasons.
- Prudential Committee will appoint a member to the Board of Water Commissioners to fill the vacancy. Instructions on how to apply will be on website, bulletin board and Fire Station.
- Evelyn Bassett was appointed by the Prudential Committee to serve as Chairman.
- Water Department is under budget it has spent 77% over 97% of the year.
- Still working to get Well 1 online.
- Well # 2 is down due to faulty installation of pump when rehabbed two years ago.
- Well # 3 is also having problems.
- Water filtration plant is design is reaching 90%.
- Prudential Committee requests the Water Commissioner bid out an alternative of a steel building.
- Prudential Chairman William Jones believes the committee wasn't fully informed through the process of what was happening with the filtration plant until just before the Annual Meeting. He requests from now on the project be fully transparent.
- The renovation of the Interconnection with Yarmouth contract has been awarded and signed.
- Well # 1 is behind schedule due to COVID supply chain delays. Because of delays the District's engineering firm has run up over \$30,000 in costs which they will absolve.
- Superintendent Rooney contacted the County about the ARPA funds. The County has set a portal for the 15 Cape towns to submit their projects. Superintendent Rooney asked to if the County will set up a portal for the District. County said no. The District if they want could see if the Town would let them put their project through the Town's portal. The problem here is any funds for the District's project would have to be released by the Town Council which could keep the funds for itself.

Fire Department:

- Fire Department is currently on budget for the FY 2022 year but very tight.
- Firefighter Austin Osborn recruit training in Stow was moved up to September 19, 2022
- SAFER Grant for four additional firefighters is in post-panel technical review now.
- Old turnout gear donation will be picked up after July 4th by MANG.
- Old record management system ESO Firehouse is being discontinued and Image Trend Elite will become the replacement. Captain Tuepker and EMS Officer Stranger are on transition team.
- Deputy Beal set up L-206 training with BCFTA Mobile Fire Trailer on June 5 for all groups.
- Captain Tuepker took medical technician specialist training for advanced K-9 veterinary care taught by FDNY.
- Captain Tuepker obtained his Bachelor Degree in Fire Science from Columbia Southern University.
- Firefighter Edward Poirier plans to retire July 20, 2022 after 22 years of service to the District. Chief requests permission to immediately begin the process of filling the position. Prudential Committee give their approval.
- Chief Pulsifer gives notice of his retirement on or before November 17, 2023.

Treasurer:

- On track to finish FY 2022 under budget.
- Cash has been balanced to the bank and general ledger for the month of May with no variances.
- Open enrollment for insurance has ended.
- Split payroll on July 7th will have 13 days in FY 22 and 1 day in FY 23.
- Treasurer requests all encumbrances and turn backs be given to him in the next couple of weeks.
- Last warrants for FY 2022 are due by July 15th.
- Treasurers says the District will need approval for a Water Treatment Plant Stabilization Fund at the next Annual Meeting. It is needed in order to use a percentage of water revenues to pay off the yearly debt.

Clerk:

- Annual Meeting went off well with good attendance.

Prudential Committee:

- Streetlights have been changed over to LED.
- Chairman Jones suggests setting up a Fire Station Building Committee. Clerk will research if the Prudential Committee has the right to set up the committee or the District voters must decide.

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

Next Meeting is July 12, 2022