

Wareham Fire District

Prudential Committee Meeting Minutes 05/28/2026

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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, Clerk Treasurer Wendy Lemieux

5:00 PM Meeting called to order by Chairperson Dean Decas -

Motion to enter into Executive Session:

Non-Union Negotiations. Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(2), 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.

- Second Assistant Engineer / Assistant Chief
- Motion by Dean Decas, Second by Jonathan Rogers. Joyce Bacchiocchi – yes, Jonathan Rogers – yes, Dean Decas – yes. Brian Crocker and George Barrett not present at Executive Session

Adjourn Executive Session and reconvene in Open Session – 5:30

- Motion by Dean Decas, second Joyce Bacchiocchi. Joyce Bacchiocchi – yes, Jonathan Rogers – yes, Dean Decas – yes.

All members now present.

Correspondence – 5:31 none

Approval of Bills and Purchase Orders – 5:32

- Motion by Brian Crocker to approve payment to Stearns Irrigation, pressure vacuum breaker, \$138.75, 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 TI Sales, Neptune T-10 meters, \$28,741.50. 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 Advanced Earthworks, dense grade material to wellfield, \$7,680.00. 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 Power Washer Sales, Power Washer for Station 1, \$6,014.00. Second by Joyce Bacchiocchi. Dean Decas -yes, George Barrett – yes, Joyce Bacchiocchi – yes, Brian Crocker – yes, Jonathan Rogers – yes. 5-0-0

Minutes – Vote – 5:35 PM

- Minutes of 4/23/26 – Motion to approve by Brian Crocker, second by Jonathan Rogers. Dean Decas -yes, George Barrett – yes, Joyce Bacchiocchi – yes, Brian Crocker – yes, Jonathan Rogers – yes. 5-0-0
- Minutes of 05/14/26 - Motion to approve by Brian Crocker, second by Jonathan Rogers. Dean Decas -yes, George Barrett – yes, Joyce Bacchiocchi – yes, Brian Crocker – yes, Jonathan Rogers – yes. 5-0-0

Chief's Report: Chief John Kelley (Assistant Chief Mark Rogers) – 5:38

- See Attached
- AFG Grant is due June 22. There was late notice of the deadline. Board of Engineers is seeking support of the Pru Comm before moving forward. All members of the Pru Comm are in support and there will be an update at our next meeting.
- This is Acting Chief Mark Rogers' final report in this role before his retirement on June 7, 2026. A heartfelt thank you to him for his 49 years of service, and his leadership in his current role.

Second Assistant Engineer – Job Description and Job Posting – vote – 5:51

- The job description and posting will be reviewed by our attorney and voted on at a future meeting.

- There is agreement among the committee regarding the on-call availability wording.
- The vote will be delayed to allow for legal review.
- The Chair noted that we will be holding off on the assessment until potential candidates are eligible to participate.

Interim Second Assistant Engineer Contract – possible vote – 5:53

- No vote taken, contract must now be reviewed by attorney. Meeting to be held next week for vote.

Use of District Vehicle – discussion and possible vote – 6:00

- Further discussion related to use of district vehicles.
- Research needed on current policy.
- Roy Maher, Water Superintendent was present for the discussion related to the use of Water Department vehicles.
- There is a need for a district-wide vehicle policy.
- Concerns raised by the Clerk/Treasurer regarding insurance, tax implications, and personal use related to take-home vehicles.
- Reference was made to an existing Prudential Committee policy that restricts personal use.

Fire Station Study Committee – 6:15 PM

- Next step is an RFP and the committee is looking for expertise and direction.
- Joyce will set up meeting with Laurie Uva (procurement) and Captain Chris McIntosh prior to the next meeting.

Public Comment – 6:20 PM

- Captain Chris Smith: A thank you to Acting Chief Mark Rogers as his retirement date approaches. Also, a request to review the Prudential Committee Policies.
- Captain Chris McIntosh: Noted the need for a districtwide vehicle policy.
- Kathy Bird: Notes that the bylaws are over 10 years old and in need of review.

Adjourn – 6:20 PM

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Open Session

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

Next scheduled meeting is June 11, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted by Joyce Bacchiocchi, Clerk.

Chair *Dean Decas* Vote Date *6/25/26*

Clerk *Joyce Paul* Approve *4*

Disapprove *0* NO Brian

Abstain *0*

Chiefs Report

May 28, 2026

On May 20, the Massachusetts Fire Academy graduated seven recruits from our department from the call/volunteer recruit training program in Bridgewater. It is my pleasure to report on one of our own Call FF Ryan Fahey received the McNamara award for excellence throughout the entire class of forty.

At the Board of Engineers meeting this afternoon Fire Alarm Superintendent, Captain Paul F Reidy retired from the department after 49 years of dedicated service. Also, promoted seven recruits to on call firefighters.

We have been made aware of pending Active Military Orders for FF Thomas Harrigan for the time period of July 1, 2026 thru July 31, 2026

With the pending retirement of the Assistant Chief, we need to have a person hired, so whoever is selected can be scheduled to attend career recruit training before they start shift work.

All wire and hardware removed from service from the Fire Alarm Decommissioning was scrapped at Middleboro Recycling. The dollar value turned into Clerk Treasurer Office.

The surplus hummer returned to Federal Defense Depot at Myles Standish State Forest, and a hand receipt turned into the Keeper of Records at the Clerk Treasurer's Office.

Last week, asked the Chairman of the Board for permission to proceed forward to dispose of excess district property, 1) Engine 4, 1995 Pierce Pumper 2) Forestry 8, 1968 Kaiser Jeep on June 14, 2026.

For upcoming planning purposes Engine 1, 2013 and Marine 4, 2003 over the next year for replacement due to extended delivery times.

AFG Grant program is opening soon, and we plan to apply for eligible activities.

A 10% match is required, looking for permission to move forward being that a special meeting may have to be scheduled if successful for the matching funds.

Pierce Manufacturing has agreed to have one member back to Appleton Wis for inspection of work when completed.

Baker Masonry has completed repairs on Station 1 chimney.

Station 2 roof project moving forward with bidding and advertisement.

Squad 1 back in service continue training.

An Officer's meeting held on Tuesday May 26 to discuss upcoming personnel changes and ongoing items within the fire department.

Last week we learned that updates from the fire academy were sent via email to the Fire Chief over the last year on the recruit status in the academy. As of today, the only email forwarded to the Assistant Fire

Chief from the academy was when a FF failed the RFO. Other than that, we have not received any progress reports. If we had known of academic issues, we could have intervened to assist members who failed for not completing class requirements and subsequently dismissed by the department at a loss of \$ 14,000.00 at the taxpayers' expense.

197 Calls for service by fire department personnel since last meeting.

This is my final report as the Acting Fire Chief, it has been an honor and my privilege to serve the citizens of the Wareham Fire District and want to thank everyone for the confidence support and backing from all department members over the last 49 years as I transition to civilian life.

Respectfully

Mark F Rogers A/C
Acting Fire Chief