

Wareham Fire District

Prudential Committee Meeting Minutes 05/14/2026

Meeting held at 2550 Cranberry Highway, Wareham MA

Prudential Committee Members:

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

Also present: Acting Chief Mark Rogers, Assistant Chief Pat Haskell

Not present: Wendy Lemieux, Clerk Treasurer

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

Correspondence – 5:31

- A celebration for Mark Rogers' retirement will be held at Station 1 on June 7, 2026 at 12 PM.
- Spartan Race being held June 27 in Barre, MA, Wareham Fire Local 2810 will have a team.

Approval of Bills and Purchase Orders – 5:32

- Motion by Brian Crocker to approve a Purchase Order to Firematic, Protective Clothing, \$6,290.00, Second by Jonathan Rogers. 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 McDuffy and Son, Paving at 5 locations, \$7,250.00. 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 Couto Construction, Station 1 Cupola, \$9,960.00. Second by Jonathan Rogers. 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 Systems, LLC, Station 2 gear dryer, \$16,270.00, Second by Jonathan Rogers.

- 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 payment to Clifford & Kenny LLP, \$1,937.00, February 2026 services. 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 payment to Clifford & Kenny LLP, \$1,375.00, January 2026 services. Second by Jonathan Rogers. 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 payment to Wareham Police Department, \$247.50, District Meeting detail. Second by Jonathan Rogers. Dean Decas -yes, George Barrett – yes, Joyce Bacchiocchi – yes, Brian Crocker – yes, Jonathan Rogers – yes. 5-0-0

Minutes – Vote – 04/23/26 – 5:41 PM

- Minutes will be corrected and voted on at our next meeting.

Chief's Report: Chief John Kelley (Assistant Chief Mark Rogers) – 5:43

- See Attached

Appointment of Interim Assistant Chief/Second Assistant Engineer – Discussion and Possible Vote – 5:46 PM

- Motion made by Joyce Bacchiocchi to appoint Captain Christopher Smith to Interim Assistant Chief/Second Assistant Engineer, effective June 7, 2026, pending contract negotiations, until a date to be determined by the Prudential Committee. Second by Jonathan Rogers. Dean Decas -yes, George Barrett – abstain, Joyce Bacchiocchi – yes, Brian Crocker – abstain, Jonathan Rogers – yes. 3-0-2 (George Barrett and Brian Crocker abstain due to conflict re: family members work in the District)
- Joyce Bacchiocchi and Dean Decas will meet with Captain Smith regarding a proposed contract. We hope to have a completed contract to bring to the 5/28 Prudential Committee meeting for approval.

Second Assistant Engineer – Job Description and Job Posting – Vote 5:53

- Jonathan Rogers asked about the process and the timeline of the assessment center
- Edits to the job description will be completed and we will vote at our next meeting prior to a posting

Use of District Vehicle – 6:15 PM

- Discussion regarding the new Mechanic's vehicle which will be put into service soon. Request by Joyce Bacchiocchi to review the practice of truck being driven back and forth from the home of the mechanic. Based on reporting, there have been very few calls that require after hours response, and perhaps the vehicle should be stored at the Mechanic's garage in order to extend the life of the new vehicle.
- No vote, further discussion needed. Jonathan Rogers inquired about a District vehicle policy, and we will inquire further about that.

Public Comment – 6:25 PM

- FF Matthew Bennett noted that there is a conflict with a member of the Pru Comm relating to the discussion about the Mechanic's vehicle. He also noted that this seems personal.
- Acting Chief Mark Rogers noted that there will be a holdback amount on the new pickup until it is completed as ordered. He also gave a thumbs up to all involved in the implementation of First Due.

Any business (not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the posting of this meeting.) – 6:27

- None

Adjourn meeting to Executive Session, not to return to Open Session - 6:28

- Motion to adjourn to Executive Session, and not to return to open session, pursuant to MGL c 30A, Section 21(a)(1), to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition, or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual (Grievance- Public Employees Local Union 1249) Brian Crocker, 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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Open Session

Next meeting is May 28.

Respectfully Submitted by Joyce Bacchiocchi, Clerk.

Chair Don Williams Vote Date 5/28/26

Clerk Joyce Bacchiocchi Approve 5

Disapprove 0

Abstain 0

Chief's Report

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Hartford Steam Boiler Insurance all issues addressed and recommendations completed certificate issued.

Engine 1 O.O.S. for suction side pump relief valve leak, air dryer replacement and minor write ups.

Tobey Hospital L/Z temporally O.O.S. for another week, Medflight is utilizing L/Z 2 at Town Hall. While Tobey Hospital L/Z is shutdown we will support the landing with an Engine Company.

FF Braley attended Fire Academy yesterday for familiarization, he will be starting the full-time academy in Bridgewater, Monday, May 18, Day 1 for 10 weeks. He will be traveling daily with Car 4

We are in receipt of the McGovern invoice for the payment for the mechanic's vehicle and have taken possession of the vehicle. Upon inspection by the Acting Fire Chief, the graphics on said vehicle are not in line with the approved layout as approved by the Actin Fire Chief.

A 5" red stripe on both sides was requested and is black. The red stripe was done to signify it as a fire department vehicle, also missing red and fluorescent yellow chevron on rear lift gate.

At this time the invoiced amount is \$123,403.70 and would like to hold back \$10,000.00 until graphics are corrected. Adjusted total \$113,403.70

Baker Masonry to make repairs to Station 1 Chimney starting on Monday.

190 calls for service since the last meeting.