

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

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING MARCH 5, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Prudential Committee Chairman William Jones at the Water Department Office, 1841 Phinney's Lane, Barnstable. Also, in attendance was Prudential Committee memberS Peter Eastman and Andrew Miller, Water Commissioners David Mason, Water Department Employee Ron Tivey, Fire Chief Christopher Beal, Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Brailey, Treasurer Rick Buffington and Clerk Charles Eager.

Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the minutes of January 9, January 17 and February 13, 2024.

Water Department

- Water Department is on budget for FY 2024. Having spent 66% over 66% of the year.
- New hire coming on previously worked in Yarmouth.
- Meeting with DEP went well
- Flushing starts end this month or first of April.
- Board of Water Commissioners vote to implement the Water Balance Program.
- Will be reviewing the commercial rate structure at a later date.
- Treatment Plant meeting at 1 PM Wednesday about the bathroom required by zoning.
- Hanover/Hyannis II no communication.

Fire Department:

- FY2024 is on budget for the year.
- Deputy Fire Chief Brailey graduated from Columbia Southern University with a Bachelor of Science Fire Administration.
- The Fire Department applied for two FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grants. One for driver training programs and one to replace all thermal imaging cameras and the addition of a few more.
- No update on the Regional Emergency Communication Center Grant.
- Fiscal year 2023 Massachusetts Ambulance CPR desk review has been complete, accepted and completed. Settlements are expected to be processed in mid-June.
- In addition to the three Capital article previously requested the Department would like to add an additional article. This article would continue the funding for the new firefighters that were hired with a FEMA Safer Grant. The fund will be used to help offset the cost of the four positions when the FEMA Grant ends.

- Fire Department submitted their operational budget

Treasurer:

- Treasurer on track to finish FY 2024 under budget.
- Cashbook has been reconciled to the bank and general ledger for February.
- Treasurer asked if District Counsel will be writing the Capital Articles? Chairman Jones said get azzahim involved.

Clerk:

- Reports one Annual Report outstanding.

Prudential:

- Since Steve Rizzo had to step down from the Fire Station Building Committee Chairman Jones asked Richards French if he would be willing to fill the vacant position. Chairman Jones asked the rest of the committee if they had any problem with the appointment. The rest of the committee gave their consent.
- Question about the land on Oakmont Road and by the District Office falling under Article 97. The question is if the Fire Station is built on the land around the Water Department office will the state make the District relocate the acreage elsewhere.
- Steve Rizzo's Operations Production Manager contract was presented. It is for three-year contract with a three-year renewal. It also has a termination clause if the project doesn't pass.
- Steve presented his estimate of the expenses would be over the three-year period. The amount is \$12,000.00. The funds will come out of the professional service line item in the Prudential budget.
- Chairman Jones set up a meeting with the Fire and Water Departments to go over the operational budget and capital expenditures. Meeting set up for March 27, 2024 at 10:00 AM.

Motion made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting.

Next Meeting is April 9, 2024

Final Warrant due to Clerk April 19, 2024