

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

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING DECEMBER 10, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Prudential Committee Chairperson William Jones at the Water Department Office, 1841 Phinney's Lane, Barnstable. Also, in attendance were Prudential Committee members Peter Eastman and Andrew Miller, Water Commissioner Dave Mason, Water Superintendent Sean Anderson, Chief Christopher Beal, Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Brailey, Treasurer Rick Buffington and Clerk Charles Eager.

Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the November Minutes as filed.

Water:

- The Water Department is under budget for FY 2025, 35% spent over 44% of the year.
- The new truck is back with mirror replacements. Superintendent was able to get the dealership to pay half the cost of the replacements as a safety issue that everyone overlooked in the specs.
- The Water Department interviewed 6 candidates for the open position.
- The Department has been working on replacing broken curb stops, mostly seasonals.
- Started reading meter today.
- Received letter from the Fire Chief on Scott Heslip's response and handling of water needs of the Fire Department at the Antony's Cummaquid Inn fire. It will be put on his personal file.
- Contractors have worked on pouring concrete generator pads, installing interior wall panels, installing electrical panels, framing. installing window panels and pulling electric pole to main building electric panels at the Treatment Plant. They plan to switch the electrical services to new ones next Thursday.
- The Superintendent sent a letter expending concerns about the Hanover/Hyannis II project. He also remotely attended the Commission's online meeting yesterday and reiterated the District's concerns. Steve Olson received the quote from Biszko for construction of the stand-alone bathroom at the new Treatment Plant. It was over \$500,000.

Fire:

- Fire Department is on budget for FY 2025.
- No update on the Regional Emergency Communication Center Grant.
- At the 35th Annual Firefighter of the Year Awards Ceremony, Captain Brian Tyson was awarded the Norman Knight Award for Excellence in Community Service.
- The Fire Department applied for the Massachusetts State Equipment Grant. The Department request various PPE items for the members as well as portable radio batteries. They should hear in December 2024 or January 2025.

- The FY2025 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Program portal has opened and closes December 20, 2024. The Fire Department is planning on applying for funds to replace all our gas meters with newer up to date models. If awarded, the grant would provide 4 gas meters for all apparatus.
- Barnstable County Sheriff's Office Communication Center increasing the dispatch fees by \$17,365.43. This is an estimate that could go up or down in the next few months.
- FF/EMT Andrew Riley started recruit training at the Mass. Fire Academy and is scheduled to graduate February 14, 2025.
- The Fire Department held their 3rd Annual Promotion and Awards Ceremony November 16, 2024.
- Captain Brian Tyson and Lt. John Fleming attended an Incident Safety Officer Program held in Hyannis. The program will certify the 2 officers as Incident Safety Officers based on NFPA 1521.
- The new Engine 205 preconstruction will start June 2025. The estimated delivery date is December 2025.

Treasurer:

- The Treasurer is on track to finish FY 2025 under budget.
- The November cashbook has been reconciled to the bank and general ledger with no variances.
- The Water Department's System Improvement account has increased \$98,000 due to 7% of water rate revenue has been allocated to it.
- Audit should be completed in three weeks.
- After the Classification Hearing the tax rate for FY 2025 has been set at \$2,30 per thousand. Valuations increased by about 7% over last year.

Clerk:

- Due dates for Operational and Capital Budget set.

Prudential:

- The Building Committee working with the Architect and the Fire Department has worked on:
 - The architectural team is progressing with the Design Development phase. The Expected completion date is the end of November. Estimates on the project cost will take about three weeks.
 - Detailed space planning for individual rooms is ongoing with weekly meetings with Fire Station staff.
 - Received the CM at Risk the CM at Risk Statements of Qualifications from four Construction Managers. The Selection Committee designated by the Building Committee is evaluating the Statements and will recommend a CM.
 - Public review sessions were held.
 - Appraisals completed for three properties. Estimated values for Main Street Fire Station are \$2,350,000, Article 97 land at 1841 Phinney's Lane at \$720,000 and proposed replacement land at 0 Main Street (Route 6A) at \$135,000.
- Next steps for new Fire Station are:
 - The OPM will consult with the state regarding Article 97 land appraisals for a read on whether the replacement land is acceptable,
 - There is a plan to meet with abutters on December 16th at St. Mary's to review plans for the station.

- Plans submitted to Old King's Highway Committee for the December 16th meeting.
- Will be meeting with W B Mason this week to start furniture planning.
- Coffee with the Chief at Sturgis Library, December 21st from 10 AM – 12 PM to discuss the proposed new Fire Station project.
- The OPM will be amending the Context Contract for CM at Risk.
- At this time the Owner's Project Manager requested the Prudential Committee make a motion to approve the next phase of the project to proceed before receiving the cost estimates for the Design Development phase is complete. **The Prudential Committee Peter Eastman made the following motion. I move that the Committee approve that Context Architecture proceed with the Construction Documents for the new Fire Station following the conclusion of the Design Development phase. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**
- The District and the Fire Department received a thank you from the Vektorino Family for transporting Tom Vektorino home.

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

Next Meeting is January 14, 2025.

Capital Budget due at January's Meeting

Preliminary Operational Budget due at February's Meeting

Final Operational Budget and Annual Reports due at March's Meeting

Meeting with Moderator and District Counsel at April's Meeting

Annual Meeting – May 14, 2025