



Cotuit Elementary School, 140 Old Oyster Road, Cotuit, Map 021 Parcel 008



TIMELINE – HOW WE ARRIVED HERE

Late 2020: Town of Barnstable voted to demolish Cotuit Elementary

- Plan was to divide and sell the property to offset demolition costs
- Cotuit Water Dept expressed concerns around Well #3, located within 800' of the property

March 25, 2021: Cotuit Fire District (CFD) convened a special meeting to discuss inter-governmental transfer of property to the CFD

June x, 2021: At the Annual Meeting, the CFD voted, by a 2/3 majority, to authorize Prudential Committee to acquire the property

X x, 2023: Acquisition details finalized

- CFD acquires 8.5 acres for \$1
- Town of Barnstable retains 5 acres (tennis courts, baseball field, entrance road, all subject to Conservation Restriction (CR), a legally binding document
 - CR requires property be kept for recreation purposes only
 - May not be built on or subdivided; may be approved upon with CFD approval; may be maintained with organic fertilizer only

The transfer gives CFD control of the 8.5 acres, including maintenance or demolition of the building. Demo cost estimated at \$940,000