

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

**PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES MARCH 7, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Prudential Committee Chairman William Jones at 4:00 PM. Also in attendance was Prudential Committee members Peter Eastman, Water Commissioners David Jones, Evelyn Bassett and Stephen Whitmore, Fire Chief Frank Pulizer, Deputy Fire Chief Peter Burke District Counsel Charles Sabbatt, Incoming Treasurer Richard Buffington and Clerk Charles Eager.

The meeting was called to discuss FY 2018 operating and capital budgets of the Water and Fire Departments. In addition, District Counsel was present to give his opinion of the requirement to reimburse CVEC for governmental charges incurred from the development. Mr. Sabbatt explained the District has a contractual obligation to reimburse CVEC although he had reservations regarding the spirit of the contract. Mr. Sabbatt recommended the District reimburse CVEC the money it received from the Town for its portion of the personal property taxes paid. The contract was set up for a Town so charges like this would just follow in a circle. The Town has stated that there is no authority to abate the District's portion of the Town's assessment so the Town keeps that part of the tax. The Prudential Committee requested a check be cut for the proceeds the District received from the Town made out to CVEC and give it to Counsel for the District's reply to CVEC's invoice. Attorney Sabbatt also explained the dispute process under the contract. Recommends that the District let CVEC start the dispute process.

Next the Water Department presented their budgets. The Water Department operating budget increased only 1.6% which the Prudential Committee accepted. The Water Department needs an additional article to pay for increases in the cost of paving access road for entry to station #3 and #4 and tanks #2 and #3 because prevailing wages must be paid. The Water Commissioners looked into the cost of a new tank for Tank #2 rather than painting the tank. The new tank would cost \$2,000,000 and the painting \$1,000,000 for a tank with an expected life of 50 plus years. The Commissioner then proposed getting estimates to paint both Tanks #2 and #3 and see if they could get a better price than painting one at a time. The other tank is coming up to time for a painting. Prudential Committee told the Commissioner to see if there would be any saving and bring back the estimate to the next Prudential Meeting. The last article is seeking additional funds for replacement of Water Department's sidewalks, exterior trim, windows and doors because bids came in so much higher than expected.

The last item of business was the Fire Department's budgets. The Fire Department operating as presented increased 2.55%. The Fire Department is looking for four capital articles. The Fire Chief suggested after soliciting estimates on Thermal Imaging Cameras that maybe they should purchase 2 cameras because the price quoted was \$3,000 less than he estimated. Prudential Committee asked Mr. Buffington to get how much money was in the Gift of Funds account. Maybe be able to purchase 1 camera from the account and the other through an appropriation. The Prudential Committee looking at

capital articles 1 and 2 suggested that the Fire Department itemize the article more so at the meeting they can explain what is included in them. The Prudential Committee questioned the increased in cost for software support in the operating budget and capital article 2 calling for software upgrades. The Chief explained that there may be a little overlapping in the two requests and the cost of one could go down. The Prudential Committee suggested reducing the operating budget if possible. The Chief and Deputy will come back to the next Prudential Committee meeting with updated figures and itemizations.