

November 7, 2024

Wareham Fire District
Joint Meeting -
Prudential Committee / Water Commissioners
Station 2, 2368 Cranberry Highway, West Wareham
November 7, 2024

Prudential Committee Members: George Barrett, Rick England, Joyce Bacchiocchi, Brian Crocker

Nonmembers: Chief Kelley, Wendy Lemieux

5:40 PM *Joint Meeting – Prudential Committee and Water Commissioners*

- Meeting called to order
- Please see Minutes posted by Water Commissioners for all discussion of business during the Joint Meeting.
- VOTE – appoint Water Commissioner to replace retirement (John English) until next election in April.
- Motion to appoint Ted Hatch to this temporary position made by Jay Tamagini, second by Rick England.
Prudential Committee vote: 4-0-1.
- Note: Joyce Bacchiocchi asked to reserve the right to ask questions of Ted Hatch at the next meeting. (not present at this meeting)

6:22PM *Water Commissioners adjourned their meeting.*

Prudential Committee meeting called to order.

Correspondence:

- Notice of intent to renegotiate contract for Local1249 (expires 06/30/25)
- Prudential Committee members George Barrett and Rick England
- Notice of intent to renegotiate contract for Assistant Chief Mark Rogers (expires 06/30/25)
- Grievance received, Local #2810, dated today, 20 days to reply
- Motion to pay Urquhart Electric, \$572.45, motion Brian, second Rick, approved 4-0-0.
- Motion to pay Home Depot Credit Services, \$89.58, motion Brian, second Rick, approved 4-0-0.
- Motion to pay Norris, Murray & Peloquin LLC, \$5,405.00, motion Brian, second Rick, approved 4-0-0.

- Motion to pay Odyssey Advisors, Inc., \$1,287.50, motion Brian, second Rick, approved 4-0-0.
- Motion to pay Conn Kavanaugh, \$474.50, motion Brian, second Rick, approved 4-0-0.
- Motion to approve PO, McDuffy and Son, Inc., \$7,490.00, motion Brian, second Rick, approved 4-0-0.
- Motion to approve PO, All Tech Group, \$14,154.00, motion Brian, second Rick, approved 4-0-0.
- Motion to approve PO, Northern Data Systems, \$6,279.00, motion Brian, second Rick, approved 4-0-0.
- Motion to approve PO, Maher Services, \$6,125.00, motion Brian, second Rick, approved 4-0-0.

Clerk Treasurer's Report

- The tax rate classification hearing is tentatively scheduled for November 21, 2024.
- FY24 Audit – Marcum has completed the field work for the FY24 audit and the completed audited financial statements are expected in December.
- OPEB valuation for FY24 is complete and has been proved in the packet.
- HR Key Solutions – Wendy and Terry met with Mary Beth Bernard today regarding the HR needs of the District. The first step is to collect information regarding what is in place and what the most immediate needs are.
- FY26 Budgets – The Prudential Committee spreadsheet is in the packets. Joyce inquired if any other members thought that having a “budget workshop” would be a good idea, and that is something that may be scheduled in the future.
- Articles for District Meeting – There are currently two articles being considered for the Warrant.
- Important Dates in 2025:
 - Annual District Meeting 04/14/2025
 - District Election 04/19/2025
 - Warrant Closes 03/14/2025
 - Warrant Published and Posted 03/27/2025
 - Nomination Papers available 01/27/2025
 - Nomination Papers returned 02/28/2025
 - Nomination Papers certified 03/13/2025
 - Last day to withdraw 03/17/2025

Chief's Report (see attached)

Fire Station Building Committee update

No update tonight.

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Public Comment - None.

6:46 PM - Meeting adjourned.

Vote Date:	11/21/25
Approve	3
Disapprove	0
Abstain	0

Chairman Geoff Beath
Clerk Myra Zuchowal

Chief's report for week ending November 9, 2024

Friday November 1st

· The Board of Engineers meeting was conducted to pick the hiring of 11 Call Firefighters.

Monday November 4th

· Engine 5 sent to dealer for warranty issues.

Wednesday November 5th

· Temporary outdoor burning order was put in place due to extreme fire danger.

Wednesday November 6th

· Dispatch interviews were conducted.