

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

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING JUNE 8, 2021

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 Joshua Miller and Andrew Miller, Water Commissioners David Jones and Evelyn Bassett, Water Superintendent Tom Rooney, Deputy Chief Rick Pfautz, Treasurer Rick Buffington, and Clerk Charles Eager.

No public comment

Motion made, seconded and passed to approve the February 25, 2021, March 23, 2021, April 14, 2021 and April 28, 2021 meetings as written.

Water Department:

- Water Department is under budget for the year - 89% spent over 92% of the year.
- Well 1 work was to be completed by June 1st, still isn't finished. Zoom meeting with contractor Robert Our tomorrow. Waiting on Fall River Electric to bring the power to the site. Board of Water Commissioners instructed the Superintendent to let contractor know they are not happy and expect well to be working by end of the month. To be used as a backup.
- Roof on Treatment 2 ongoing.
- Water Commissioner Chairman David Jones along with Prudential Chairman William Jones wants to set up a Town Manager Mark Els to discuss Vineyard Sound and State money the town is receiving. To let the Town know the District wants to receive it share. Prudential Chairman William Jones asks if we know the rules of the game? How do the other District feel about this? Chairman David Jones said meeting would be a fact finding inquiry. Chairman William Jones says we need to know what the money is for before the meeting. In setting up any meeting we need someone to explain the facts as we see them and not be given a line because we can't clearly explain the facts. Water Superintendent Rooney volunteers to contact Lynne Poyant Communications Director and feel her out about how the money can be used for. Chairman William Jones tell Superintendent Rooney to contact her and Councilor Gordon Starr.
- Letter going out in the next bill explaining the PFAS problem, increase in revenue needed to meet the District's debt service and the District's efforts to minimize the burden by going after grants and other money sources.

Fire Department:

- Fire Department is on budget for the year.
- **(2018)** Assistance to Firefighter Grant with the awarded equipment grant the Department has received, programed, installed and placed in service all radios. All grant money has been spent, still waiting on FEMA for close-out documents.

- **(2019)** Assistance to Firefighters Grant – Equipment Grant (Ladder Truck) Truck will be going into the build stage soon with an expected delivery date of late Fall 2021.
- **(2019)** Assistance to Firefighters Grant (SAFER) Ongoing.
- Chief has submitted for **(2020)** Assistance to Firefighter Grant – (SCBA and Cascade). Requested replacement of SCBA Filling Station and SCBA. Both are item at the end of their lives. Total grant is for \$243,152.28 which the federal government will reimburse 95%. Cost for the District is \$12,157.52. Award announcements expected in June/July 2021.
- Chief has applied for **(2020)** Assistance to Firefighter Grant – (SAFER). He requested two additional positions based on staffing study. Total grant is \$670,212.00 which is 100% reimbursable. Award announcement is expected in June/July 2021.
- Chief has submitted for a 2021 Massachusetts Department of Fire Service Equipment Grant. The Chief has applied for replacement SCBA facepieces and hand lights. Department awarded \$9,980 on April 1, 2021. Grant closeout at the end of June 2021.
- Captain Promotional Examination was given. Four members participated in the exam process. All passed the written examination but all failed the assessment center. New promotional list was unable to be created. Promotional list from previous exam will be used for any vacancies.

Treasurer:

- 92% of budget spent. Treasurer on track to finish FY 2021 under budget.
- Cash has been balanced to the bank and the general ledger with no variances for the months of April and May.
- Open enrollment for insurance ended May 31st. If there is anything to add, please get it to Treasurer within the next two weeks.
- Please have FY 2021 encumbrances and articles carry forwards to Treasurer as soon as possible.
- There will be a split payroll this year. The last paycheck for FY 2021 will have 5 days in FY2021 and 2 days in FY 2022.
- Treasurer will be on vacation June 24th, 25th and the 28th through the 30th. Treasurer will return on July 1st. He can be contacted by cell phone in an emergency.

Clerk:

- Nothing

Prudential Committee:

- Prudential Committee Chairman Jones presented a ransomware questionnaire to the meeting participants. In what has been happening in these times he believe the District must try and protect itself. He requested the Water Superintendent, Fire Chief and Treasurer to answer the questions to the best of their ability. They are the high computer users in the District.

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

Next Meeting is July 13, 2021