

**BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT
1841 PHINNEY'S LANE
BARNSTABLE, MA 02630
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 25, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 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, Fire Chief Christopher Beal, Treasurer Rick Buffington and Clerk Charles Eager.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to resume the Classification Hearing. Town Assessor John Curran explained the process of the hearing and the choices the Prudential Committee can make. The Town Assessor recommends using a single-factor tax rate. After discussion Prudential Committee member Peter Eastman made a motion to use a single tax factor. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The hearing was adjourned.

Chairman Jones brought up an issue being asked by the voters. There have been questions on what is being planned for the current Fire Station if the new Fire Station is approved. He believes there needs to be meetings with the Water Commissioners to discuss what is planned for the building and what may be the cost of what is being planned. The Owner's Project Manager has a conceptual drawing of the plans for the building. The community room shown on the plans will comfortably hold fifty people. Chairman Jones thinks this might be a problem because one of the events planned for the room is the District's Annual Meeting. The OPM said if another bay is taken over the room will hold 150 people. The OPM went over an estimate of cost of renovations at \$2,700,000.

Motion made, seconded, and passed unanimously,