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Organization

Moderator

Roger Seudder

Prudential Committee

Walter C. Seudder, Chairman	Term expires 1965
Gordon M. Browne, Jr.	Term expires 1964
Robert S. Behlman	Term expires 1966

Clerk

F. Maynard Gifford

Treasurer

Herbert L. Snow

Board of Water Commissioners

Kenneth Turner, Chairman	Term expires 1964
Phillip Brackett	Term expires 1966
Edward W. Moore	Term expires 1965

BOARD OF ENGINEERS

Chief

Robert O. Dottridge

First Assistant Engineer	Antone R. Souza
Second Assistant Engineer	John Newton Jr.

Auditors

Joseph H. Beecher	Udell Perry	Theron Apollonio
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ANNUAL REPORT OF CLERK

ANNUAL MEETING—COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT

February 11, 1963

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 with over thirty voters present on Monday, February 11, 1963, at 8 o'clock P.M. and the Clerk called the meeting to order.

Article 1. Roger Scudder was unanimously chosen Moderator for one year.

Article 2. After taking the oath of office, the moderator appointed Stanley Burgess, Lawrence Bearse, Calvin Crawford as tellers who also took the oath of office.

Robert Behlman took the oath of office as a member of the Prudential Committee for three years after the meeting adjourned.

The following were nominated and the result of the balloting was as follows:

Member of Prudential Committee, 3 yrs.

*Robert Behlman	24 votes
Robert Hayden	5 votes
Blanks	one

Member of the Board of Water Commissioners, 3 yrs.

*Phillip Brackett	1 vote
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Clerk

*F. Maynard Gifford Jr.	1 vote
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Treasurer

*Herbert L. Snow	1 vote
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Chief Engineer		
*Robert O. Dottridge		1 vote
1st. Asst. Eng.		
*Antone R. Souza		1 vote
2nd. Asst. Eng.		
*John E. Newton Jr.		1 vote
Auditors		
*Joseph H. Beecher	*Udell Perry	
*Theron Apollonio		1 vote each
*Elected		

Article 3. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously 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, 1964 and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year and renew such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws."

Article 4. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously 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, 1963 and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year and renew such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws."

Article 5. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously Voted: "That the District accept the reports of the officers and committees of the District as printed and that the special committee to study the needs of the fire department be continued."

Article 6. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously Voted: "That this article be indefinitely postponed."

Article 7. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,800.00 for salaries and expenses of the financial department for the current year and that the moderator be paid \$20.00 for his services."

Article 8. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,500.00 for the expenses of the fire department for the ensuing year."

Article 9. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the maintenance of the Cotuit Library Association Inc."

Article 10. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for the expense of Freedom Hall for the ensuing year."

Article 11. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,450.00 for the purpose of lighting the streets of the District for the ensuing year."

Article 12. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,000.00 for the payment of water bonds and notes maturing the current year."

Article 13. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sums of:

\$2,000.00 for interest on water bonds and notes
\$2,500.00 for the water dept. for new services
\$19,387.00 for the operating and maintenance of the
water dept.
\$1,000.00 for the water dept. for extensions
and that the estimated receipts and revenues of the water
dept. be appropriated towards the tax levy."

Article 14. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously Voted: "That the District authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to purchase or take by eminent domain, for the purpose of increasing the District water supply, the land formerly owned by Mary S. Crocker, located on the east side of Main Street and northeasterly of the existing water tower, consisting of two hundred acres, more or less, and borrow and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars to cover the expenses incidental thereto, and an award to the owners of said land for such purchase or taking. That the Treasurer, with the authorization of the Prudential Committee and approval of the Water Commissioners, issue bonds or notes of the District therefor payable in not more than twenty years in accordance with provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws."

Article 15. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 to provide for the purchase of hose and equipment for the fire dept."

Article 16. After a discussion of matters of general interest, it was moved, seconded, and voted to adjourn.

This Meeting:

Voted to raise and appropriate	\$51,887.00
Voted to borrow and appropriate	\$20,000.00

F. MAYNARD GIFFORD JR.
Clerk, Cotuit Fire District

SPECIAL MEETING—COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT

May 6, 1963

In accordance with the foregoing notice and the by-laws of the District, a Special Meeting of the Cotuit Fire District was held in Freedom Hall on Monday, May 6, 1963 at 8 o'clock P.M. and the moderator called the meeting to order. There were ten voters present.

Article 1. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously Voted: "That the District appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$2,277.00 for the purpose of installing a six inch water main in and along Highland Ave. Ext. for a distance of approximately 400 ft."

Article 2. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously Voted: "To adjourn."

F. MAYNARD GIFFORD JR.

Clerk, Cotuit Fire District

This Meeting:

Voted: To appropriate from Surplus Revenue \$2,277.00

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Year Ending December 31, 1963

Receipts

Cash balance in Hyannis Trust Co. Jan. 1, 1963	\$21,540.65
Water Department	22,065.37
Tax Collector	34,554.00
Freedom Hall	15.00
Fire taxes returned	159.08
Loan and interest from Hyannis Trust Co.	20,021.67
Total Receipts	<hr/> \$98,355.77

Expenditures

Water Department	\$23,122.81
Fire Department	7,946.73
Financial Department	1,684.19
Freedom Hall	900.52
Street Lights	4,377.38
Public Library	250.00
Tax Refunds	346.35
Notes and bonds	8,500.00
Total Expenditures	<hr/> \$47,127.98
Cash balance December 31, 1963	<hr/> \$51,227.69

Financial Condition of the District

Assets

Cash balance in Hyannis Trust Co.	\$51,227.69
Due from Tax Collector	1,581.16

Liabilities

Notes and Bonds	\$44,700.00
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Valuation of the District

Real Estate	\$4,248,350.00
Personal	495,625.00

Total Valuation	\$4,743,975.00
Tax Rate 1963—\$7.00 per \$1,000.00	

Financial Department Expense in Detail

Appropriation		\$ 1,800.00
Printing and Advertising	\$ 199.43	
Postage	18.68	
Barnstable County Retirement Asso.	657.13	
Certification of notes	20.00	
Treasurer's Bond	33.20	
Supplies for Treasurer	9.75	
Tax Collector Salary	38.76	
Assessors Salary	87.24	
Moderator Salary	20.00	
Clerk Salary	250.00	
Treasurer Salary	350.00	
	\$ 1,684.19	
Balance to Revenue	115.81	
		\$ 1,800.00

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT L. SNOW,

Treasurer

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of the Cotuit Fire District:

Your Board of Water Commissioners submits herewith its twenty-seventh annual report for the year ending December 31, 1963.

At the annual Fire District meeting held February 11, 1963, Mr. Phillip Brackett was re-elected for a term of three years.

The Board has held monthly meetings regularly and held special meetings when necessary. Expenses have been kept at a minimum consistent with the proper operation of the department. Two water main extensions were installed. Contracts with Whitman & Howard, Engineers, and D. L. Maher Co., well builders, are in effect, in connection with our additional water supply.

One of the major problems at present is the decrease in flow of water from our original wells installed in 1936. Methods to improve the condition are under consideration. Nine new services were installed this year. We now have 509 services of which 24 are inactive.

Record of Water Pumped

Total pumped at main statton	49,764,000 gals.
Total pumped at sub-station	16,892,000 gals.
Total pumped	66,656,000 gals.
Largest week July 1 to 7	5,072,200 gals.
Largest day July 2	863,000 gals.

Receipts

Water	\$19,779.05	
Meter rental	613.00	
Service connections	1,641.37	
Telephone refunds	22.25	
Insurance Dividend	9.70	
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		\$22,065.37
Accounts Receivable	\$694.41	
Water Liens	\$452.16	

Expenditures

Regular Appropriations:

	Appropriated	Spent	Balance
Maintenance	\$19,387.00	\$15,566.98	\$3,820.02
Service Connections	2,500.00	1,349.35	1,150.65
Interest	2,000.00	1,387.23	612.77
Reg. Extensions	1,000.00	1,000.00	None

Special Appropriations:

Add. Water Supply	\$65,000.00	\$ 962.25	\$64,037.75
Land Taking	20,000.00	None	20,000.00
Highland Ave. Ext.	2,277.00	2,277.00	None
Tank Painting	580.00 (bal.)	580.00	None
Test Wells	286.51 (bal.)	None	286.51

Maintenance in Detail

Supt. salary	\$ 4,800.00
Asst. salary	4,250.00
Office expense	193.22
Telephones	335.80
New Eng. Water Works	8.00
Maintenance of system	268.03
Truck expense	589.88
Cast iron pipe and fittings	251.45
Engine fuel	1,347.17

Freight and express	8.63	
Light and power	350.32	
Station heating	175.47	
Tools and hardware	7.50	
Insurance	1,398.30	
Bonds	10.00	
Rustop Systems	444.00	
Chemicals	547.88	
Water shed and grounds	35.90	
Repairs to pumps and motors	545.43	
	<hr/>	\$15,566.98

Stock Inventory

Stock on hand Dec. 31, 1963	\$12,587.16	
Stock on hand Dec. 31, 1962	10,942.60	
Increase in Inventory		\$ 1,644.56

Financial Condition of Water Department

Water Dept. balance Dec. 31, 1962	\$ 4,339.99	
Excess receipts over expenditures, 1963	2,761.81	
(regular appropriations)	<hr/>	\$ 7,101.80

Respectfully submitted,

KENNETH TURNER

EDWARD W. MOORE

PHILLIP BRACKETT

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of the Cotuit Fire District:

Your Prudential Committee submits herewith its annual report for the year 1963.

At the annual Fire District meeting, Robert Behlman was elected a member of the Prudential Committee for a period of three years.

The Cotuit Fire District has at present a valuation of \$4,743,975.00. The Fire District tax for 1963 was \$7.00 per thousand.

During the past year Freedom Hall has been used 107 times for various civic meetings. Some of the organizations using the hall are as follows: Cotuit Athletic Association, Town Elections, Historical Society, Federated Church Youth Fellowship rehearsals and Minstrel Shows, Federated Church Auction, Couples Club Dances and the Barnstable Recreation League.

The Prudential Committee has received during the past year three written requests for new street lights.

FREEDOM HALL

The expenditures were as follows:

Water Department, Water	\$ 25.50
Cape & Vineyard Electric Co., power	111.13
Helen MacLellan, Insurance	164.88
Walter C. Scudder, Inc., Fuel oil	282.00

James Irwin, Janitor services	290.25	
John Newton, Services	7.00	
Kenneth Turner, Services	5.75	
Ralph Perry, Services	9.00	
Roland D. Nickerson, Services	3.50	
Cotuit Grocery Co., Supplies	1.51	
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		\$900.52
Appropriation	\$1,500.00	
Expenditures	900.52	
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Balance to Revenue		\$599.48

STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation	\$4,450.00	
Expenditures	4,377.38	
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Balance to Revenue		\$72.62

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS

To the citizens of the Cotuit Fire District:

The Board of Engineers submits herewith its annual report for the year ending December 31, 1963.

The department has responded to 55 emergency calls during the year; 16 fires and 39 ambulance calls.

The loss by fire was estimated to be \$1,112.96 of which \$1,062.96 was covered by insurance.

The department has held 11 fire drills, 8 rescue squad drills, has had a fire school consisting of 20 hours of instruction furnished by the Massachusetts Department of Education and has held a standard first aid class, instructed by the Captain of the rescue squad. Eight members also attended a two day training session held at the Barnstable County Fire Training School. We have continued storing the equipment belonging to the Schwab Fund and have delivered and picked up; hospital beds, wheel chairs, commode, walker and other equipment; to people in need of them during the year.

Plans are being made to present a program of replacing our two pumping engines which are 24 and 28 years old and to make repairs to the fire station. This program will be started at the 1965 District meeting. It is expected that a request will be made at that time to replace one truck.

Expenditures and estimates are as follows:

	1962	1963	Est. 1964
Electricity	\$ 186.36	\$ 174.75	\$ 180.00
Telephones	514.09	468.30	475.00
Heat	382.18	271.22	325.00
Insurance	1,420.94	1,424.72	1,600.00
Maintenance of Fire Alarm			50.00
Fire alarm attendants	515.00	515.00	515.00
Maintenance of Equipment	520.45	571.60	650.00
Maintenance of Station	212.86	384.84	250.00
Supplies and Equipment	367.30	401.55	700.00
Office and travel expense	95.51	332.50	200.00
Chief's salary	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Labor	782.75	932.25	900.00
Total expenditure	\$5,979.44	\$6,476.73	\$6,845.00
Appropriation	6,200.00	6,500.00	
Balance to revenue	\$ 220.56	\$ 23.27	
Special hose and equipment appropriation			
Appropriation			\$1,500.00
Expenditures			1,470.00
Balance to revenue			\$ 30.00

In closing we wish to thank Dr. Higgins and Dr. Rapp for their help in training the rescue squad and to thank all other Departments and persons who have assisted and co-operated with us during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert O. Dottridge, Chief

Antone R. Souza, 1st. Assistant

John E. Newton, Jr., 2nd Assistant

COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT WARRANT

Annual Meeting --- February 10, 1964

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 in Freedom Hall, Cotuit, Monday, February 10, 1964, at 8 o'clock P.M., then and there to act upon the following articles:

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 Board of 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 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, 1965, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1965.

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, 1964, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1964.

Article 5. To hear and act upon the reports of the officers and committees of the District.

Article 6. To receive and act upon the accounts of all persons to whom the District may be indebted.

Article 7. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1900. for salaries and expenses of the financial department for the ensuing year.

Article 8. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$6845. for the expenses of the fire department for the ensuing year.

Article 9. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$250.00 for the maintenance of the Cotuit Library Association, Inc.

Article 10. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1500. for the expenses of Freedom Hall for the ensuing year.

Article 11. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$4,600.00 for the purpose of lighting the streets of the District for the ensuing year.

Article 12. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$10,500. for the payment of water bonds and notes maturing the current year.

Article 13. To see if the District will vote to appropriate from the receipts and revenues of the Water Department:

- (a) \$2,000.00 for interest on water bonds and notes
- (b) \$4,000.00 for the water dept. for new services

- (c) \$18,339.00 for the operating and maintenance of the water dept.
- (d) \$1,000.00 for the water dept. for extensions.

Article 14. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$8,500.00 for the purpose of installing a water main in Crocker Neck Road for a distance of about twenty-two hundred feet subject to a District by-law passed on March 10, 1950.

Article 15. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by advertising same in a newspaper printed within the Town of Barnstable seven days at least before the time of said meeting.

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

Given under our hands this 13th day of January, 1964.

Prudential Committee:

WALTER C. SCUDDER

GORDON M. BROWNE JR.

ROBERT S. BEHLMAN

A true copy attest:

F. Maynard Gifford Jr.

Clerk: Cotuit Fire District.