

Wareham Fire District

Prudential Committee Meeting Minutes 04/09/2026

Prudential Committee Members:

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

Non-Prudential Committee Members:

Clerk Treasurer Wendy Lemieux, Assistant Chief Mark Rogers, Assistant Chief Pat Haskell,
Laura Stone (CBIZ CPAS)

5:30 pm Call meeting to order

**5:30 pm Presentation / Exit Interview – FY 2025 Audited Financial Statements,
CBIZ CPAS**

- Laura Stone from CBIZ attended our meeting and presented the audited Financial Statements for FY 06/30/25. She reviewed the statements and the report with the Committee. There were no negative findings in the report. She also thanked Clerk Treasurer Wendy Lemieux and former Assistant Clerk Treasurer Theresa Wilcox for their assistance in providing information necessary to prepare the report.

5:42 pm Correspondence

- The Chair read a heartfelt letter to the Prudential Committee from Assistant Chief Mark Rogers (Acting Chief). He will retire in June, his last day of work will be June 7, 2026.
- The Chair shared a letter of gratitude from Calib Larue, Director of Emergency Management for the Town of Wareham. He expressed his sincere thanks and recognition to several members of Wareham Fire who went above and beyond during Winter Storm Hernando.

5:44 pm Approval of Bills and Purchase Orders

- Motion to approve purchase order to Northern Data Systems, Installation of scheduling and work order software, maintenance and support, \$4,540 - Motion Brian Crocker, second Joyce Bacchiocchi (4-0-0)
- Motion to approve purchase order to Ferguson Waterworks #576, \$5,635.84 – Valve box parts – Motion Brian Crocker, second Rick England (4-0-0)
- Motion to approve payment to Plumbers Supply, \$496.16 – Plumbing supplies - Motion Brian Crocker, second Rick England (4-0-0)
- Motion to approve payment to UFASI, \$270 – Continuing Disclosure Prep and Filing – motion Brian Crocker, second Rick England (4-0-0)
- Motion to approve payment to Robert E. Short, Constable, \$50 – Posting of Annual District Meeting Warrant – motion Brian Crocker, second Rick England (4-0-0)
- Motion to approve payment to Gateway Printing, \$841.50 – Printing of Annual Report, District Meeting Warrant and Special District Meeting Warrant – motion Brian Crocker, second Rick England (4-0-0)
- Motion to pay Wareham Week, \$1,156 – Legal Ad 03/26/26, Special Warrant – motion Brian Crocker, second Rick England (4-0-0)
- Motion to pay Wareham Week, \$4,284 – Legal Ad 03/26/26, Annual Warrant – motion Brian Crocker, second Rick England (4-0-0)
- Motion to pay American Arbitration Association, \$197.50 – Initial Admin Fee – motion Rick England, second Brian Crocker (4-0-0)
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5:52 pm Approval of Minutes

- Vote to approve meeting minutes for meeting on 03/19/26 – Motion Brian Crocker, second Rick England (4-0-0)

5:53 pm Chief's Report (Assistant Chief Mark Rogers)

- See attached report.
- Rebecca Earlewine will attend District Meeting to answer any questions regarding the Motorola project.

- There will be an adjustment on Article 7, FY 26 Call Firefighters Payroll Budget. The amount will be decreased from \$40,000 to \$20,000. This must be done by amendment at District Meeting.

5:59 pm Clerk Treasurer Report

- See attached.
- The motion for the Water Department budget reflects a transfer from Water Surplus in the amount of \$220,650.00 to cover the shortfall for the Bettered Debt payment. The debt payment is \$392,650.00 and the transfer from bettered receipts is \$172,000.00 leaving a shortfall of \$220,650.00.

6:00 pm Discussion – Process to fill upcoming vacant Assistant Chief Position

- The Chair has reached out to Mark Morse at MMA and can have an assessment center set up in 30 days.
- Funds are available in the FY26 budget.
- It is possible that there will be a need to appoint an Acting AC.
- The parameters for the posting were discussed. Some of those discussed were rank, years of service (call and full time),
- The Chair will draft a posting and share it with the rest of the Committee prior to our next meeting on 04/23/26.
- A vote was taken to move forward with the assessment center in order to fill the Assistant Chief position that will be vacant on 06/07/26. Motion by Brian Crocker, second by Rick England, 4-0-0.

6:20 pm Review Documents re: Annual District Meeting

- Article 7 will be amended at District Meeting.
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April 9, 2026

Open Session

6:29 pm Public Comment –

- Kathy Bird, Wareham: Kathy inquired about the minutes from the Fire Station Study Committee. She also pointed out that when positions are vacated it is a good time to evaluate the need for that position and whether or not the position may be changed.
- FF Matt Bennett, Wareham: Encouraged the Committee to consider the fact that it is a young department when creating the job posting for Assistant Chief.
- FF Daniel Freitas, Wareham: suggested that the Committee include years on the call force when creating the job posting for Assistant Chief.

6:37 pm Business not anticipated 48 hours prior to meeting - NONE

6:37 pm Adjourn – motion to adjourn by Brian Crocker, second Rick England, 4-0-0.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE Monday April 14 AT 6:30 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Joyce Bacchiocchi.

Chair *Brian Crocker* Vote Date *4/13/26*

Clerk *Joyce Bacchiocchi* Approve *3*

Disapprove *0*

Abstain *2 Barrett, Rogers*

Fire Alarm Decommission work has begun this week, F/A crew has done a great job with good progress with additional thanks to Onset F.D. for their F/A Superintendent.

Pulled back wires from Briarwood to Cromesett Rd on Tuesday

Pulled back wires from West Wareham School to Gault Rd on Wednesday

Pulled back wires from Kendrick Rd., Industrial Park, Tow Rd., Tobey Rd and Station St Today

B.O.E. meeting reviewed the fire & drills call line 5116. The special meeting article was to fund an additional \$40,000 to line for this year. After reviewing the line this week, the Board voted to recommend that number be reduced by \$20,000 to \$20,000 for that amendment.

New Car 6 at MHQ/McGovern graphics have been authorized, Same as Car 5

New Engine 1 has been sent back to Wisconsin for factory certified repairs from damage in transit.

Engine 1 water pump failure BIS

Engine-3 exhaust pipe issue BIS

Call/Vol Recruit training past halfway point all recruits in good shape academically

Firefighter Harrigan on Military Leave

Career Firefighter has completed the RFO and has been notified and accepted for the upcoming career recruit class starting Wednesday May 13, 2026.

Firefighter awards for actions have been awarded, still looking for missing state of Massachusetts years of service and challenge coins.

Carl Baker masonry will be repairing chimney at Station 1 next week or two.

Obtaining Quotes for Station 1 Cupola and Station 2 Roof Upgrade

Repairs are underway this week to correct issues identified by or insurance company third party inspection at Station 2 and 315 Main St

Contacted the new Plymouth County Mutual Aid coordinator and made aware our concerns regarding mutual aid run cards awaiting approval for about one year.

The fire department has responded to 144 calls for service since last meeting.

Respectfully

Mark F Rogers A/C
Acting Fire Chief

**WAREHAM FIRE DISTRICT
TREASURERS REPORT
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING: APRIL 9, 2026**

NEW BUSINESS:

Since we last met:

- The constable has posted the Warrants for the Special District Meeting and the Annual District Meeting
- The Warrant was published in the March 26th Edition of Wareham Week
- Police Details have been arranged for the District Meeting and District Election
- Motions have been written for all Articles for the Special and Annual District Meeting and are in your packets.
- Revenue and Expense Reports are in your packets for review.
- Early / Absentee Voting is available in my office through Friday April 17th at noon.
- Preparation for District Meeting and District Election is ongoing

- Dispatch interviews have been scheduled for April 10th and April 16th.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Nothing new to report on the status of the District Handbook under review at Clifford and Kenny