

COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT
ANNUAL ELECTION AND DISTRICT MEETING
MAY 24 AND 25, 2016

TO THE CLERK OF THE COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT, GREETING:

You are hereby required and directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Barnstable residing within the territory comprising the Cotuit Fire District qualified to vote in District elections and affairs to meet at the Freedom Hall Main Street, Cotuit, on Tuesday, May 24, 2016, between the hours of four o'clock and eight o'clock PM, then and there to vote for the following officers:

One member of the Prudential Committee, for three years

One member of the Board of Fire Commissioners, for three years

One member of the Board of Water Commissioners, for three years

A Moderator, for three year

Warning shall also be given to said inhabitants to meet on Wednesday, May 25, 2016, at Freedom Hall, Main Street, Cotuit, at seven-thirty o'clock PM, when action will be taken on the following articles:

(All articles which are not followed by the words "by request of . . ." are inserted by the Prudential Committee.)

Article 1: To see if the District will vote to accept the reports of the officers and committees of the District as printed.

The Prudential Committee recommends this Article.

Article 2: To see if the District will vote to set the annual salaries of the elected officials as follows:
Prudential Committee Members, Members of the Board of Fire Commissioners and Members of the Board of Water Commissioners: **\$1,250.00** each; Moderator: **\$250.00** and Town Collector: **\$1,000.00**.

The Prudential Committee recommends this Article.

Article 3: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate the sum of **\$30,000.00** to establish the reserve fund as provided under Section 5C, Chapter 40 of the General Laws.

The Prudential Committee recommends this Article.

Article 4: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate a sum of money for the Finance/Administration Department Budget:

Recommendation to be made at Annual District Meeting.

Article 5: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate a sum of money for the Fire Department Budget:

(Requested by the Board of Fire Commissioners)

Recommendation to be made at Annual District Meeting.

Article 6: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate the sum of **\$50,000.00** to rehab engine #263. (Requested by the Board of Fire Commissioners)

The Prudential Committee recommends this Article.

Article 7: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate the sum of **\$26,000.00** to replace the HVAC system at the Fire Station.

(Requested by the Board of Fire Commissioners)

The Prudential Committee recommends this Article.

Article 8: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate:

\$26,000.00 for the Water Department for service connections

\$301,593.00 for labor and salaries of the Water Department; and
\$268,650.00 for the remaining expenses of the Water Department, to be apportioned approximately as follows:

\$76,300.00 for maintenance;
\$140,350.00 for operations; and
\$52,000.00 for miscellaneous expenses

for a total appropriation of **\$596,243.00** and that the receipts and revenues of the Water Department be applied to these amounts.

(Requested by the Board of Water Commissioners)

The Prudential Committee recommends this Article.

Article 9: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate:

\$4,325.00 for the labor and salaries for District Buildings Maintenance Department; and
\$14,660.00 for the remaining expenses of the Prudential Committee, to be apportioned approximately as follows:

Maintenance, **\$9,450.00**,
Operating expenses, **\$5,110.00**, and
Miscellaneous, **\$100.00**

for a total appropriation of **\$18,985.00**.

The Prudential Committee recommends this Article.

Article 10: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000.00** for structural review of 56 High Street Building.

The Prudential Committee recommends this Article.

Article 11: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate the sum of **\$25,000.00** for a new administrative office.

The Prudential Committee recommends this Article.

Article 12: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate **\$10,100.00** to maintain the street lights of the District.

The Prudential Committee recommends this Article.

Article 13: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate **\$19,725.00** to support the Maintenance of the Cotuit Library.

The Prudential Committee recommends this Article.

Article 14: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate a sum of money for payment of principal and interest.

Recommendation to be made at Annual District Meeting.

Article 15: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate the sum of **\$800,072.00** for the purpose of paying employee/other post-employment benefits.

The Prudential Committee recommends this Article.

Article 16: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate the sum of **\$25,000.00** for the Stabilization Fund as provided under Section 5B, Chapter 40, of the General Laws.

The Prudential Committee recommends this Article.

Article 17: To see if the District will to rescind portions of debt authorized under the follow District Meeting actions:

<u>Meeting Date/ Article No:</u>	<u>Purpose For Funding</u>	<u>Amount Authorized</u>	<u>Amount To Rescind</u>
May 28, 2014 Article #19	Purchase Water Restriction	\$235,000.00	\$10,000.00
January 22, 2015 Article #01	Purchase 56 High Street	\$314,000.00	\$ 8,000.00

for a total of \$18,000.

The Prudential Committee recommends this Article.

Article 18: To see if the District will vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of money to the FY 2016 Fire Department's Salary and Wages budget to pay for FY 2015 and FY 2016 payroll costs associated with the three year contract negotiated with the firefighters' union.

(Requested by the Board of Fire Commissioners)

Recommendation to be made at Annual District Meeting.

Article 19: To see if the District will vote in FY 2016 to transfer a sum of money from the remaining balance in Article#7 (Purchase Fire Truck) of the May 27, 2015 Annual District Meeting into the Stabilization Fund.

(Requested by the Board of Fire Commissioners)

Recommendation to be made at Annual District Meeting.

Article 20: To see the District will vote to add to Article VI, of the Cotuit Fire District's Bylaws **a Section 5** which will read *"The Clerk shall receive all requests for information from the public and determine whether the information requested is appropriate for release, but may seek counsel if necessary."*

(Requested by the Bylaw Committee)

The Prudential Committee recommends this Article.

Article 21: To see if the District will vote to amend Article VIII, Section 4, of the Cotuit Fire District's Bylaws by deleting the word "certify" in exchange for the word "review".

(Requested by the Bylaw Committee)

The Prudential Committee recommends this Article.

Article 22: To see if the District will vote to amend Article IX, Section 1, of the Cotuit Fire District's Bylaws by deleting the word "supervise" in exchange for the words *"provide management and oversight of"*.

(Requested by the Bylaw Committee)

The Prudential Committee recommends this Article.

Article 23: To see the District will vote to delete the current Article IX, Section 6 of Cotuit Fire District's Bylaws and replace it with *"Fines and penalties will be imposed for unauthorized taking, diverting, corrupting, or defiling of the public water supply or upon an entity who injures, destroys, or interferes with the public water authority's operations, construction, or maintenance, including the unauthorized willful trespass on the water authority's land or facilities. These fines and penalties will be imposed in accord with Massachusetts Session Law Chapter 446 of the Acts of 2012 which amends the following General Law : Section 39G of Chapter 40; Section 9 of Chapter 92A ½; Section 170 Chapter 111; and inserting Section 123A in Chapter 266 and any other applicable Massachusetts State Law."*

(Requested by the Board of Water Commissioners)

The Prudential Committee recommends this Article.

Article 24: To see if the District will vote to amend Article XI, Section 3, of the Cotuit Fire District's Bylaws by deleting the word "*committees*" so that the first words shall read "*All boards and departments*".

(Requested by the Bylaw Committee)

The Prudential Committee recommends this Article.

Article 25: To see if the District will vote to amend Article XI, Section 6, of the Cotuit Fire District's Bylaws by deleting the words in line 6 "*who shall act as chairman*" and that in line 8 the words "*two members*" shall become "*two at large members of the District*".

(Requested by the Bylaw Committee)

The Prudential Committee recommends this Article.

Article 26: To see if the District will vote to amend Article XI, Section 10, of the Cotuit Fire District's Bylaws by deleting the final sentence in its entirety.

(Requested by the Bylaw Committee)

The Prudential Committee recommends this Article.

Hereof fail not to make due return of this warrant and your doings thereon at said meeting.

Given under our hands this Twenty-Fifth day of April, 2016.

Frances S. Parks
Laurie C. Hadley
Stanley Goldstein
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

A True Copy, attest:

Charles W. Eager, Clerk
Cotuit Fire District