

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

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING NOVEMBER 12, 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.

Classification Hearing was opened. Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously to suspend the Hearing to a later date.

Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the October Minutes as filled.

Water:

- The Water Department is under budget for FY 2025, 31% spent over 38% of the year.
- The Water Department is down one employee. The Department has been advertising for a replacement but no luck.
- Drilled 2-2" test wells near well 3 the week of October 23rd. One performed better than the over. Waiting for the full report from Steve Olsen
- Finished flushing half the District.
- The new truck was received with wrong side mirrors which poses a safety threat. The Water Department is taking the truck back to the dealer to fix the problem.
- Biszko has been installing insulated panels, roof panels, gutters and snow guards. They began framing the interior for the insulated wall sections. Site work, including grading around the building and preparing generator locations.
- Heard nothing from Hanover/Hyannis II apartment complex. Chief Beal said they are going ahead with the expansion. The plans can be seen on the Cape Cod Commission website.
- Superintendent asked what the Town was planning to do with the purple pile (discharge) being laid on Bearse's Way. He was told it was going to connect with the pipe put down a while ago when Route 132 was redesigned.

Fire:

- Fire Department is on budget for FY 2025.
- No update on the Regional Emergency Communication Center Grant.
- FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Award has been used to buy 5 new thermal imaging cameras. Currently working to choose a company to deliver the apparatus emergency driving, aerial operations and motor pump operations classes.

- 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. Should hear in December 1924 or January 2025.
- The FY2024 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Program portal opened today and closes December 20, 2024. The Fire Department is currently doing a needs assessment to determine what to apply for. The focus is still on equipment and training.
- Barnstable County Sheriff's Office Communication Center increasing the dispatch fees considerably.
- FF/EMT Andrew Riley will be starting recruit training at the Mass. Fire Academy in December.
- The Fire Department will be holding their 3rd Annual Promotion and Awards Ceremony.
- The District will be holding 2 informational sessions for the proposed new fire station project this week Nov. 14th at 7:00 PM and November 16th at 1:00 PM at the Fire Station. The Barnstable Village Association will also host a session on November 21st at 7:00 PM at St. Mary's Church.
- There was a significant fire at Anthony's Cummaquid Inn. The Fire Department responded a large contingent of Fire fighters and Officers (15 individuals and 6 pieces of apparatus). The Chief and the Fire Department wanted to recognize Barnstable Water Department Service Person Scott Heaslip for his service to help supply the water needed for the fire.
- The new Engine 205 preconstruction will be starting soon. The estimated delivery date is December 2025.

Treasurer:

- The Treasurer explained why the Classification Hearing could not be held today. Valuations have not been certified yet. The Treasurer has suggested to the Town Assessor holding it December 10th.
- Treasurer on track to finish FY 2025 under budget.
- The September cashbook has been reconciled to the general ledger with no variances.
- \$1,200,000.00 short term (five year) borrowing will be made for the new Fire Station design engineering costs. If the new Fire Station is approved at next year's Annual District Meeting, we will consolidate the design engineering and building costs into one borrowing over 30 years.
- Free Cash is certified at \$491.927.
- Audit is ongoing.

Clerk:

- Annual Reports are due at March's meeting.
- Reminder to Prudential Committee that if they want to change the Annual Meeting they have until January 15th.

Prudential:

- The Building Committee working with the Architect and the Fire Department has worked to:
 - Completed the Schematic Design.
 - Received Notice to Proceed with Construction Manager at Risk from the Office of the Inspector General.
 - Issued the RFQ for the Constructive Manager at Risk.
 - Reviewed project budget.

- Investigated possible financial bond funding alternatives for the project.
- Projected possible tax revenue models for project funding and impact on tax rates.
- Held a public meeting session with Cummaquid Heights Association.
- Met with the Building Commissioner to review project.
- Met with the DPW and the Civil Engineer to review the project and receive feedback on the site and stormwater plans.
- Added a webpage to the Fire Department Website for the project.

Next steps for new Fire Station are:

- The architectural team has begun the Design Development phase.
- The architect's is working on cost alternatives related to alternative structures.
- Begin detailed space planning for individual rooms.
- Review responses to the CM at Risk RFQ and issue an RFP to the selected CM.
- Hold public review sessions.
- Plan to meet with abutters to review plans.
- Plan to submit project to Old Kings Highway Committee for December's meeting.
- They have received a proposal to appraise the Old Fire Station, the value of Article 97 land being developed on Phinney's Lane and the value of a replacement parcel.

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

Next Meeting is December 10, 2024.

Capital Budget due at January Meeting

Preliminary Operational Budget due at February Meeting

Final Operational Budget and Annual Reports due at March Meeting

Meeting with Moderator and District Counsel at April Meeting

Annual Meeting – May 14, 2025