

Wareham Fire District

Prudential Committee Meeting Minutes 04/23/2026

Meeting held at 2550 Cranberry Highway, Wareham MA

Prudential Committee Members:

Dean Decas, Joyce Bacchiocchi, George Barrett, Brian Crocker, Jonathan Rogers

Also present: Clerk Treasurer Wendy Lemieux, Acting Chief Mark Rogers, Assistant Chief Pat Haskell

5:30 PM Meeting called to order by Chairperson Dean Decas -

Prudential Committee Reorganization – 5:30

- New member Jonathan Rogers welcomed by the Committee
- Motion by Joyce Bacchiocchi to nominate Dean Decas as Chairperson and George Barrett as Vice Chairperson; Second by George Barrett; Dean Decas - yes, George Barrett – yes, Joyce Bacchiocchi – yes, Brian Crocker – yes, Jonathan Rogers – yes. 5-0-0
- Motion by Dean Decas to nominate Joyce Bacchiocchi as Clerk; Second by George Barrett; Dean Decas -yes, George Barrett – yes, Joyce Bacchiocchi – yes, Brian Crocker – yes, Jonathan Rogers – yes. 5-0-0
- Statement by newly elected member Jonathan Rogers: “For the record, I want to disclose that my father, Mark Rogers, is currently serving as Acting Chief of the Wareham Fire Department. I will recuse myself from any discussion or votes that directly affect his employment or financial interest.”

Correspondence – 5:32

- None

Approval of Bills and Purchase Orders – 5:33

- Motion by Brian Crocker to approve payment to Peter Balzarini, services at Annual District Meeting, \$100.00. Second by Joyce Bacchiocchi. Dean

- Decas -yes, George Barrett – yes, Joyce Bacchiocchi – yes, Brian Crocker – yes, Jonathan Rogers – yes. 5-0-0
- Motion by Brian Crocker to approve a Purchase Order to Industrial Protection Services, Annual Flow Testing, \$3,388.00. Second by Jonathan Rogers. Dean Decas -yes, George Barrett – yes, Joyce Bacchiocchi – yes, Brian Crocker – yes, Jonathan Rogers – yes. 5-0-0
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Minutes – Vote – 04/09/2026, 04/13/2026 - 5:35

- Motion by Brian Crocker to approve minutes of 04/09/2026. Second by Joyce Bacchiocchi, Dean Decas -yes, George Barrett – abstain, Joyce Bacchiocchi – yes, Brian Crocker – yes, Jonathan Rogers – abstain. 3-0-2
- Minutes of 04/13/26 not available.

Assistant Chief opening – discussion and possible vote – 5:36

- Discussion regarding the upcoming opening in the position of Second Assistant Engineer / Assistant Chief. Acting Chief Mark Rogers / Second Assistant Engineer will retire June 7, 2026.
- Review of job posting and job description. Some language will be cleaned up to align with bylaws.
- Dean Decas explained that there will not be time to conduct an assessment center before that date so it will be necessary to appoint an Interim Assistant Chief. This appointment will be based on seniority.
- There will be a vote at the next meeting and contract negotiations would follow.
- Point of Order by Firefighter Matthew Bennett: Two members of the Prudential Committee have a conflict in this matter. The Chair will consult with our District attorney before a vote.

Chief's Report: Chief John Kelley (Assistant Chief Mark Rogers) – 6:12

- See Attached.

Clerk Treasurer Report - Wendy Lemieux – 6:16

- See Attached

Public Comment – 6:18

- Kathy Bird expressed thanks for the minutes of the Fire Station Study Committee being published.
- Ralph Braley addressed the absence of the Fire Chief at meetings during his leave.

Any business (not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the posting of this meeting.) – 6:20

- None

Adjourn meeting - 6:20

- Motion to adjourn by Brian Crocker, second by George Barrett - Dean Decas -yes, George Barrett – yes, Joyce Bacchiocchi – yes, Brian Crocker – yes, Jonathan Rogers – yes. 5-0-0

Next meetings are Thursday May 14 and Thursday May 28.

Respectfully Submitted by Joyce Bacchiocchi, Clerk.

Chair Dean Decas Vote Date 5/28/26

Clerk Joyce Bacchiocchi Approve 5

Disapprove 0

Abstain 0

Recruits attended live fire training operations last weekend with and all have passed classes. Certification testing this week pending results.

Mr Bryant from RW Bryant met with members of Fire department, WPD Town IT in regards to the Private Fiber system layout. An informative meeting to all in attendance and he will provide updated system plans, spoke on how system was installed and to provide technical data.

Fire Alarm has removed wire Sawyer St, High St in its entirety including Cedar St.

At this time there is money available in the account to handle any emergencies that need to be dealt with if not to be expended by June 30, 2026

Engine 1 was in for a blocked priming device, Sq-1 software board failure

Hartford Steam Boiler Insurance recommendations being worked on and scheduled re inspections.

Karin Baker's Day at Station 1 was held and enjoyed by all with her company on April 22, 2026, thank you to all who took time out to attend her farewell.

Motorola Solutions to be here on April 29 with their crew to survey water towers.

Station 1 and HQ at 315 have had yearly cleaning completed this week.

B.O.E. meeting, Dispatch Panel comprised of A/C Haskell, Captain McIntosh and Dispatcher Miller reviewed 28 applicants. They selected 11 to interview and chose three to recommend for selection

Ms. Young was chosen as newly appointed Dispatcher pending pre-employment requirements.

Plymouth County Brush Drill on April 26 at the Plymouth Airport we will be sending two breakers and 17 personnel to attend.

100 calls for service since last meeting

**WAREHAM FIRE DISTRICT
TREASURERS REPORT
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING: APRIL 23, 2026**

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual District Meeting and Special District Meeting took place on April 13th all Articles and Budgets passed unanimously

District Election was held on Saturday, April 18th; seventy-nine residents cast ballots; John English, III was re-elected to the Board of Water Commissioners for a three-year term and Jonathan Rogers was elected to the Prudential Committee for a three-year term.

Interviews were conducted for the open Dispatcher position. The interview committee made a recommendation to the Board of Engineers and the Board selected Jodi Young as the new dispatcher. The offer letter has been signed and is contingent upon successfully passing all mandatory pre-employment testing. Anticipated start date is May 26th.

The Clerk/Treasurer's office will be closed tomorrow.

OLD BUSINESS:

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