

# **Wareham Fire District**

## **Prudential Committee Meeting Minutes 03/04/2026**

Amended

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### **Prudential Committee Members:**

Dean Decas, Brian Crocker, Rick England, Joyce Bacchiocchi, George Barrett

### **Non-Prudential Committee Members:**

Clerk Treasurer Wendy Lemieux, Assistant Chief Mark Rogers, Assistant Chief Pat Haskell

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**5:33 pm      Call meeting to order. Rick England arrived late.**

**5:34 pm      Correspondence -None**

**5:34pm      Approval of bills and purchase orders**

- Motion to approve payment to Plumbers Supply, \$452.20, repairs at Station 1 - Motion Joyce Bacchiocchi second Brian Crocker (4-0-0)
- Motion to approve payment to Commonwealth of MA, \$50- Annual Inspection of HQ boiler –Motion Brian Crocker second Joyce Bacchiocchi (4-0-0)

**5:35 pm      Approval of Minutes**

- Vote to approve minutes of the meeting on 02/19/2026 – Motion Brian Crocker, Second George Barrett (4-0-0)

**5:37 pm      Chief's Report (Assistant Chief Mark Rogers)**

- See attached report.

**5:39 pm      Clerk Treasurer Report**

- See attached.
- Signing of contract – Sophia Kelly, Assistant Clerk Treasurer

**5:44 pm Budget FY 2027 – Discussion**

- Further discussion of FY 27 budget, and the funding of previously proposed articles, as well as those to be proposed.
- The proposed articles were discussed further.  
**Article proposed to elect moderator** Motion to vote favorable action, Brian Crocker, second Joyce Bacchiocchi, 4-0-0.  
**Article proposed – Annual Report -** Motion to accept reports submitted in Annual Report at District Meeting, motion Brian Crocker – second Joyce Bacchiocchi, 4-0-0.  
**Article – Stabilization (\$75,000)** Continued discussion of this proposed article – vote to exclude this proposed article from the warrant – motion by Brian Crocker, second Rick England, 5-0-0.

**Rick England entered at 6:15 PM.**

- The following items were presented for a vote for favorable action:
  1. **Prudential Committee Budget**, as presented. Motion to vote favorable action, Joyce Bacchiocchi, second Brian Crocker, 5-0-0.
  2. **Clerk Treasurer Budget**, as presented. Motion to vote favorable action, Brian Crocker, second Rick England. 5-0-0.
- **Article – Lease purchase agreement for Communications Systems**  
 Assistant Chief Pat Haskell presented this Article. He shared a ROM budgetary proposal received from Motorola (Upgrade to Digital Conventional Simulcast Radio System and Optional Recorder). Asst Chief Haskell answered questions related to this purchase. Members of the committee asked that Asst Chief Haskell present more information at the next meeting, no vote was taken.

**7:04 pm Public Comment – None**

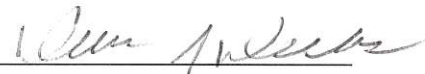
**7:04 pm Business not anticipated 48 hours prior to meeting - None**

**7:05 pm**      **Adjourn to Executive Session, not to return to open session. Executive Session – Motion Brian Crocker, second Rick England, Roll Call: Joyce Bacchiocchi yes, Brian Crocker yes, Rick England yes, George Barrett yes, Dean Decas yes.**

Executive Session: (M.G.L. c.30A, Sec. 21(a)), Exemption 3: To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.  
Grievance - Public Employees' Local Union 1249

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY MARCH 11, 2026 AT 5:30 PM.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Joyce Bacchiocchi.

Chair  Vote Date 3/19/26

Clerk  Approve 5

Disapprove 0

Abstain 0

## Chief's Report

March 04, 2026

Our department responded to <sup>265</sup> Calls for Services since last meeting

This past week's snowstorm tested our department and personnel to the limit of our personal endurance. I would like to take this time to thank each and every one for the job well done. From our Career fire suppression crews, dispatch personnel including our on-call force and recruits, everyone showed a willingness to help wherever needed.

A thank you to Committee member George Barrett who assisted with parts to get our boiler at Station 1 back in service on Monday morning at the height of the storm.

Captain Smith has been cleared for duty and back to work in Fire Prevention as of March 4<sup>th</sup>

Still awaiting updated Mutual Aid run cards from Plymouth County.

New Engine committee travelled to Appleton, Wisconsin and conducted a final inspection of the new engine and will be headed east this month.

New Squad 1 outfit has been completed and out of Maintenance at Station 1. Shifts to start with familiarization, training and pumping.

B 403 was in for a pump issue and is BIS at Station 4

**WAREHAM FIRE DISTRICT  
TREASURERS REPORT  
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING: MARCH 4, 2026**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The FY25 Audit is complete with the exception of an answer from the Law Office of Norris Murray and Peloquin. I have reached out to Leo and he has assured me that this will be completed on or before March 13<sup>th</sup>

Nomination Papers for John English, candidate for re-election to the Board of Water Commissioners and Jonathan Rogers candidate for election to the Prudential Committee have been submitted to the Town Clerk for certification.

**DISTRICT MEETING:**

Peter Balzarini is available to act as Moderator  
Constable Robert Short will post the Warrants on March 26<sup>th</sup>  
WCTV is available to record the meeting and provide three stick mics

**EMPLOYEE UPDATES:**

Terry Wilcox left the employee of the District on February 20<sup>th</sup>. She completed an Exit Interview form which is enclosed in each of the Board members packets marked "Confidential"

Madison Burnett has resigned from Dispatch effective February 25th and has been provided an Exit Interview form, she is expected to respond by the end of the week.

### **LINE OF DUTY INJURIES:**

John Kelly - out of work for an additional 6 weeks

Michael Bird – date of return to be determined

Christopher Smith returned to work today, March 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Approved changes have been made to Sophia Kelly's contract. Sophia signed the contract on February 27<sup>th</sup> and I respectfully ask that the Board sign the contract at this meeting.

One Harassment Policy Acknowledgement and a few Ethics training acknowledgements remain incomplete.

### **ONGOING ITEMS:**

Employee Handbook: Remains under review by Clifford & Kenny.