

Wareham Fire District

Prudential Committee Meeting Minutes 03/11/2026

Prudential Committee Members:

Dean Decas, Rick England, Joyce Bacchiocchi, George Barrett

Not present: Brian Crocker

Non-Prudential Committee Members:

Clerk Treasurer Wendy Lemieux, Assistant Chief Mark Rogers, Assistant Chief Pat Haskell, Rebecca Earlewine (Motorola Solutions)

5:32 pm Call meeting to order

5:32 pm Correspondence -None

5:33pm Approval of bills and purchase orders

- Motion to approve payment to CBIZ, Final billing for FY 2025 audit, \$1,800 - Motion Rick England, second George Barrett (4-0-0)
- Motion to approve purchase order to Industrial Protection Services, \$9,742 - Equipment for new Engine –Motion Rick England, second Dean Decas (4-0-0)
- Motion to approve purchase order to Motorola Solutions, \$60,266.75 – Communications Equipment for new Engine - Motion Rick England, second Dean Decas (4-0-0)
- NOTE: The purchases related to the new Engine from Industrial Protection Services and Motorola are included in the total cost of the Engine

5:35 pm Approval of Minutes

- Vote to approve minutes of the meeting on 03/04/2026 – Motion Rick England, Second George Barrett (4-0-0)

5:39 pm Chief's Report (Assistant Chief Mark Rogers)

- See attached report.

5:40 pm Clerk Treasurer Report

- See attached.

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.

A revised budget from Wareham Fire Department was proposed.

There were changes made to 3 lines.

Motion to approve Wareham Fire Department FY27 budget,
\$4,701,035 by Joyce Bacchiocchi, second Rick England, 4-0-0.

5:48 pm Article – Lease purchase agreement for Communications Systems

- Rebecca Earlewine from Motorola Solutions joined us to provide information and answer questions relating to the ROM - Upgrade to Digital Conventional Simulcast Radio System and Optional Recorder.
- There was discussion regarding the need to upgrade the radio equipment and expand the coverage in the District. Rebecca has been working with Asst. Chief Pat Haskell in preparing the ROM for the District.
- Dean Decas asked about the new fiber network and how that would be affected in case of interruption.
- The ROM had been updated from last week – a new site was added at the West Wareham water tower, and this change resulted in the total price being reduced.
- The committee has asked that there be communication with another municipality that has used this company for a similar project, we will hope to have that for our next meeting.
- Also, the committee has asked for more information regarding assumptions that are made regarding existing equipment and conditions, and whether or not that might add to the cost of the

project. Asst. Chief Haskell will provide that information at a future meeting.

- Ms Earlewine from Motorola did present the committee with the reduced price and several options for leasing.
- A motion was made by Rick England to vote favorable action on the "Lease Purchase Agreement for Communication System" article - to authorize the Prudential Committee to enter into a lease purchase agreement for a term up to 7 years for the purpose of acquiring and installing a Digital Conventional Simulcast Radio System, and to authorize the lease-purchase of said equipment, and to appropriate the sum of \$340,378.20 for the first fiscal year's payment for said lease-purchase agreement, and to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by taxation, transferred from available funds, or otherwise provided; or to take any relative action thereto. Second by George Barrett, 4-0-0. (7:00 PM)

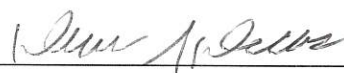
7:09 pm Public Comment – Kathy Bird shared her suggestions on changes to be made to the minutes, including full names, and more detail regarding the reports of the Chief and the Clerk Treasurer. Also, she suggested that microphones would make it easier to hear at the meetings.

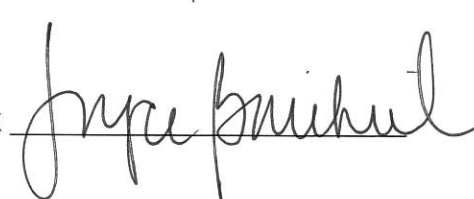
7:13 pm Business not anticipated 48 hours prior to meeting - None

7:13 pm Adjourn – motion to adjourn by Rick England, second George Barrett, 4-0-0.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY MARCH 19 2026 AT 5:30 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Joyce Bacchiocchi.

Chair  Vote Date 3.19.26

Clerk  Approve 4

Disapprove 0

Abstain 1

50 calls for service this week.

During yesterday's Board of Engineers meeting the Board approved the Fire Alarm expense line 5208 to be reduced to \$2000. 00 from \$5000.00 originally budgeted for FY 27.

Transferred \$3000.00 from line 5208 into the Fire Alarm salaries line 5117 budgeted at \$7000. 00 raising line 5117 to \$10,000.00. This will allow us to utilize fire alarm funds that could not be used for Fire Alarm Decommissioning as presented.

Posted Vacant Dispatchers position yesterday, Closes on March 27, 2026.

Board of Engineers voted to cover Shift 2 Captain with Senior Firefighter from the Captain's promotional list.

Mechanic's truck upfit is underway, Car 6 Fire Prevention Pick up pending upfit shortly and will be needed from C-1

Engine 1 O.O.S. for scheduled maintenance and front tire replacement.

With the signing of both Purchase Orders today from IPS and Motorola, the loose equipment money in the sale price of the new engine one is complete. The bills will be forwarded to Allegiance Fire Apparatus for payment.

**WAREHAM FIRE DISTRICT
TREASURERS REPORT
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING: MARCH 11, 2026**

NEW BUSINESS:

The FY25 Audit is complete, I have reached out to Laura Stone regarding availability for an Exit Conference.

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 Certified by the Town Clerk. The last day to withdraw from the election is March 16th. Ballots will be printed on March 17th. Absentee/early voting will begin on April 6th.

Attorney Margaret Ishihara has reviewed the proposed article for the Warrant; she stated that if the District moves forward with the Lease Purchase of the Radio Equipment a recommendation must be in the record from the Chairman of the Prudential Committee as to the terms of the lease and the useful life of the equipment.

I attended the MMHG General Board Meeting and the 10% increase to Health Insurance premiums was approved.

EMPLOYEE UPDATES:

Sophia Kelly's first day was Monday, March 9th, if you haven't had a chance to meet her. Please stop by and introduce yourself.

The job posting for a Full-time Dispatcher was posted on Monday, March 9th.

ONGOING ITEMS:

Employee Handbook: Remains under review by Clifford & Kenny.