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# COTUIT FIRE DISTRICTS

Annual Reports for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1947

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## Organization

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### Moderator

Ira L. Campbell

### Prudential Committee

Walter C. Scudder	Term expires 1950
Cecil B. Goodall	Term expires 1948
Frederick L. Harlow, Chairman	Term expires 1949

### Clerk

F. Maynard Gifford

### Treasurer

Herbert L. Snow

### Board of Water Commissioners

E. Ormand Dottridge, Jr., Chairman	Term expires 1950
William H. Perry, Sr., Clerk	Term expires 1948
Kenneth Turner	Term expires 1949

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## BOARD OF ENGINEERS

### Chief

Ira L. Campbell

First Assistant Engineer	John E. Frazier
Second Assistant Engineer	John R. Souza

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### Auditors

Bertram F. Ryder	Udell Perry	Edward J. Meacham
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# Annual Report of the Clerk

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## ANNUAL MEETING—COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT

In accordance with the foregoing notice and the by-laws of the District, the annual meeting of the Cotuit Fire District was held in Freedom Hall on Monday, February 10, 1947, at 8:00 o'clock P.M. and the clerk called the meeting to order.

Article 1. I. Louis Campbell was unanimously chosen Moderator for one year.

Article 2. Messrs. Walter Rapp and Stanley Turner were chosen tellers by the Moderator and were sworn into office by the clerk.

The following were nominated and the results of the voting was as follows:

Walter C. Scudder, member of the Prudential Committee, 3 years. 1 vote\*

E. Ormand Dottridge, Jr., member of Water Commissioners, 3 years. 1 vote\*

Herbert L. Snow, Treasurer, 1 year. 1 vote.\*

F. Maynard Gifford, Jr., Clerk, 1 year. 1 vote.\*

Louis Campbell, 47 votes\*; Franklin Childs, 14 votes, Chief Engineer, 1 year.

John E. Frazier, 38 votes\*; Franklin Childs, 30 votes, 1st Assistant Engineer, 1 year.

John R. Souza, 29 votes\*; Robert Dottridge, 20 votes; Peter Cabral, 21 votes, 2nd Assistant Engineer, 1 year.

Bertram Ryder, Udell Perry, Edward J. Meacham, 1 vote each\*, Auditors.

\*Elected.

Article 3. Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted that the reports of the officers of the District be accepted as printed.

Article 4. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the District Treasurer, with the approval of the Prudential Committee, be authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1948, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year and to renew such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Article 5. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the District Treasurer, with the approval of the Prudential Committee, be authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning Jan. 1, 1947, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year and to renew such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Article 6. Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted that the District instruct the Prudential Committee to request the Department of Corporations and Taxation of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to audit the accounts of the District for the fiscal years of 1947 and 1948.

Article 7. Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted that this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 8. Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted that the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for salaries and expenses of the financial department for the ensuing year.

Article 9. Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted that the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the expenses of the fire department for the ensuing year.

Article 10. Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted that the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,050 for the purpose of lighting the streets of the District for the ensuing year.

Article 11. Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted that the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the expenses of Freedom Hall for the ensuing year.

Article 12. Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted that the District raise and appropriate to the Water Department the sum of \$3,350 for hydrant rental for the ensuing year.

Article 13. Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted that the District from the receipts and revenues of the Water Department (a) \$1,800 for interest on water bonds (b) \$10,310 for operating and maintenance expenses of the Water Department (c) \$2,500 for the Water Department for new services and (e) \$3,500 for the payment of the water bond maturing the current year.

Article 14. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$16.80 for the purpose of furnishing a street light at Margaret Lander's Corner.

Article 15. Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted that the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$150 for the purpose of repairing the  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton Dodge truck of the Fire Department.

Article 16. Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted that this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 17. Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted to hold a discussion on Freedom Hall.

During the discussion it was voted to give the Prudential Committee a vote of confidence. Also voted that Freedom Hall be opened for all purposes except basketball.

Upon motion duly made and seconded it voted to adjourn.

Signed

F. MAYNARD GIFFORD, JR.

Clerk, Cotuit Fire District

Appropriation this meeting:

Voted to raise by taxation	\$ 8,566.80
Other appropriations	19,110.00
Total appropriations	<hr/> \$27,676.80



# Report of Treasurer

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Year Ending December 31, 1947

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## Receipts

Cash balance Jan. 1, 1947	\$10,183.78	
Tax Collector	8,672.74	
Water Department	14,631.56	
Freedom Hall	189.00	
Outside Fires	21.00	
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Total receipts		\$33,698.08

## Expenditures

Water Department	\$16,120.60	
Hydrant Rental	3,350.00	
Freedom Hall	532.88	
Financial Department	483.14	
Fire Department	1,989.05	
Street Lights	2,033.87	
Dodge Truck Repairs	150.00	
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Total expenditures		24,659.54
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Cash balance Dec. 31, 1947		\$9,038.54

### Financial Condition of District

Cash balance in Hyannis Trust Co.	\$9,038.54	
Due from Tax Collector 1947 levy	362.61	
Total		9,401.15
Water Bond		60,500.00

### Valuation of District

Real Estate	\$2,700,610.00	
Personals	307,530.00	
Total valuation		\$3,008,140.00
Tax rate, 1947—\$2.90 per \$1,000.00		

### Financial Department Expense in Detail

Appropriation		\$500.00
Printing and Advertising	\$ 91.70	
Postage and Stationery	16.50	
Taxes refunded	15.23	
Legal expenses	10.00	
Treasurer's Bond	30.00	
Auditors	119.71	
Clerk's salary	50.00	
Treasurer's salary	150.00	
Total	\$483.14	
Balance to revenue	16.86	
		\$500.00

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT L. SNOW,

Treasurer.

## Auditor's Report

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To the Voters of the Cotuit Fire District:

We submit herewith the report of the audit of the District's book as made by the Massachusetts Department of Corporations and Taxation.

Respectfully submitted,

BERTRAM F. RYDER

EDWARD J. MEACHAM

UDEL PERRY

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April 22, 1947

To the Board of Water Commissioners  
Cotuit Fire District  
Cotuit, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the Cotuit Fire District for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1946, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

FRANCIS X. LANG  
Director of Accounts

Mr. Francis X. Lang  
Director of Accounts  
Department of Corporations and Taxation  
State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the Cotuit Fire District for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1946, and report thereon as follows:

The financial transactions of the several departments receiving or disbursing district funds, or sending out bills for collection, were examined and checked.

Ledger accounts were compiled for the year 1946, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the district on December 31, 1946. This balance sheet indicates that the financial condition of the district is very good.

The books and accounts of the district treasurer were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were analyzed and compared with the records of payments made to the treasurer, and the payments by the treasurer were checked to the approved warrants on file.

The cash balance on March 31, 1947 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement received from the bank of deposit.

The recorded payments on account of debt and interest were checked with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities on file.

The commitments of taxes and charges for water rates and services were proved. The payments to the treasurer were compared with the treasurer's receipts, the abatements were checked to the records of the departments authorized to grant them, and the outstanding accounts were listed.

Verification of the outstanding accounts was made by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the district, and from the replies received it appears that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

In addition to the balance sheet, there are appended to this report tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax, tax title, and water accounts, as well as a classified statement of receipts and expenditures for the year 1946.

For the cooperation extended by the district officials during the progress of the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistant and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE

Assistant Director of Accounts

## Annual Report of the Prudential Committee

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To the Citizens of the Cotuit Fire District:

Your Prudential Committee submits herewith its annual report for the year 1947.

At the annual Fire District meeting, Walter C. Scudler was re-elected a member of the Prudential Committee for three years.

The tax rate for 1947 was \$2.90 per thousand. The warrant for the annual meeting for 1948 provides for the raising of \$9009.98. If this amount is raised the tax rate for 1948, it is estimated, will be \$3.00. The tax levied in 1947 amounted to \$8723.92.

Freedom Hall was used 116 times during the year compared with 59 times in 1946. This increase was largely due to increased activity among our civic organizations, notably the Boy Scouts and the Cub Scouts. This also accounts for the decrease in income for the use of the Hall as it is the policy of your committee to make no charge for its use unless an admission fee is charged. The building continues to be in exceptionally good condition but will undoubtedly have to be painted outside next year.

The Street Light budget for 1948 includes four additional lights and a request for "all night" street lights. The additional amount involved for continuing the lights all night is approximately \$175. Due to the many requests we have had for this change, your committee feels that its consideration is warranted.

# Freedom Hall

The expenditures were as follows:

Water Dept., water	\$25.50
Cape and Vineyard Co. electricity	68.30
Stuart Scudder Estate, fuel oil	78.82
Ellery Jones, janitor	265.001
Ralph H. Patterson, Insurance	64.58
Wallace Ryder, services and supplies	6.80
Cotuit Grocery Co., supplies	2.87
Clarence McLeod, services	5.00
Edward Bearse, trucking rubbish	4.00
F. M. Gifford, clerical services	12.00

Total expenditures		\$532.88
Appropriated	\$500.00	
Overdraught	32.88	
	<u>\$532.88</u>	<u>\$532.88</u>

## Street Lights

Cape & Vineyard	Appropriated	\$2,066.80
Electric Co.	\$2,033.87	
Bal. to revenue	32.93	
	<u>\$2,066.80</u>	<u>\$2,066.80</u>

Respectfully submitted

FREDERICK L. HARLOW

WALTER C. SCUDDER

CECIL B. GOODALL

Prudential Committee.

## Annual Report of Board of Engineers

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The Board of Engineers herewith submit its annual report for year 1947:

### Apparatus and Equipment

One 500 gallon Maxim pumper

One Dodge 1940 1½ ton truck equipped with 500 gallon Maxim pump and a 170 gallon booster tank, etc.

One Dodge 1937 ¾ ton truck equipped with two-way radio, small pump, booster tank, etc.

2,200 feet of 2½ inch hose

900 feet of 1½ inch hose

400 feet of 1⅛ inch hose

400 feet of ¾ inch booster hose

One Davis Inhalator, two smoke masks, two foam type extinguishers, one CO<sub>2</sub> extinguisher, Oxygen and first aid equipment and other miscellaneous equipment.

The Fire Department responded to ten fires in the District and four out of town fires.

We do not have accurate figures on the fire losses for the year at the time this report is made up.

The chief engineer has issued 272 permits for open fires and 22 oil burner, fuel oil and liquid gas permits.



January 1, 1948

Fire Department Expenditures for 1947

I. L. Campbell, salary as Chief	\$400.00
Frank G. Thatcher, insurance	365.84
Care of whistle	
Esther Pierce	137.50
Ethel Campbell	95.50
Hazel Gifford	67.00
Cape & Vineyard Electric Co.	41.80
New England Telephone Co.	104.04
Scudder Oil Co.	177.78
Labor at fires	169.00
Labor on apparatus and fire house	32.75
Goodall Electric Co., whistle changes, repairs	127.55
Ralph H. Patterson, insurance on fire house	85.40
Goodspeeds Garage, labor and supplies	30.84
Santuit Service Station, gasoline, oil etc.	50.11
Scudder's Service Station, gasoline, oil, etc.	10.94
Leslie Nute, serving oil burner	12.50
Kenneth Wilson, legal advice	10.00
Maynard Gifford, clerical services	18.00
Patriot Office, printing permit forms	16.25
A. F. German Co., supplies	3.50
Kenneth Turner, Labor and supplies	6.25
Cotuit, Grocery Co., supplies	1.65
Cotuit Water Department	25.50
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	\$1,989.05
Balance	10.95
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Appropriated \$2,000.00.	\$2,000.00

Special Appropriation

Goodspeed's Garage, overhauling small  
Dodge Truck

\$150.00

Appropriated      \$150.00.

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\$150.00

Receipts

Use of apparatus on out of town fires

\$21.00

Respectfully submitted,

IRA L. CAMPBELL,

Chief

JOHN E. FRAZIER,

First Asst.

JOHN R. SOUZA,

Second Asst.

## Report of Board of Water Commissioners

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To the Citizens of the Cotuit Fire District:

We wish to submit our eleventh annual report for the year ending December 31, 1947.

At the annual Fire District meeting, E. O. Dottridge Jr., was re-elected Water Commissioner for three years.

A Calgon system has been installed recently with a view to eliminating the rusty condition of the water in some sections of the District. This system has been in use only a few weeks but the results so far appear to be favorable.

Delivery of a new pickup truck was made in September.

Due to the large increase in the number of takers the demands on the pumping system during the summer months have caused great concern to the Water Department. There seems no doubt but that means will have to be provided to furnish an increased supply of water very soon, and plans are being studied to accomplish this need in the most economical way.

Twenty-two new services were installed this year. We have 318 active services, and 13 inactive services at this time, making a total of 331 services installed.

### Record of Water Pumped

Total pumped with diesel motor	37,029,000 gals.
Total pumped with gasoline motor	189,000 gals.
Total pumped with diesel and gasoline	37,218,000 gals.
Largest Week, August 3rd to August 9th	2,268,000 gals
Larger Day, July 15th	519,000gals.
All above from Venturi readings.	

# Financial

	Expended	Appropriated
Interest	\$ 1,711.88	\$ 1,800.00
Services	2,376.78	2,500.00
Maintenance	8,183.32	10,310.00
Bond Payment	3,500.00	3,500.00
Extensions	348.62	1,000.00
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	\$16,120.60	\$19,110.00
Balance	2,989.40	
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	\$19,110.00	\$19,110.00

# Receipts

Water Rates	\$ 9,478.30
Meter Rental	398.50
Service Connections	1,345.13
Telephones	10.31
Meter Repairs	6.00
Truck Tax Refund	43.32
Hydrant Rental (1947)	3,350.00
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	\$14,631.56

# Accounts Receivable 1947

Water Rates	\$378.30
Meter Rental	8.50
Service Connections	122.60
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	\$509.40

# Expenditures

	Expended	Appropriated
Interest paid on bond	\$1,711.88	\$1,800.00
Balance	88.12	
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	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00

Services		
	Expended	Appropriated
Pipe, Fittings and Meters	\$2,372.15	\$2,500.00
Express	4.63	
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	2,376.78	2,500.00
Balance	123.22	
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	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00

Extension		
	Expended	Appropriated
Pipe and Fittings	\$ 48.62	\$1,000.00
Labor	300.00	
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	348.62	
Balance	651.38	
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	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

Maintenance		
	Expended	Appropriated
Water Commissioners Expense	\$ 4.98	\$10,310.00
Superintendent's Salary	2,467.50	
Asst. Superintendent's Salary	2,207.50	
Stationery and Postage	146.59	
Telephones	133.71	
Refund	1.50	
New England Water Works	51.00	
Repair of System (Labor)	64.01	
Truck—gas, oil, repairs		
(including new truck)	1,521.05	
Pipe and Fittings	49.85	
Fuel. Oil and Gas (Sta.)	526.53	
Freight and Express	19.58	
Electric Light & Power	164.72	
Unclassified	13.31	
Fuel Oil (Sta. Burner)	85.13	

Building and Equipment	257.00	
Tools and Hardware	111.86	
Insurance	161.65	
Office Supplies	14.45	
Superintendent's Bond	5.00	
Assist. Superintendent's Bond	5.00	
Legal Service	15.50	
Rustop System	84.00	
Chemicals	71.90	
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	\$8,183.32	
Balance	2,126.68	
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	\$10,310.00	\$10,310.00

#### Financial Condition of Water Department

Water Department Expenditures 1947	\$16,120.60
Water Department Receipts 1947	14,631.56
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Water Department Deficit 1947	\$1,489.04
Water Department Reserve Fund	
December 31, 1946	\$6,455.81
Water Department Deficit 1947	1,489.04
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Water Department Reserve Fund	
December 31, 1947	\$4,966.77
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Inventory	
Stock on hand December 31, 1947	\$1,949.79

Respectfully submitted,

E. O. DOTTRIDGE, JR.

KENNETH TURNER

W. H. PERRY, SR.

Water Commissioners



**COTUIT FIRE  
DISTRICT**

**WARRANT**

**Annual Meeting, February 9th**

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## Warrant --- Annual Meeting 1948

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To the Voters of the Cotuit Fire District:

You are hereby notified to meet in Freedom Hall, Cotuit on Monday, February 9, 1948 at 8 o'clock P. M., then and there to act on the following:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator for one year.

Article 2. To elect one member of the Prudential Committee for three years, one member of the Water Commissioners for three years, a clerk, treasurer, chief engineer, first assistant engineer, second assistant engineer, three auditors, all for one year, and to elect any other legal officials not mentioned.

Article 3. To see if the District will authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the Prudential Committee, to borrow money on or after January 1, 1949, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1949.

Article 4. To see if the District will authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the Prudential Committee, to borrow money on or after January 1, 1948 in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1948.

Article 6. To see if the District will instruct the Prudential Committee to request the Department of Corporations and Taxation of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to audit the accounts of the District for the fiscal years of 1948 and 1949.

Article 7. To receive and act upon the accounts of all persons to whom the District may be indebted.

Article 8. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$500. for salaries and expenses of the financial department for the ensuing year.

Article 9. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$2000. for the expenses of the fire department for the ensuing year.

Article 10. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$2300. for the purpose of lighting the streets of the District for the ensuing year.

Article 11. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$600. for the expenses of Freedom Hall for the ensuing year.

Article 12. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3350. for the water Department for hydrant rental for the current year, or take any action in relation thereto and to act fully thereon.

Article 13. To see if the District will appropriate from the receipts and revenues of the Water Department: (a) \$1,650.00 for interest on water bonds; (b) \$12,100.00 for operating and maintenance of the water department; (c) \$2500. for the water department for new services; (d) \$1000. for the water department for extensions; (e) \$3500. for the payment of the water bond maturing the current year.

Article 14. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200. for needed repairs at the fire station.

Article 15. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32.88 to pay overdraft of Freedom Hall account.

Article 16. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meetings.

Per order of Prudential Committee,

FREDERICK L. HARLOW

WALTER C. SCUDDER

CECIL B. GOODALL

F. MAYNARD GIFFORD, JR., Clerk.

— NOTES —