

Wareham Fire District

Prudential Committee Meeting 02/05/26

Prudential Committee Members:

Dean Decas, Brian Crocker, Rick England, Joyce Bacchiocchi
Not present: George Barrett

Non-Prudential Committee Members:

Clerk Treasurer Wendy Lemieux, Assistant Chief Mark Rogers

5:00 pm Open Meeting

5:01 pm Correspondence -None

5:02 pm Approval of bills and purchase orders

- Motion to approve PO for Borden & Remington, \$5,840.10 – Supply Sodium Hypochlorite to Maple Springs Treatment Plant - Motion BC second RE (4-0-0)
- Motion to approve payment to CBIZ, \$5,400- Audit of Financial Statements, 06/30/25 –Motion BC second JB (4-0-0)
- Motion to approve PO for Madigan Lime Corporation, \$12,127.50 – Bulk hydrated lime for the Maple Springs Treatment Plant - Motion BC second JB (4-0-0)
- Motion to approve PO for John Hoadley & Sons, \$13,210.00 – Water Hydrants - Motion BC second RE (4-0-0)
- Three Purchase orders related to the purchase of a District vehicle that were tabled on 12/18/25 were further tabled to our next meeting on 02/19/26.

5:08 pm Approval of Minutes

- Vote to approve minutes of the meeting on 01/22/26 – Motion BC, Second RE (4-0-0)

5:10 pm Chief's Report (Assistant Chief Mark Rogers)

- See attached report.
- The Board of Engineers will meet on 2/11 and will finalize their budget at that time.

5:14 pm Clerk Treasurer Report

- See attached.

5:17 pm Budget FY 2027 – Discussion

- Further discussion of FY 27 budget.
- The proposed articles were discussed further.
- The following articles were presented for a vote for favorable action:
 1. Contractual Liabilities (inserted by Prudential Committee) - \$75,000 - Motion to vote Favorable Action – Motion JB, Second BC, 4-0-0.
 2. Well 3 Replacement (inserted by Board of Water Commissioners) - \$1,400,000 – Motion to vote Favorable Action – Motion JB, Second BC, 4-0-0.

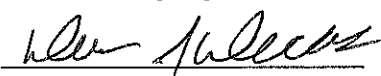
5:51 pm Public Comment – None

5:51 pm Business not anticipated 48 hours prior to meeting - None

5:52 pm Adjourn – Motion JB, second BC, (4-0-0)

The next meeting of the Prudential Committee is 02/19/2026.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Joyce Bacchiocchi.

Chair  Vote Date 2/19/26

Clerk  Approve 4

Disapprove 0

Abstain 1

Chief's Report

February 5, 2026

135 Calls for Service from January 22, 2025

At the BOE meeting on January 29th, 2026, the Board reviewed, discussed, and a vote was taken on the submitted budget as requested by the Prudential Committee. It was determined that several line items needed to be addressed. The concerns presented at the meeting were emailed to Chief Kelley and a response has been received. On February 11th the Board of Engineers will meet and finalize the budget.

We continue to manage our line for Call Firefighter pay with no clear path and may run short. A ruling from District's Attorney suggest we pay travel time to and from academy in addition to providing transportation.

The B.O.E. is requesting a special meeting to fund the call force fires & drills line 5116 to fund the remainder of the 2026 FY to the sum of \$ 40,000.00

Our new fire alarm receivers are in and being programmed by R.B. Allen

Received apparatus progress photo updates from Pierce Manufacturing on January 23, 2026, with an anticipated completion around the 19th of February 2026.

Committee has received travel documents and is travelling to Appleton WI on the week of the 23rd of February

A/C Haskell and I met with Police Chief and Lt to solve the Bourne Hill Radio shack transfer it was agreed to split the cost 50/50 with our share for the transfer of equipment and antenna. Both sides have no idea of prior agreements and look forward with Chief Correia and Lt Walen to move forward with the fiber project to complete

Interior painting to be completed by Mr. Rideout of town maintenance asap

B-402 has been serviced, and Engine 1 was OOS for an air leak, minor maintenance issues.

We have been made aware that the district has a third government surplus vehicle at the town barn which is considered a parts truck. It has not been on the road, registered nor made known to the Keeper of the Records. This vehicle has not moved for the last four or five years. The hard doors were taken to Onset Fire for use on their vehicle which is in service to provide better protection for their personnel.

Our 7 recruits continue to attend Call/Volunteer FF I/II classes at the Massachusetts Fire Academy in Bridgewater.

Still awaiting approval of Plymouth County run card for updates.



**WAREHAM FIRE DISTRICT
TREASURERS REPORT
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING: FEBRUARY 5, 2026**

NEW BUSINESS:

MMHG Finance Committee met today, the recommendation for budget purposes is a ten percent increase for health insurance plans. The Steering committee will make the final recommendation in two weeks and it is possible the rate will come down to 9.9 or 9.8

Draft FY25 financial statements have been received from CBIZ. Review is underway and will be submitted back to CBIZ next week. Once finalized I will schedule the exit conference.

Nomination Papers: Jonathan Rogers has pulled papers for the Prudential Committee and John English has pulled papers for the Water Commissioner position

District counsel, Clifford and Kenny, confirmed that the District is obligated to pay recruits for travel time to and from the academy.

Aflac meetings were held on January 27th and 28th several employees have enrolled in these voluntary benefits. A meeting will be held this month for any call firefighters interested in these benefits.

Karin Baker has changed her retirement date to July 17th, her last day in the office will be April 3rd.

Annual Report has been sent to the printer

Continuing Disclosure Statement and Draft financial statements have been sent to Unibank Fiscal Advisory Services for posting to EMMA

OLD BUSINESS:

Deadline for receiving the acknowledgements of receipt of the District's Harassment Policy is February 12th

Ethics Training has been completed by most employees.

ONGOING ITEMS:

Employee Handbook: Remains under review by Clifford & Kenny.