

BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT
1841 PHINNEY'S LANE
BARNSTABLE, MA 02630
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES DECEMBER 5, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 4 PM by Prudential Committee Chairman William Jones at the District Water Department. Also in attendance was Prudential Committee members Peter Eastman and Joshua Miller, Water Commissioners Evelyn Bassett and Stephen Whitmore Water Superintendent Tom Rooney, Fire Chief Frank Pulsifer, Deputy Fire Chief Rick Pfautz, Treasurer Rick Buffington, and Clerk Charles Eager.

The first order of business is to resume the tax classification hearing opened last month. The Committee heard from the Town Assessor Ed O'Neil regarding the option available to the District. A motion was made to use a residential factor of 1 (single rate). The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The hearing was closed.

No public comment

Motions were made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of November meetings as written

Water Department:

- Under budget – 32% spent over 40% of the year
- Paving to start this November 4th.
- Solar Array – ongoing
- Town of Barnstable wells - ongoing

Fire Department:

- On budget
- Incident volume is consistent with last year.
- Ryan Smith began MFA Recruit Training November 2, 2017 with graduation date of January 22, 2018. First progress report has firefighter Smith scoring above average for the class.
- Town-wide Dispatch Center discussions are ongoing.
- Secured a vehicle From Liberty Chevrolet using the Plymouth County Bid Process to replace Car 210. Should see the vehicle in a couple of weeks. Lights are being installed at the dealership.
- Engine 205 waiting on an evaluation by Karl Sulkula.
- Engine 202 at Greenwood for service. Par is a warranty work with paint and folding steps. Additional work being done with foam tank, side rails and troubleshooting an electronic issue at the pump panel. Hope to only have it gone for a couple of weeks.
- Annual Ambulance inspection completed. A-203 and E-202 licensed for another year. Chief thanks EMS Officer Tyson for coordinating and preparing for inspection. No plan of corrections report.
- Chief Pulsifer has talked with Attorney Sabatt about District line/ 1220 Iyannough Road issue. Attorney Sabbatt has spoken with Down Cape Engineering and it is working on the project.

Hopes to have stamped documents in a few weeks. Attorney Sabatt will proceed accordingly once he has documents.

Treasurer:

- Treasurer did a follow-up on Flexible Spending Accounts interest and there was only one person interested. Prudential Committee decided not to offer at this time.
- Treasurer recommends requesting the Town to release \$130,000 from the Overlay Account and Prudential Committee agrees.
- Treasurer found some sunset articles totaling \$47,000 to be used for F/Y 2019 budget.
- Treasurer's Internal Controls Policy is deferred until January's meeting.

Clerk:

- Nothing

Prudential Committee:

- Motion made, seconded and passed to hire Acting Deputy Chief Richard Pfautz as Permanent Deputy Chief pending on contract negotiations.
- Special meeting scheduled at the Fire Station on December 12, 2017, at 4 PM to start negotiations on Deputy Chief's contract.
- Once Attorney Sabatt gets the documents from Down Cape Engineering he will write the Town about replacing the missing bounds.
- Grievance process is ongoing.
- All must receive credit for Ethics Laws review.

Motion made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting.

NEXT MEETING IS JANUARY 9, 2018

CAPITAL BUDGET AND ANNUAL REPORTS DUE AT JANUARY MEETING

PRELIMINARY OPERATING BUDGETS DUE AT FEBRUARY MEETING

FINAL OPERATING BUDGET DUE AT MARCH MEETING

WARRANT WALK THROUGH WITH DISTRICT COUNSEL AND MODERATOR AT APRIL MEETING