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COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT
ANNUAL ELECTION AND DISTRICT MEETING
May 25 AND 26, 2021

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 May 25, 2021, 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

Warning shall also be given to said inhabitants to meet on Wednesday, May 26, 2021, at Cotuit Elementary School, 140 Old Oyster Road, 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; and Moderator: **\$250.00**

(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 **\$45,000.00** 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:

\$111,200.00 for the labor and salaries for District's Finance Department; and

\$251,000.00 for the remaining expenses of the Prudential Committee, to be apportioned approximately as follows:

Operating expenses, **\$250,000.00**, and
Miscellaneous, **\$1,000.00**

for a total appropriation of **\$362,200.00**.

(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 5: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate:

\$1,852,910.00 for the labor and salaries of District's Fire Department; and

\$337,650.00 for the remaining expenses of the Fire Department, to be apportioned approximately as follows:

Maintenance, **\$77,500.00**,
Operating expenses, **\$259,150.00**, and
Miscellaneous, **\$1,000.00**

for a total appropriation of **\$2,190,560.00**.

(By the request of the Board of Fire Commissioners)

(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 6: To see if the District will vote to raise and/or transfer and appropriate \$65,000 to acquire a used back-up Ambulance to be expended under the authority of the Fire Commissioners.

(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 7: To see if the District will vote to raise and/or transfer and appropriate \$48,000 to acquire a new replacement vehicle for use by the Deputy Fire Chief to be expended under the authority of the 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

\$375,029.00 for labor and salaries of the Water Department; and

\$321,750.00 for the remaining expenses of the Water Department, to be apportioned approximately as follows:

\$84,700.00 for maintenance.

\$235,550.00 for operations; and

\$1,500.00 for miscellaneous expenses

for a total appropriation of \$722,779.00

(By the request of 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:

\$3,759.00 for the labor and salaries for Freedom Hall Building Maintenance; and

\$19,025.00 for the remaining expenses of the Prudential Committee, to be apportioned approximately as follows:

Maintenance, \$11,500.00,

Operating expenses, \$7,425.00, and

Miscellaneous, \$100.00

for a total appropriation of \$22,784.00.

(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 10: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate \$7,000.00 to maintain the streetlights of the District.

(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 11: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate **\$24,255.00** to support the Maintenance of the Cotuit Library.

(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 12: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate **\$398,445** for payment of principal and interest.

(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 13: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate as/or borrow and appropriate the sum of **\$948,000.00** for the purpose of paying employee and other post-employment benefits.

(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 14: 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 15: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate the sum of **\$45,960.00** for the Water Department Stabilization Fund as provided under Section IX, Section 5 of the District By-Laws. NOTE Under IGR 17-20 (July2017) this may require 2/3's approval)

(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 16: To see if the District will vote to Raise and Appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate a sum of **\$45,000.00** to: (1) enable the Prudential Committee and/or its delegates to consummate the transfer of the 5.5+ acres and the school building known the Cotuit Elementary School at 140 Old Oyster Road in Cotuit to be known as "the School Property"; and (2) maintain the School Property for Fiscal 2022.

(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 17 : To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate a sum **\$207,500.00** to: (1) Re-open and fund the District Space Needs project to include consideration of the School Property at 140 Old Oyster Road comprising the School Building and surrounding 5.5 acres in the Study findings; (2) Define the cost of implementing the recommendations of Space Need study and any other specific use of the School Property as determined by the Prudential Committee and/or

its delegates; (3) define the cost demolishing the School Building and returning the areas to a green field; (4) fund the cost of a Special District Meeting to determine the District course of action related to the School Property.

(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 18: To see if the District will vote to close the below listed articles with \$101,925 unencumbered surpluses and no outstanding debt and transfer said surplus to fund the deficits in Article 2016-16 "Rehab Engine No. 263" for **\$60,888.00** and in Article 2018-06 "Fire Station Roof" For **\$9,912.00** The remaining surplus of **\$31,125** to be transferred to Article 2017-14 Office Space Review. The Articles with no debt and unencumbered surplus to be transfer and closed are:

Fire Truck (2018-09)	\$ 3,513
Water Truck (2018-13)	6,164
Freedom Hall Flooring (2018-15)	10,809
Lovells Pond Tank (2009-10)	32,477
Main Street Mains (2010-10)	45,362
Water System Chemical Upgrade (2008-13)	3,600

(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 19: To see if the District will vote to close the Article to purchase a Water Department Vehicle and return the unencumbered surpluses of **\$7,430.50** to the Water Department Stabilization Fund. This article has no outstanding debt.

Given under our hands this this XXX day of XXXX XXXX.

Frances S. Parks
Seth Burdick
Paul Haenle
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

A True Copy, attest:

Charles W. Eager, Clerk
Cotuit Fire District