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Organization

Moderator

Roger Scudder

Prudential Committee

Walter C. Scudder, Chairman	Term expires 1968
Gordon M. Browne, Jr.	Term expires 1967
Robert S. Behlman	Term expires 1966

Clerk

F. Maynard Gifford

Treasurer

Herbert L. Snow

Board of Water Commissioners

Kenneth Turner, Chairman	Term expires 1967
Philip Brackett	Term expires 1966
Edward W. Moore	Term expires 1968

BOARD OF ENGINEERS

Chief

Robert O. Dottridge

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

Auditors

Harry Crocker	Udel Perry	Theron Apollonio
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ANNUAL REPORT OF CLERK

February 8, 1965

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 62 voters present and voting, on Monday, Feb. 8, 1965, at 8 o'clock P.M. and the Clerk called the meeting to order.

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

After taking the oath of office, the moderator appointed Mr. Donald Nickerson, Mr. John Newton, Jr., and Robert F. Hayden as tellers who also took the oath of office.

Article 2. The following were nominated and the result of the balloting was as follows:

Member of the Prudential Committee, 3 yrs.—*Walter C. Scudder—31 votes, Melvin Ketcham—27 votes, Blanks—4

Member of the Board of Water Commissioners, 3 yrs.—*Edward W. Moore—1 vote

Clerk—*F. Maynard Gifford, Jr.—1 vote.

Treasurer—*Herbert L. Snow—1 vote

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—*Harry Crocker, *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, 1966 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, 1965 and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year and renew such notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws."

The following resolution on the death of Mr. Calvin D. Crawford was unanimously approved at this time.

RESOLUTION ON THE DEATH OF CALVIN D. CRAWFORD

"WHEREAS: Death as it must to all men came to Calvin D. Crawford last year, and

WHEREAS: "Cal" as Mr. Crawford was known to his host of friends and associates, gave generously of his time and energy, a true champion of the welfare of his community who spoke fearlessly and constructively at our town, district, and civic gatherings, and

WHEREAS: HE SERVED well and faithfully in the Cotuit Fire District which he helped to organize in 1926, and served for some 20 years as a member of the Prudential Committee, earning the great respect and affection of all who worked with him for his wise judgement, his good humor, and his cooperation in resolving the many serious problems of the district;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That we, the people of Cotuit and Santuit, in District Meeting assembled, do express our great sorrow at the loss of this valuable citizen and public servant, extend our deep sympathy to the family that he loved so well;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this resolution be spread upon the records of the District and a copy sent to his family."

Article 5. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the reports of the officers and committees of the District be accepted as printed subject to correction of clerical errors."

Article 6. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the article be indefinitely postponed, there being no unpaid bills."

Article 7. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000. for salaries and expenses of the financial department

for the current year and that the moderator be paid \$20. for his services."

Article 8. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,215. for the expenses of the fire 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 \$250. for the maintenance of the Cotuit Library Association, Inc."

Article 10. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500. for the expenses of Freedom Hall for the ensuing year."

Article 11. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,850. for the purpose of lighting the streets of the District for the ensuing year."

Article 12. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000. for the payment of water bonds and notes maturing the current year."

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

- (a) \$3,600. for interest on water bonds and notes,
- (b) \$2,500. for the water dept. for new services,
- (c) \$20,639. for the operating and maintenance of the water dept.,
- (d) \$1,000. 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 raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,250. and borrow and appropriate the sum of \$23,750. to provide for the purchase and equipping of a fire truck for the fire department. That the Treasurer, with the authorization of the Prudential Committee, issue bonds or notes of the District therefor payable in not more than five years in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws and that the Board of Engineers be authorized to sell the old truck to the highest bidder."

Article 15. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the following sums to pay for overdrafts: \$750.21 for interest and \$1,614.30 to pay for service connections and that the sum of \$16,000. of Free Cash be used on the tax levy."

Mr. Peck presented a resolution regarding article 88 of the town warrant and after a discussion it was unanimously Voted: "That it is the sense of the meeting that the resolution be accepted."

Attention was called to article 81 of the town warrant and its effect on the District.

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

F. MAYNARD GIFFORD, JR.

Clerk: Cotuit Fire District.

This Meeting:

Assessors to raise:

Court judgement in excess of appropriation	\$17,318.56
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Overlay Deficits (1962—\$14.52) (1964—\$687.54)	702.06
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Appropriations for overdrafts:

Interest \$750.21	
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Service Connections \$1,614.30	2,364.51
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Other appropriations	57,804.00
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Voted to borrow and appropriate	23,750.00
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Voted to apply on tax levy:

Free Cash \$16,000.00	
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Est. receipts of water dept.	
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SPECIAL MEETING—COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT

June 28, 1965

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, June 28, 1965, at 8 o'clock P.M. and the Moderator called the meeting to order, read the warrant, and the return of same.

Article 1. 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 protecting its water supply, the following described parcels of land: lots numbered 1, 6, 7, 9, and one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of lot numbered 2 owned by Harold J. West, lot numbered 8 owned by Edward W. Moore, lot numbered 10 owned by James D. Mamarchev et ux, and lot numbered 4 owned by Mary Farkis et al located on the east side of Old Oyster Road, shown on a plan entitled "Subdivision Plan of Land in Cotuit, Barnstable, Mass. for Harold J. West Scale 1" equals 40 ft. Date: 29 Jan. 1959, Charles N. Savery Co., Engineers & Surveyors, Cotuit, Falmouth, Massachusetts" and bearing the stamp of approval of the Barnstable Board of Survey under date of Feb. 16, 1959, together with land contained in and shown on said Plan as a road, Marked "West Street". There also appears on said Plan a stamp showing some revision of said Plan "6 June '64, consisting of five acres more or less; and to appropriate the sum of \$12,500 for said purpose, and that to meet said appropriation the treasurer, with the approval of the prudential committee, be and hereby authorized to borrow the sum of \$12,500 under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44 and to issue bonds or notes of the district therefor payable in accordance with the provisions of said Chapter 44 so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than thirty years from the date of issue of the first bond or note."

Article 2. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously Voted: "That the Clerk write to Mrs. Helen Robinson, thanking her for services rendered to the Cotuit Fire District."

Upon motion made and seconded, it was Voted: "To adjourn."

F. MAYNARD GIFFORD, Jr.

Clerk: Cotuit Fire District

This meeting: Voted to borrow and appropriate \$12,500.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Year Ending December 31, 1965

Receipts

Cash Balance January 1, 1965	\$ 42,078.22
Water Department	34,808.53
Tax Collector	41,812.15
Loan	12,500.00
Tax Redemptions	119.32
Freedom Hall	15.00
Interest on Savings Account	990.75
Fire Taxes Redeemed	10.65
Total Receipts	\$132,334.62

Expenditures

Water Department	\$46,575.96
Fire Department	7,122.48
Financial Department	1,021.98
Freedom Hall	1,348.70
Street Lights	4,757.04
Public Library	250.00
Tax Refunds	545.85
Auditors	50.58
Retirement Assessment	972.51
Notes and Bonds	13,000.00

Total Expenditures \$75,645.10

Cash Balance December 31, 1965 \$56,689.52

Financial Condition of the District

Assets

Cash Balance \$56,689.52

Liabilities

Notes and Bonds \$108,500.00

Valuation of the District

Real Estate	\$4,482,450.00
Personal	530,320.00
Total Valuation	\$5,012,770.00
Tax Rate 1965 — \$8.60 per \$1,000.00	

Financial Department Expense in Detail

Appropriation		\$2,000.00
Printing and Advertising	\$ 157.85	
Postage	27.13	
Certification of Notes	10.00	
Treasurer's Bond	31.00	
Assessors' Salary	87.24	
Tax Collector's Salary	38.76	
Moderator's Salary	20.00	
Clerk's Salary	300.00	
Treasurer's Salary	350.00	
Total	\$ 1,021.98	
Balance to Revenue	978.02	\$2,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT L. SNOW,

Treasurer

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Voters of the Cotuit Fire District:

The Department of Corporations and Taxation, Bureau of Accounts, has audited the books and accounts of the District as of December 31, 1965.

UDELL PERRY

THERON APOLLONIO

HARRY CROCKER

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of the Cotuit Fire District:

Your Board of Water Commissioners submits herewith its twenty-ninth annual report for the year ending December 31, 1965.

At the annual Fire District meeting held February 8, 1965, Mr. Edward W. Moore was re-elected for a term of three years.

The Board has held monthly meetings regularly and special meetings when necessary. Expenses have been kept at a minimum consistant with the proper operation of the department.

It is necessary to paint and make repairs to our original elevated tank this year. The problem of decrease in well capacity of our original wells is still unresolved.

Mr. F. Maynard Gifford has reached the age of retirement and has tendered his resignation to the Water Commissioners, which we are reluctantly compelled to accept. We do this with the highest regard for his many years of constant, efficient and continuous service to the District.

Mr. Gifford has been a prime force in the development of our water system as well as in its maintenance.

We are hopeful that this community may continue to have the benefit of his most valuable services and his sound judgement for many more years, in less demanding capacities.

Fifteen new services were installed this year. We now have 544 services of which 25 are inactive.

Record of Water Pumped

Total water pumped	61,646,900 gals.
Largest week—July 25 to 31	2,982,900 gals.
Largest day July 26	777,300 gals.

Receipts

Water	\$27,945.74	
Service Connections	6,156.54	
Meter Rental	651.00	
Other	55.25	
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		\$34,808.53

Accounts Receivable—\$955.20

Water Liens—\$330.99

Expenditures

Regular Appropriations:

	Appropriated	Spent	Balance
Maintenance and Operation	\$20,639.00	\$16,591.30	\$4,047.70
Service Connections	2,500.00	4,095.93	-1,595.93
Interest	3,600.00	3,281.25	318.75
Reg. Ext. Acct.	1,000.00	none	1,000.00

Special Appropriations:

Add. Water Supply	\$65,000.00	\$47,817.44	\$17,182.56
Land Taking (1963)	20,000.00	37,338.56	none
Test Wells	700.00	413.49	286.51
Land Purchase (1965)	12,500.00	9,438.83	3,061.17

Maintenance in Detail

Supt. salary	\$5,300.00
Asst. salary	4,600.00
Office expense	312.76
Telephones	311.06
New Eng. Water Works	8.00
Maintenance of system	531.44
Truck expense	692.97
Cast iron pipe and fittings	303.32
Engine Fuel	770.94
Light and power	1,557.10
Station heating	255.76
Tools and hardware	269.85
Bonds	20.00
Rustop systems	444.00

Chemicals	337.54	
Grounds and water shed	66.00	
Repairs to pumps and motors	138.52	
Insurance	396.79	
Legal, Eng., and clerk hire	275.25	
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		\$16,591.30

Stock Inventory

Stock on hand Dec. 31, 1965	\$13,426.84	
Stock on hand Dec. 31, 1964	13,365.14	
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Increase in inventory		\$ 61.70

Financial Condition of Water Department

Water Dept. balance Dec. 31, 1964	\$ 6,878.16	
Excess receipts over expenditures		
(1965)	10,840.05	
(Regular Appropriations)	<hr/>	
Balance Dec. 31, 1965		17,718.21

Respectfully submitted:

KENNETH TURNER

EDWARD W. MOORE

PHILIP 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 1965.

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

The Cotuit Fire District has at present a valuation of \$5,012,770.00. The Fire District tax for 1965 was \$8.60 per thousand.

During the past year Freedom Hall has been used more than in previous years for various civic meetings. Some of the organizations using the hall are as follows: Barnstable Recreation League, Couples Club activities, The Federated Church Youth Fellowship and Church Auction, Historical Society, The Town of Barnstable Elections and the Cotuit Athletic Association.

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

FREEDOM HALL

The expenditures were as follows:

Water Department, Water	\$ 25.50
Cape & Vineyard Electric Co., Power	109.14
Ralph Patterson, Insurance	259.40
Walter C. Scudder Inc., Fuel	426.36
Weston Gifford, Painting	235.00
Donald Nickerson, Janitor	147.00
Walter C. Scudder Inc., Supplies	99.60
Ralph H. Perry, Supplies	8.00

Cotuit Grocery Co., Supplies	15.12	
House & Garden, Supplies	5.58	
Roland D. Nickerson, Services	6.00	
Edward S. Savery, Services	13.00	
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		\$1,348.70
Appropriation	\$1,500.00	
Expenditures	1,348.70	
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Balance to Revenue		\$151.30

STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation	\$4,850.00	
Expenditures	4,757.04	
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Balance to Revenue		\$92.96

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS

To the Citizens of the Cotuit Fire District:

The Board of Engineers submits its annual report for the year ending December 31, 1965.

The Department has responded to 56 calls; 13 fires in the district, 4 outside of the district, standby during the Otis-Sandwich fire, standby during the "Black-out" and 27 rescue and ambulance calls.

There was one death by fire this year and an estimated loss of \$17,625.00. Two losses have not been settled by the insurance companies at this time. Payments of \$14,300.00 have been made.

At this time the estimated delivery date for the fire truck, voted at the last annual meeting is February 1st to 15th. After this truck is delivered, the 1940 truck will be sold on sealed bids.

We are having a very poor response to alarms during the day. Our fire alarm system is not adequate and men working in the district are not hearing the siren. We propose to move the siren from the fire station to Freedom Hall and add another siren in order to get better coverage. An article will be placed in the warrant for this purpose.

Expenditures and Estimates are as follows:

	1964	1965	Est. 1966
Electricity	\$ 161.30	\$ 155.76	\$ 185.00
Telephones	469.61	420.66	500.00
Heat	267.33	323.79	300.00
Insurance	1,410.11	1,593.82	1,600.00
Maintenance of Fire Alarm	20.00		50.00
Fire Alarm Attendants	516.00	515.00	515.00

Maintenance of Equipment	793.73	736.95	750.00
Maintenance of Station	208.48	536.98	500.00
Supplies and Equipment	738.26	282.50	500.00
Office and Travel Expense	226.84	204.02	250.00
Labor	902.25	1,153.00	1,150.00
Chief's Salary	1,000.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
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	\$6,713.00	\$7,122.48	\$7,500.00

Special Truck appropriation			
Appropriation	\$25,000.00	Balance	\$25,000.00

In closing we wish to thank the firemen who have made an effort to answer alarms for fire and rescue calls and have given up their time to attend fire and rescue drills, to better train themselves to protect the residents and property in the district and surrounding area. We also wish to thank all other Departments and persons who have assisted and cooperated with us during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert O. Dottridge, Chief
 Antone R. Souza, 1st Assistant
 John E. Newton, Jr., 2nd Assistant
 Board of Engineers

COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT WARRANT

Annual Meeting — February 14, 1966

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 14, 1966 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, 1st Asst. Engineer, 2nd Asst. 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, 1967 in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1967.

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, 1966 in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1966.

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 \$1,600. 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 \$7,500. 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. 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 \$1,500. 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 \$4,900.00 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 \$14,500. 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) \$3,600. for the interest on water bonds and notes,
- (b) \$3,500. for the water dept. for new services,
- (c) \$20,614. for the operating and maintenance of the water dept.
- (d) \$1,000. for the water dept. for extensions.
- (e) \$9,130. for repairs and painting exterior of original elevated tank.

Article 14. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$5,000. for the painting of the interior of original elevated tank.

Article 15. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1,200. for the purpose of purchase and installation of a new siren and for the expenses of moving present one.

Article 16. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,154.12 to pay the assessment of the Barnstable County Retirement Association.

Article 17. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$800. for the painting of Freedom Hall.

Article 18. 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 17th day of January, 1966.

Prudential Committee:
WALTER C. SCUDDER
GORDON M. BROWNE, JR.
ROBERT S. BEHLMAN

A true copy attest:
F. Maynard Gifford, Jr.
Clerk: Cotuit Fire District