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COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT

Annual Reports for the Year Ending December 31, 1967

Organization

Moderator

Lee Burlingame

Prudential Committee

Gordon M. Browne, Jr., Chairman	Term expires 1970
Robert S. Behlman	Term expires 1969
Allan F. Crawford	Term expires 1968

Clerk

F. Maynard Gifford

Treasurer

Agnes C. Murray

Board of Water Commissioners

Kenneth Turner, Chairman	Term expires 1970
Edward W. Moore	Term expires 1968
F. Maynard Gifford	Term expires 1969

BOARD OF ENGINEERS

Chief

Robert O. Dottridge

First Assistant Engineer

Antone R. Souza

Second Assistant Engineer

John Newton, Jr.

Auditors

Harry Crocker

Udell Perry

Theron Apollonio

ANNUAL REPORT OF CLERK

ANNUAL MEETING

February 13, 1967

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 13, 1967 at 8 o'clock P.M. The Clerk called the meeting to order, read the call of the meeting, and the return of same. There were over 109 voters present.

Article 1. Mr. Lee Burlingame was chosen Moderator for one year. Messrs. John Newton Jr., Kenneth Snow, and James Barger were chosen tellers.

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

Elected with one ballot cast for each:

Gordon M. Browne, Jr.—member of Prudential Committee for 3 years.

Kenneth Turner—member of the Board of Water Commissioners for 3 years.

F. Maynard Gifford, Jr.—Clerk.

Robert O. Dottridge—Chief Engineer.

Antone R. Souza—First Asst. Engineer.

John E. Newton, Jr.—Second Asst. Engineer.

Harry Crocker, Udell Perry, and Theron Apollonio, Auditors.

The result of the ballot for Prudential Committee for one year was:

Allan F. Crawford—58 votes.*

James R. Irwin—45 votes.

Barry Bird—1 vote.

Blanks—5.

The result of the ballot for Treasurer was:

Marjorie Greenwood—46 votes.*

Gordon M. Browne, Sr.—40 votes.

Alfred Welch III—16 votes.

*Declared elected and took the oath of office—

Article 3. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously Voted: "That the District authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the Prudential Committee, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the

revenue for the financial years beginning January 1, 1967 and January 1, 1968, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17."

Article 4. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District accept the reports of the officers and committees of the District as printed."

Article 5. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That this article be indefinitely postponed."

Article 6. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,600. for salaries and expenses of the financial department for the ensuing year and that the Moderator be paid \$20 for his services."

Article 7. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,340. for the expenses of the fire department for the ensuing year."

Article 8. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$500. for the maintenance of the Cotuit Library Association, Inc."

Article 9. 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 10. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000. 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 \$19,250. for the payment of bonds and notes maturing the current year."

Article 12. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District appropriate from the receipts and revenues of the water department and the water department balance:

- (a) \$ 3,600. for the interest on water bonds and notes.
- (b) \$ 6,600. for the water dept. for new services.
- (c) \$21,364. for the operating and maintenance of the water dept.
- (d) \$ 1,000. for the water dept. for extensions."

Article 13. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500. for the purchase of a new truck for the water dept. and allow for the trading in of the old truck."

Article 14. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,985. for the purpose of installing a water main in Highland Ave. Ext. for a distance of about nine hundred and twenty feet subject to the by-laws of the District and the rules and regulations of the water department."

Article 15. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously Voted: "That the District borrow and appropriate the sum of \$25,000. for the purpose of installing water mains in portions of Popponessett, Quimquissett, Fuller's Marsh, Santuit, and Crocker Neck roads, subject to the by-laws of the District and the rules and regulations of the water department, that the Treasurer, with the authorization of the Prudential Committee and the approval of the Water Commissioners, be authorized to issue bonds or notes of the District therefor payable in not more than five years in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws."

Article 16. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,800. for improvements to the fire alarm system."

Article 17. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$350. for plans for an addition to the fire station."

Article 18. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the article be indefinitely postponed."

Article 19. A motion made and seconded to "raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,900. to pay for an employee of the fire dept. during the current year" received a negative vote.

Article 20. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it

was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$938.48 to pay the assessment of the Barnstable County Retirement Association."

Article 21. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District apply \$10,000. of the free cash towards the tax levy."

Mr. Walter C. Scudder's resignation was read and it was Voted: "That the resignation of Walter C. Scudder from the Prudential Committee be accepted and that a successor to complete his unexpired term be elected at this meeting."

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District record its thanks to Walter C. Scudder for his twenty years of service on the Prudential Committee."

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was unanimously Voted:

WHEREAS, Herbert L. Snow has held the office of Treasurer of the Cotuit Fire District for forty-two consecutive years, serving faithfully and conscientiously despite the growing magnitude and complexity of the Treasurer's tasks; and

WHEREAS, by this service he has given to all citizens a memorable example of civic responsibility and devotion to the welfare of this District,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that we, the citizens of the Cotuit Fire District, in Annual Meeting assembled, do publicly express to him, on this the occasion of his retirement from office, our deep gratitude for his long and valuable service;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS RESOLUTION be spread upon the records of the District and a copy be sent to him.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the Prudential Committee be requested to investi-

gate the legality of electing an asst. treasurer and report to the next regular or special Fire District Meeting."

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the Prudential Committee be requested to study the by-laws and made recommendations to the next annual meeting or a special meeting.

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

F. MAYNARD GIFFORD, JR.
Clerk: Cotuit Fire District

This meeting:

Appropriated from receipts and revenues of	
the water department and the water	
department balance	\$32,564.00
Raised and appropriated	47,763.48
Borrowed and appropriated	25,000.00
Appropriated from "free cash"	
towards tax levy	10,000.00

SPECIAL MEETING—COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT

October 16, 1967

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, October 16, 1967. The Clerk read the call of the meeting and the return of the warrant. Thirty-one voters were present at the opening and others joined later.

Tellers appointed were Mr. John Newton Jr. and Robert Hayden.

Article 1. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously Voted: "That the District appropriate the sum of \$1,125. from "Surplus Revenue" to the Financial Department."

Article 2. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously Voted: "That the District accept as a gift, lot numbered eight, owned by Mr. Edward W. Moore,

located east of Old Oyster Road, as shown on a plan entitled "Subdivision Plan of Land in Cotuit, Barnstable, Ma. for Harold J. West."

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously Voted: "That the Clerk write Mr. Moore thanking him for his generous donation."

Article 3. A motion "That the District accept a new set of by-laws as printed and posted in seven locations within the District" received a negative vote.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the by-laws be tabled and a public hearing be held before voted on and that the town counsel be required to be present."

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That final consideration be made at the annual meeting and that a public meeting be held not less than one month previous."

Article 4. A motion "That the District accept Sections 42G to 42I of the General Laws which provides for the levy of special assessments to meet the whole or part of the cost incurred in laying water pipes" received a negative vote.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That this article be tabled and a public hearing be held before voting on and that the town counsel be required to be present."

Article 5. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District by-laws be amended by adding the following to Article 3: "Sec. 5 - No contract for the purchase of equipment, supplies or materials, the actual or estimated cost of which amounts to two thousand dollars or more, except in cases of special emergency involving the health or safety of the people or their property, shall be awarded unless bids have been invited by advertisement in at least one newspaper published in the Town or District at least one week before the time specified for the opening of said bids."

Article 6. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "To adjourn."

F. MAYNARD GIFFORD, JR.
Clerk: Cotuit Fire District

This meeting:

\$1,125. from Surplus Revenue to Financial Department

SPECIAL MEETING—COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT

December 11, 1967

In accordance with the foregoing notice and the by-laws of the District, the special meeting of the Cotuit Fire District was held in Freedom Hall on Monday, December 11, 1967, at 7:30 P.M. with ten voters present at opening and others joining later. Clerk called the meeting, read the warrant, and the return.

Mr. Gordon M. Browne was chosen moderator of the meeting.

Mr. Robert J. Donahue acted as legal counsel.

Present by-laws of the District and proposed changes were discussed.

Special assessments provided for in Sections 42G to 42I of Chapter 40 of the General Laws were discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45.

F. MAYNARD GIFFORD, JR.

Clerk: Cotuit Fire District

This meeting:
No appropriations

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 February 18, 1967.

UDELL PERRY
THERON APOLLONIO
HARRY CROCKER

To the Prudential Committee and 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 period from January 1, 1966 to February 18, 1967, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. William Schwartz, Assistant Chief of Bureau.

Very truly yours,
ARTHUR H. MacKinnon
Director of Accounts

Mr. Arthur H. MacKinnon
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
Boston, Massachusetts
Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the Cotuit Fire District for the period from January 1, 1966, the date of the previous examination, to February 18, 1967, the following report being submitted thereon:

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

The appropriations voted by the district meetings were

listed. The aggregate expenditures chargeable against each appropriation were compared with the amounts voted, general ledger accounts were compiled, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the district on February 18, 1967.

The surety bond of the district treasurer, filed for the faithful performance of his duties, was examined and found to be in proper form.

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

The cash balance on February 18, 1967 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement received from the bank of deposit.

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

The records of payroll deductions were examined and checked, and the payments to the proper agencies were verified.

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

The outstanding accounts were verified by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the district, the replies received thereto indicating 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 and summaries of the tax and water accounts.

During the progress of the audit cooperation was received from the officials of the district, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SCHWARTZ
Assistant Chief of Bureau

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Year ending December 31, 1967

Receipts		
Cash balance January 1, 1967		\$41,455.75
Water Department		34,615.31
Tax Collector		
1965 Real Estate	326.37	
1966 Real Estate	2,316.46	
1966 Personal Property	125.60	
1967 Real Estate	38,506.95	
1967 Personal Property	4,697.60	
Water Liens	173.19	
		<hr/> 46,146.17
Freedom Hall		25.00
Fire Taxes, Town Treasurer		14.94
Employer's Compensation,		
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		3.08
Sale of Hose		20.00
Loan, Crocker Neck Road Extension		25,000.00
Rebate on Treasurer's Bond		25.00
Interest on Savings Account		226.89
Special Deposit to balance books		
with audit of Feb. '67		.02
		<hr/>
Total Receipts		\$147,532.16

Expenditures		
Water Department		
Salaries	11,050.00	
Other	8,241.03	
		<hr/> \$19,291.03
Additional Water Supply		4,010.05
Extensions		980.33
Interest on Notes for Water Dept.		2,925.00
Service Connections		6,090.77
Painting inside of tank		3,249.18
New Water Department truck		2,157.50
Fire Department		
Maintenance	10,184.18	
Interest on Note	694.71	
		<hr/> 10,878.89

Fire Station Plans	350.00
Freedom Hall	1,447.27
Street Lights	4,938.79
Financial Department	2,420.72
Tax Refunds	608.89
Cotuit Public Library	500.00
Barnstable County Retirement Assessment	938.48
Notes and Bonds	19,250.00
Extension off Crocker Neck Road	23,809.88
Extension off Highland Avenue	2,885.90
Recording deed, Land, Old Oyster Road	7.05

Total Expenditures	\$106,739.73
Cash Balance December 31, 1967	40,792.43

Valuation of the District

Real Estate	\$4,709,550.00
Personal Property	551,705.00

Total Valuation	\$5,261,255.00
Tax Rate 1967	\$9.00 per 1,000.00

DISTRICT INDEBTEDNESS - NOTES AND BONDS

Series	Year Issued	Amount	Amount Each Note	Purpose
Feb. 1	1964	60,000	5,000	Increase water supply
Feb. 15	1966	23,750	4,750	Purchase and equip fire truck
May 15	1956	75,000	5,000	New water system
July 15	1965	12,500	2,500	Purchase land to protect water supply
Oct. 1	1963	20,000	2,000	Purchase land to increase water supply
July 1	1967	25,000	5,000	Crocker Neck Road Extension

Series	Date of Last Payment	Amount left of Jan. 1, 1968	Rate of Interest Interest is paid semi-annually
Feb. 1	1976	45,000	3.10
Feb. 15	1971	19,000	3.25
May 15	1971	20,000	2.70
July 15	1970	7,500	2.90
Oct. 1	1973	12,000	3.00
July 1	1972	25,000	3.30

Financial Department Expense in Detail

Appropriation		\$2,725.00
Printing and Advertising	\$ 376.53	
Treasurer's Bond	73.00	
Postage	35.20	
Stationery and Supplies	46.40	
Tax Collector's Salary	50.48	
Assessors' Salary	122.40	
Moderator's Salary	20.00	
Clerk's Salary	300.00	
Certification of Notes	13.00	
Interest on Note No. 172	412.50	
Audit of Books in Feb. '67	471.21	
Treasurer's Salary	500.00	
Total	\$2,420.72	
Balance to Revenue	304.28	
		\$2,725.00

Respectfully submitted,

AGNES C. MURRAY

Treasurer

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

To the citizens of the Cotuit Fire District:

Your Board of Water Commissioners submits herewith its 31st annual report, for the year ending December 31, 1967.

At the annual Fire District Meeting held February 13, 1967, Mr. Kenneth Turner was re-elected to the Board for three years.

The Board has held regular monthly meetings, and a number of additional meetings to consider special problems. It has endeavored to keep expenses to a minimum consistent with the proper operation of the department.

During the year, at the main station, combination storm doors have been installed, and the engine room and equipment painted. The garage roof has been reshingled, and new garage doors installed.

A new L.P. gas engine has been installed at the electric station to serve as an auxiliary.

A total of 6,768 feet of new 6 and 8 inch water mains have been laid. Thirty seven new services were installed, bringing the total number to 589, of which 31 are inactive.

Record of Water Pumped

Total Water pumped	41,303,000 gallons
Largest week, June 13th to 20th	2,321,300 gallons
Largest Day, June 16th	486,900 gallons

Receipts

Water	\$27,600.99
Service Connections	4,444.05
Meter Rentals	689.50
Others	1,880.77

Total Receipts	\$34,615.31
Accounts Receivable—\$1,008.31	Water Liens—\$69.67

Expenditures

Regular Appropriations

	Appropriated	Spent	Balance
Maintenance and Operation	\$21,664.00	\$19,294.58	\$2,369.42
Service Connections	6,600.00	6,087.22	509.23
Interest	3,600.00	2,992.50	607.50
Reg. Ext. Acct.	1,000.00	980.33	19.67

Special Appropriations

	Appropriated	Pre. Spent	Spent 1967	Balance
Add Water Supply	\$65,000.00	\$58,283.74	\$ 4,010.05	\$2,706.21
Land Purchase (1965)	12,500.00	10,438.83	7.05	2,054.12
Test Wells	700.00	417.46	None	282.54
Painting inside of Water Tank	5,000.00	1,750.82	3,249.18	None
New Truck	2,500.00		2,157.50	342.50
Highland Ave. Ext.	2,985.00		2,885.90	99.10
Ext. off Crocker Neck Road	25,000.00		23,809.88	1,190.12

Maintenance in Detail

Supt. Salary	\$5,900.00
Asst. Salary	5,150.00
Office Expense	398.69
Telephones	446.95
New Eng. Water Works	10.09
Maintenance of System	1,347.85
Truck Expense	453.69
Chemicals	274.62
Rustep System	444.00
New Equipment	148.00
Water Shed & Grounds	127.64
Unclassified (Printing, Etc.)	41.65
Repair to Pumps & Motors	31.50
Engineering Expense	130.40
Cast Iron Pipe & Fittings	347.44
Engine Fuel	150.21
Freight & Express	45.29
Lights & Power	2,352.64

Station Heating	413.75	
Building Repair	481.83	
Tools & Hardware	93.88	
Insurance	469.46	
Bonds	35.00	
	<hr/>	\$19,294.58

Stock Inventory		
Stock on hand Dec. 31, 1966	\$12,637.74	
Stock on hand Dec. 31, 1967	13,318.41	
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Increase in Inventory		\$680.67

Financial Condition of the Water Department		
Water Dept. Balance Dec. 31, 1966	\$8,380.45	
Excess receipts over expenditures (Regular appropriations)	5,260.68	
Balance Dec. 31, 1967	<hr/>	\$13,641.13

Respectfully submitted,

KENNETH TURNER

EDWARD W. MOORE

F. M. GIFFORD, JR.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of the Cotuit Fire District:

Your Prudential Committee submits herewith its report for the year 1967.

At the annual Fire District meeting, Walter C. Scudder, for twenty years a member of the Prudential Committee and long its chairman, submitted his resignation, which was accepted with the grateful thanks of the District for his long service. Allan F. Crawford was elected for one year to fill his unexpired term. Gordon M. Browne, Jr. was elected for a period of three years. When the new committee organized, Gordon M. Browne, Jr. was elected chairman.

The Cotuit Fire District has at present a valuation of \$5,261,255.00. The District tax rate for 1967 was \$9.00 per thousand.

During the year Freedom Hall was used 140 times by such organizations as the Villagers, the Cotuit Yacht Club, the Cotuit Athletic Association, the Cotuit Historical Society, the Cotuit Civic Association, the Federated Church, the Boy Scouts, and others. During the winter the interior of the hall was painted by workmen from the Town of Barnstable Park Department, for which work the District is grateful. The continuing interest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Frick in maintaining the landscaping and the work and interest of the Villagers in improving the hall deserve the thanks of the whole District. A number of minor repairs have been made in the hall. In addition, major work has been done in replacing a number of the doors and locks. David Wiseman is the custodian. As in the past, Town elections were held in the hall.

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

In response to a direction from the annual District meeting, the Prudential Committee, working with the Board of Engineers and the Board of Water Commissioners, considered the District By-Laws and prepared new ones to replace them. After checking these with Town Counsel

and getting his assistance in preparing the wording, the new by-laws were presented at a special meeting on October 16, 1967. A number of voters feeling they wished to examine them further with legal counsel, the new by-laws were neither accepted nor rejected. The Prudential Committee was instructed to hold a special public hearing on them with legal counsel present. This was held on December 11, 1967. The revised by-laws will be offered for action at the annual meeting in 1968.

At the annual District meeting Miss Marjorie Greenwood was elected District Treasurer. Health problems forced her to resign as of August 1st. This necessity was much regretted, for Miss Greenwood had begun her duties as Treasurer with exceptional diligence and competence. The Prudential Committee, acting in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, appointed Mrs. Peter Murray Acting Treasurer, to serve until the next annual meeting. The Committee has been grateful for her willingness to serve and for the energy and skill which she has brought to her task. In order to help our summer visitors understand better the workings of the District, the Prudential Committee arranged with the Civic Association that its annual meeting might include time in which to introduce the District officers and to explain their duties.

At the request of a number of citizens, the Prudential Committee has discussed with the Chief of Police the problems of adequate police protection in the District. The Chief is most sympathetic and aware of the problems and is seeking acceptable solutions.

The Committee was pleased to be able to assist the Board of Engineers to arrange to have the houses in the District numbered.

Recognizing its responsibility for the financial affairs of the District, the Prudential Committee has begun long-range planning in order to provide for the needs of the District without having major expenses come all at the same time. The Committee has also been seeking ways to control costs without cutting needed services. With the Engineers and the Water Commissioners the Committee has been making a survey of the District insurance policies with the hope that some consolidation may cut costs and provide desired coverage. The equipment needs of the Fire Department have been discussed with the Engineers, and study on both these matters continues.

The Prudential Committee has had a busy year, hold-

ing many special meetings in addition to its regular meetings. We shall always be hospitable to suggestions that may benefit the District from any source. We hope that citizens will keep us informed of their wishes and concerns.

FREEDOM HALL

Expenditures

Fuel		
W. C. Seudder	\$ 520.63	
Repairs		
W. C. Seudder	19.06	
W. Dottridge	411.82	
David Quinn	60.18	
Kenneth Turner	24.55	
Insurance		
R. H. Patterson	153.48	
Electricity		
Cape and Vineyard	122.06	
Water		
Cotuit Water Dept.	25.50	
Services		
Geo. Linchan, Transport.	8.00	
Ralph Perry, Fire Extin.	13.40	
Supplies		
Cotuit Grocery, cleaning	1.30	
Cape Janitor, cleaning	19.62	
Hubbard Paint, paint	60.67	
Janitor		
David Wiseman	7.00	
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	\$1,447.27	
Appropriation	1,500.00	
Expended	1,447.27	
Balance to Revenue	<hr/>	52.73
Receipts		
Town Elections	\$15.00	
Cotuit Yacht Club Donation	10.00	
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		25.00
Total Balance to Revenue		77.73

STREET LIGHTING

Appropriation	\$5,000.00	
Expended	4,938.79	
Balance to revenue		\$61.21

GORDON M. BROWNE, JR.
ROBERT S. BEHLMAN
ALLAN F. CRAWFORD

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 1967.

The Department has responded to the following calls:

Ambulance	49
Fires	18
Oxygen	2
Power Failure	2
Lost Child	1
Stand-by at Accident	1
Animal Rescue	1
Total	64

The total figures for the loss by fire and the insurance paid are not complete at this time.

The members of the Department have held 13 fire drills and seven (7) rescue drills.

The fire station roof has been shingled and the front overhead doors replaced during the year. The sidewalls will need reshingling in the near future. Plans have been drawn for an addition to the station. An article has been placed in the Warrant for this purpose.

Our equipment consists of the following:
Engine No. 1—1966 1,000 gallon pumper
Engine No. 2—1937 500 gallon pumper
Engine No. 3—1953 400 gallon tank truck
Ambulance - 1958 Cadillac

Engine No. 2 is now 31 years old and should be replaced as soon as possible, after an addition is made to the fire station. The engine room is not adequate to house the

present equipment and a fireman was injured during the year due to the crowded conditions existing. The Prudential Committee and Board of Engineers are attempting to lay out an agreeable projected plan for the replacement of equipment. In 1958 the Board of Engineers recommended the replacement of a truck at that time so as not to have to replace trucks too close together. The repairing of a 20-year old truck at that time and the ultimate replacement in 1966, has put us in the position of many large expenditures coming close together. The Prudential Committee has requested a survey by the Rating Bureau, which we are sure will result in a large expenditure in order to maintain our present rating.

It was found that our appropriation of \$1,800.00 was not enough to make needed additions to the fire alarm system. A request has been made for an additional \$600.00.

Our manpower situation is still critical during the day, Monday thru Friday. If it were not for a few dedicated firemen and their employers, who allow them to leave work, we would not be able to operate the ambulance at the present time. On one alarm during the year we did not have any members of the rescue squad and on one transportation call, no one could be found to go and the trip was made by the Osterville Fire Department. If it is expected to have the ambulance available when needed, more interest must be shown by personnel working in the village or having at least one full-time fireman. This situation also is serious at working fires, as not enough men are available in the important first few minutes.

Expenditures and estimates are as follows:

	1966	1967	Est. 1968
Electricity	\$ 154.70	\$ 171.48	\$ 175.00
Telephones	456.15	612.55	550.00
Heat	247.52	352.98	325.00
Insurance	2,124.71	2,397.74	2,500.00
Fire Alarm Attendants	515.00	515.00	516.00
Main. of Equipment	631.69	938.87	800.00
Main. of Station	370.25	1,916.76	750.00
Supplies & Equipment	424.97	199.90	634.00
Office and Travel Expense	246.66	202.25	250.00

Labor	1,555.50	1,375.75	1,500.00
Chief's Salary	1,200.00	1,500.00	
Interest		694.71	
Total Expenditure	\$7,927.15	\$10,877.99	\$8,000.00
Appropriation	\$7,927.15	11,340.00	
Balance to Revenue	\$ 0.00	\$ 462.01	
Special fire alarm appropriation			\$1,800.00
Balance			\$1,800.00

In closing we wish to thank the firemen who have given so many hours at fires, rescues, ambulance calls and drills, many of them at a financial loss and much inconvenience to their families; and other persons and departments who have assisted 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 12, 1968

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 12, 1968, 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 for one year, a Treasurer for one year, Chief Engineer for three years, 1st Assistant Engineer for two years, 2nd Assistant Engineer for one year, three Auditors for one year, and to elect any other officials not mentioned.

Article 3. To see if the District will vote to authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the Prudential Committee, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue for the financial years beginning January 1, 1968 and January 1, 1969, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

Article 4. To hear and act upon the reports of the officers and committees of the District.

Article 5. To receive and act upon the accounts of all persons to whom the District may be indebted.

Article 6. To see what salaries the District will pay

the following elected officials: Clerk, Treasurer, Chief Engineer, Moderator.

Article 7. To see if the District will raise and appropriate the following sums for the financial department:

- (A) \$27,982.82 for debt and interest
- (b) 2,857.88 for salaries
- (c) 1,159.30 for expenses
- (d) 953.43 for assessment of the Barnstable County Retirement Association.

Article 8. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$8,000. 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 \$5,750. for the purpose of lighting the streets of the District for the ensuing year.

Article 12. To see if the District will vote to appropriate from the receipts and revenues of the Water Department:

- (a) \$ 4,000. for the water dept. for new services.
- (b) \$24,294. for the operating and maintenance of the water dept.,
- (c) \$ 2,500. for the water dept. for extensions.

Article 13. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the painting of the elevated tank on Old Oyster Road.

Article 14. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$2,000. for the purpose of installing a water main in East Lane for a distance of about four hundred and fifty feet.

Article 15. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$5,500. for the purpose of installing a water main in Lewis Pond Road for a distance of about twelve hundred and fifty feet.

Article 16. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1,500. for the purpose of installing hydrants in Fuller Marsh, Rushy Marsh, Waquoit, and Pine Ridge roads or take any action in relation thereto and to act fully thereon.

Article 17. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$600. for improvements to the fire alarm system.

Article 18. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$16,500. for an addition to the fire station or take any action in relation thereto and to act fully thereon.

Article 19. To see if the District will vote to rescind the present by-laws of the District and vote to accept a new set of by-laws as posted in six places within the District and discussed at two previous District meetings.

Article 20. To see if the District will vote to accept Sections 42 G to 42 I inclusive of Chapter 40 of the General Laws which provides for the levy of special assessments to meet the whole or part of the cost incurred in laying water pipes.

Article 21. 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 9th day of January, 1968.

Prudential Committee:
GORDON M. BROWNE, JR.
ROBERT S. BEILMAN
ALLAN F. CRAWFORD

A True Copy Attest:
F. Maynard Gifford, Jr.
Clerk: Cotuit Fire District