

**BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE
JULY 11, 2017 MINUTES**

Meeting was called to order at 4 PM by Prudential Committee Chairman William Jones at the Barnstable Water Department. Also, in attendance were Prudential Committee members Peter Eastman and Joshua Miller, Water Commissioners David Jones, Evelyn Bassett and Stephen Whitmore, Deputy Chief Peter Burke, Treasurer Richard Buffington and Clerk Charles Eager.

Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the minutes of the June meeting.

Water Department:

- FY 2017 under budget at 99.97% of budget spent.
- Eversource is proposing a lowering of the net metering rates. If accept it would reduce District's revenues by \$14,000.
- Connection on Well #3 blew out causing discoloration of water. Drained 5 feet out of the well. If any problem similar to this happens again the Water Department will institute a robo call.
- Older part of the building will need to be inspected for lead paint and asbestos before renovation.

Treasurer:

- All Departments came in under budget.
- District contribution (\$10,000) to high deductible insurance plans will be made July 12.
- FY 2016 audit is ongoing but should wrap up in the next two weeks. Will jump right into FY 2017 audit.
- Hoping to have Free Cash certified by end of August or first week in September.
- The Treasurer is the Assistant Procurement Office. He has every right to question items on warrants.

Fire Department:

- Slightly under budget for FY 2017.
- Final encumbrance list to Treasurer by July 9, 2017.
- Deputy Chief is finalizing plans with Hyannis Fire Department. Deputy will be negotiating with Hyannis on July 12 and if everything goes well his unofficial departure date will be July 24.
- Chief would like the Prudential Committee to consider a provisional Deputy Chief and has provided wording for an internal posting. Prudential Committee Chairman recommends there be no internal posting and appoint Capt. Rick Pfautz Acting Deputy Chief for a minimum period of six months. It was decided to have the qualified personnel write a letter of interest for the position. Post meeting for 4 PM, July 18 at the Fire Department to appoint the Acting Deputy Chief and if available meet with Union to negotiate the Acting Deputy Chief remain part of the Union.

- Chief has requested a provisional employee but probably need two with Deputy leaving with two other firefighters out on leave. Permission given for one provisional firefighter to be hired. Person is already identified.

Clerk:

- Nothing

Prudential Committee:

- Deputy Chief requests that the Prudential Committee waive section 2 of his contract which provides he must give ninety days notice prior to leaving.
- Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously to waive Section 2 of the Deputy's Chairman contract.
- Discussion whether to offer provisional firefighters sick leave. Will be discussed with the Union on July 18.
- Chairman Jones commended Deputy Burke on what most likely is his last meeting.

Motion made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting.

Next meeting August 8, 2017