

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

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES MARCH 14, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Prudential Committee Chairman William Jones at 4:00 PM. Also in attendance was Prudential Committee member Peter Eastman, Water Commissioners David Jones, Evelyn Bassett and Stephen Whitmore, Fire Chief Frank Pulsifer, Interim Treasurer Eric Kinsherf, Richard Buffington and Clerk Charles Eager.

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of February 14, 2017 meeting with one correction. Motion made, seconded and passed to accept March 1, 2017 and March 7, 2017 minutes.

Water Department:

- On budget for year department has spent 59% of budget over 66% of year.
- Attorney's drafted and sent letter to CVEC on reimbursement request.

Fire Department:

- Slightly over budget for FY 2017.
- Incident volume slightly over last year. 20 calls over last year mostly due winter storms.
- Ambulance 203 is undergoing service for an oil leak which is under warranty. Currently using Hyannis' spare ambulance.
- Ambulance Billing Concerns
 - Proposed legislation is being considered which would limit emergency ambulance rates at Medicaid level.
 - Cost to the District is \$144,000 in revenue.
 - Chief has already reached out to our legislative representatives to express opposition.
 - This will be a topic at the Cape and Island legislative meeting in March between the fire chiefs and the legislators.
 - Chief requests District official to also contact legislators and Massachusetts Municipal Association Director John Robertson to voice their opposition to the Governor's proposal at reducing insurance reimbursement.

Treasurer:

- Everything is going well.
- Audit is now going forward.

Clerk:

- Annual Report for the Treasurer and Prudential Committee needed to finish District Annual Report.

Prudential:

- Rick Buffington was appointed Treasurer on March 1, 2017 effective March 20, 2017.

- Prudential Committee accepts the Water Department's operating budget.
- Water has three capital articles. One article for rehabilitation of two tanks at a cost of \$1,700,000.00; one for \$15,000.00 to supplement last year's article for paving access road to stations #3 and 4 and tanks 2 and 3. Final article of \$60,000.00 to supplement last year's article for the Water Department building renovation.
- If Fire Department article for computer server and software upgrade is approved their operating operation will drop about 1/2%. The Chief provided additional information for the vehicle article and the computer article.
- One thermal camera will be brought using the Gift of Funds account. The other one will be a capital article.
- Motion was made, seconded and passed to appoint the Fire Chief the alternate representative to the Cape Cod Municipal Health Group.
- There will be increase in co-payment which have to be negotiated. It can be done through MGL c. 150E bargaining process or by the expedited process allowed the Chapter 32B. Under Chapter 32B process 25% of the District saving in the first year must be shared with participants.
- The Cape Cod Municipal Health Group is offering high deductible plan which each member town or district must elect to offer. If you do offer the plan the District will have set up Health Saving Accounts and contribute ½ of the deductible to the Accounts. Eric Kinsharf recommends against offering the plans.
- Chairman Jones congratulated Deputy Chief Burke in completing his Master Degree.

Motion made, seconded and adjourn the meeting.

Next meeting scheduled for April 11, 2017 at 4:00 PM.