

# COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT

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Annual Reports for the Year Ending June 30, 1974

### **Organization**

#### **Moderator**

Frederick P. Claussen

#### **Prudential Committee**

Fred Boden	Term expires 1977
James R. Irwin	Term expires 1976
Edward S. Savery	Term expires 1975

#### **Clerk**

F. Maynard Gifford, Jr.

#### **Treasurer**

Agnes C. Murray

#### **Board of Water Commissioners**

James E. Downey	Term expires 1977
F. Maynard Gifford, Jr.	Term expires 1975
Joseph W. Hallett	Term expires 1976

### **BOARD OF ENGINEERS**

#### **Chief**

Arthur Gomes	Term expires 1977
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#### **First Assistant Engineer**

John Newton, Jr.	Term expires 1976
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#### **Second Assistant Engineer**

Charles E. Hamblin	Term expires 1975
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#### **Auditors**

Harry Crocker	Donald V. Turnbull
Michael J. Ricciardi	

## **COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT**

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**February 12, 1973**

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 12, 1973 at 8 o'clock P.M. The Clerk called the meeting to order, read the call of the meeting and the return of same.

**Article 1.** Louise L. Harmon was chosen Moderator for one year. Robert S. Behlman, Donald V. Turnbull, Stephen B. Williams, and Daniel P. Sullivan were appointed tellers.

**Article 2.** The following were nominated and elected, a ballot being cast for each

**Member of Prudential Committee for three years:** James R. Irwin

**Member of Board of Water Commissioners for three years:** Joseph W. Hallett

**Clerk:**

F. Maynard Gifford Jr.

**Treasurer:**

Agnes C. Murray

**1st. Asst. Eng. for 3 yrs.**

John Newton Jr.

**Auditors:**

Harry Crocker, Charles F. Gieg,  
Alfred E. Martin

**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 in anticipation of the revenue for the eighteen month period beginning January 1, 1973, in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and acts in amendment thereof, and including in addition thereto, Chapter 849 of the Acts of 1969, as amended, by issuing a note or notes payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with 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 with typographical errors corrected."

**Article 5.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$250. to pay unpaid bills of the District."

**Article 6.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District set the yearly salaries of the elected officials as follows:

Clerk	\$ 400.	1st. Asst. Eng.	\$ 100.
Treasurer	\$ 750.	2nd. Asst. Eng.	\$ 100.
Chief Eng.	\$1,500.	Moderator	\$20. per meeting

**Article 7.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$56,278. for the financial dept. to pay for debt and interest, salaries, expenses, assessment of the Barnstable County Retirement Association, and health and accident insurance for the eighteen month period beginning January 1, 1973."

**Article 8.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,500. for the expenses of the fire dept. for the eighteen month period beginning January 1, 1973."

**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 \$3,000. for the expenses of Freedom Hall for the eighteen month period beginning January 1, 1973."

**Article 11.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000. for the purpose of lighting the streets of the District for the eighteen month period beginning January 1, 1973."

**Article 12.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate for the eighteen month period beginning January 1, 1973.  
(a) \$15,000. for the water dept. for service connections  
(b) \$72,849. for the operation and maintenance of the water dept.

(c) \$ 2,500. for the water dept. for extensions  
and that the receipts and revenues of the water dept. be applied towards these amounts."  
An amendment reducing the amount of \$72,849. to \$64,000. was defeated by a vote 27 to 24.

**Article 13.** A motion duly made and seconded to borrow and appropriate \$160,000. for the purpose of ad-

ditional wells and pumping equipment at the main station failed to carry.

**Article 14.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,000. for the purpose of paying for test wells for a future well site on Cordwood Road and Putnam Ave."

**Article 15.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$4500. for the purpose of purchasing a truck for the water dept." An amendment reducing the amount to \$3500. and a trade in was defeated.

**Article 16.** A motion duly made and seconded, providing for a water main extension on Old Kings Road was defeated.

**Article 17.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$6500. for the purpose of installing a water main from the main station easterly along Rt. 28."

**Article 18.** 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, land adjoining the main station to protect our water supply. A total of 4.56 acres consisting of Parcels 3, 5 and 7 as shown on "Plan of Land Acquisition in Cotuit, Massachusetts for Cotuit Fire District, Scale 1" equals 80', February 9, 1973 prepared by Down Cape Engineering, Civil Engineers, Land Surveyors, 6A East Brewster, Mass. Additional details are incorporated in District Records. That the sum of \$18,204. be borrowed and appropriated for this purpose as an award to owners of said land for such purchase or taking. That the treasurer, with the approval of the prudential committee, be authorized to borrow the sum of \$18,240. under authority of General Laws, Chapter 44, and to issue bonds or notes of the District therefor payable in accordance with 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 19.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District transfer the sum of \$3,000. from surplus overlay to a reserve fund."

**Article 20.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District accept a new ambulance from the Rescue Squad and that the chief engineer, with the approval of the prudential committee, be authorized to dispose of the old one."

**Article 21.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$2600. for the purchase of radio equipment for the fire dept. to consist of 1 base station for \$750., 2 remote controls for \$550., 9 home receivers for \$950., 1 base antenna for \$150., and one used mobil radio for \$200."

**Article 22.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District instruct the moderator appoint a committee of five to investigate all aspects of a possible merger of the Centerville—Osterville and the Cotuit fire and water departments. The committee to consist of one member of the Board of Water Commissioners, one member of the prudential committee, one member of the board of engineers, two from the district voting list and that the committee report its findings at the annual meeting in 1974."

**Article 23.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District appropriate from free cash the sum of \$7,000. towards the tax levy of the eighteen month period beginning Jan. 1, 1973."

**Article 24.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That future submitted appropriations in district reports include comparative figures of past years."

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

F. Maynard Gifford Jr.  
Clerk: Cotuit Fire District

**This meeting voted for 18 month period:**

Raise and appropriate	\$207,227.
Free cash of \$7,000. and est. receipts of water dept. for 18 month period	\$63,240.
	- 70,240.

To be raised by taxation	\$136,987.
Borrow and appropriate	\$18,240.
Transfer from surplus to a reserve fund	\$3,000.

## COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT

SPECIAL MEETING

MAY 29, 1973

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 Tuesday, May 29, 1973 at 8 P.M. with 74 voters present. The moderator called the meeting to order. The clerk read the call of the meeting and the return of same. Tellers appointed were Charles E. Hamblin, Melville K. Ketcham and Pemberton Whitcomb.

**Article 1.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District by-laws be amended by adding a new Section 5 to Article 9 of the current by-laws to read as follows: Sec. 5.—In addition to the cost of extending water mains provided under Section 2 through 4 above, there shall be assessed by the Commissioners and each new consumer shall pay, before water service is provided, a basic use charge, such charge to be determined by the Commissioners from time to time to fairly and reasonably reflect the cost of equipment necessary to provide water to new consumers within the District. The funds raised by the assessment of such basic use charges shall be accounted for by the Commissioners separately and shall only be used for capital improvements of the District's water system."

50 yes

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**Article 2.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously Voted: "That the District by-laws be amended by changing the date of the Annual Meeting from the second Monday in February in each year as stated in Sec. 2 of Art. 2 to the second Monday in May in each year."

**Article 3.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "To adjourn".

F. Maynard Gifford Jr.

Clerk: Cotuit Fire District

This meeting:

Two amendments to the by-laws

No appropriations



## COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT

SPECIAL MEETING

DECEMBER 17, 1973

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 17, 1973 at 8 o'clock P.M.

The Clerk called the meeting to order, read the call of the meeting and the return of same.

Mr. Robert F. Hayden was chosen moderator of the meeting.

### Article 1.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously Voted: "That the District vote to borrow and appropriate the sum of \$18,240. for the purchase or taking by eminent domain, land owned by John F. Shields, Frances Pierce, and Richard W. Brackett adjoining the main station to protect our water supply. A total of 4.56 acres consisting of Parcels 3, 5, and 7 as shown on 'Plan of Land Acquisition in Cotuit, Massachusetts for Cotuit Fire District, scale 1" equals 80' February 9, 1973 prepared by Down Cape Engineering, Civil Engineers, Land Surveyors, 6A East Brewster, Mass. Said plan on file at the office of the Board of Water Commissioners.

**Parcel 3.** Beginning at a point about 263 feet south of Lovell's Pond and on the easterly sideline of land now or formerly of the Cotuit Fire District, and thence running N 63° - 28' - 00" E by land now or formerly of Richard Brackett a distance of 79.86 feet; thence running S 35° - 50' E by land now or formerly of Richard Brackett a distance of 545.17 feet; thence running S 57° - 33' - 22" E by land now or formerly of Richard Brackett a distance of 85.92 feet; thence running S 56° - 58' - 02" W by land now or formerly of John & Marie Shields a distance of 146.44 feet; thence N 32° - 35' - 54" W by land now or formerly of John & Marie Shields and the Cotuit Fire District a distance of 631.74 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1.42 acres supposedly owned by Richard Brackett.

**Parcel 5.** Beginning at a point 76.56 feet northwest of Route 28 on the north easterly side line of land now or formerly of the Cotuit Fire District, thence running N 58° - 42' - 34" W by land now or formerly of the Cotuit Fire

District a distance of 145.00 feet; thence running S 32° - 24' - 06" E by land now or formerly of the Cotuit Fire District a distance of 145.00 feet; thence running S 32° - 35' 54" E by land now or formerly of Richard Brackett a distance of 116.00 feet; thence running N 56° - 58' - 08" E by land now or formerly of Richard Brackett a distance of 146.44 feet; thence running S 57° - 33' - 22" E by land now or formerly of John & Marie Shields a distance of 364.89 feet; thence running 53° - 00' - 00" E by land now or formerly of John & Marie Shields a distance of 246.65 feet to the point of beginning, containing 2.62 acres supposedly owned by John & Marie Shields.

**Parcel 7.** Beginning at a point 161.00 feet north-west of Route 28 on the westerly sideline of land now or formerly of the Cotuit Fire District; thence running N 57° - 22" W by land now or formerly of Francis T. Pierce a distance of 262.21 feet; thence running N 63° - 14' - 05" E by land now or formerly of the Cotuit Fire District a distance of 202.62 feet; thence running S 9° - 52' - 30" E by land now or formerly of the Cotuit Fire District a distance of 235.40 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.52 acres supposedly owned by Frances T. Pierce.

That the sum of \$18,240 be borrowed and appropriated for this purpose as an award to owners of said land for such purchase or taking. That the treasurer, with the approval of the Prudential Committee, be authorized to borrow the sum of \$18,240. under authority of General Laws, Chapter 44, and to issue bonds or notes of the District therefor payable in accordance with 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.** A motion: "That the District authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to enter into all necessary arrangements or agreements with Spero & Magdalene Theoharidis for the installation of an additional well or wells on pumping station and and for the extension of the water main in and along Route 28 to the property and within the property owned by Spero & Magdalene Theoharidis The expense to be borne by the above named applicant." was defeated

**Article 3.** A motion: "That the District appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$1,550 for the purpose of extending the water main on Lewis Pond Road

subject to the by-laws of the District and the rules and regulations of the water dept." was defeated. Yes 57 No 61

**Article 4.** A motion: "That the District borrow and appropriate the sum of \$15,500. for the purpose of installing a water main in order that residents of Geraldine Road and Easy St., can be supplied with District water subject to the by-laws of the District and the rules and regulations of the water dept. That the Treasurer, with the approval of the Prudential Committee, 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." was defeated. Yes 56 No 55

(A two thirds yes vote is necessary on borrowing)

**Article 5.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District accept from a Freedom Hall Restoration Committee, appointed by the Prudential Committee, all monies raised by public subscription and that all said monies be appropriated for the sole purpose of restoration of Freedom Hall. All work to be done under the supervision and approval of the Prudential Committee."

**Article 6.** The Prudential Committee was requested to furnish copies of warrants for all meetings and to have a copy posted at the post office.

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

F. Maynard Gifford Jr.

Clerk: Cotuit Fire District

This meeting:

Voted to borrow-\$18,240.

## COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT

ANNUAL MEETING

MAY 13, 1974

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, May 13, 1974 at 8 o'clock P.M. The Clerk called the meeting to order, read the call of the meeting and the return of same.

**Article 1.** Frederic P. Claussen was chosen moderator for one year.

**Article 2.** Charles Savery, Charles Gieg, Harold Jackson, Keith Rapp, John Boucher, and Richard Ryder were appointed tellers. The following were nominated and the result of the election was as follows:

**Member of Prudential Committee for three years:**

*Fred Boden	109 votes
James T. Settelmeyer	58 votes
Sam Borton	48 votes

**Member of Board of Water Commissioners for three years:**

*James E. Downey	1 vote
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**Clerk:**

*F. Maynard Gifford, Jr.	1 vote
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**Treasurer:**

*Agnes Murray	1 vote
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**Chief Engineer for three years:**

*Arthur Gomes	131 votes
Bennett Dottridge	58 votes
Stephen Hamblin	33 votes
Scattered	2 votes

**Auditors:**

*Donald V. Turnbull	134 votes
*Michael J. Ricciardi	117 votes
*Harry Crocker	88 votes
Charles Gieg	87 votes
Alfred E. Martin	54 votes

\* Elected

**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 of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1974, in ac-

cordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17."

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

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

**Article 6.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District set the salaries of the elected officials as follows:

Clerk	\$ 400.	1st Asst. Eng.-\$250 plus hrs.
Treasurer	\$1,000.	worked
Chief Eng.-\$2,500 plus hrs.		2nd. Asst. Eng.-\$250. plus hrs. worked
		Moderator \$25. each meeting
Members of Prudential Committee and Board of Water Commissions	\$250. each	

**Article 7.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,210. for the expenses of the fire dept. for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1974."

**Article 8.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000. for hose and fittings for the fire dept."

**Article 9.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,250. for the exterior painting of the fire station."

**Article 10.** 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 11.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000. for the expenses of Freedom Hall for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1974."

**Article 12.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,200. for the purpose of lighting the streets of the District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1974"

**Article 13.** A motion to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,400. for the purchase of new chairs for Freedom Hall and authorize the Prudential Committee to dispose of the old ones did not pass.

Yes 57      No 60

**Article 14.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,100. for the purpose of reshingling the roof of Freedom Hall with Bird asphalt shingles."

**Article 15.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the following:

- (a) \$15,000. for the water dept. for service connections
- (b) \$56,948.18 for the operation and maintenance of the water dept.
- (c) \$2,500. for the water dept. for extensions and that the receipts and revenues of the water dept. be applied towards these amounts."

**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: "That the District rescind its vote acting under article 17 of February 12, 1973 and to apply the appropriation of \$6,500 towards the tax rate of the coming year."

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

**Article 19.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District transfer the sum of \$3,000. from surplus overlay to a reserve fund."

**Article 20.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,300. for the financial dept to pay for debt and interest, salaries, expenses, assessment of the Barnstable County Retirement Association, and health and accident insurance."

**Article 21.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District appropriate the sum of \$5,000. from free cash towards the tax levy."

**Article 22.** Upon motion duly made, seconded, and amended, it was Voted: "That the Prudential Committee be instructed to take the necessary action to establish the nomination paper and ballot type system of voting in the Cotuit Fire District by the next special or annual District meeting"

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

F. Maynard Gifford, Jr.

Clerk: Cotuit Fire District

This meeting:

Raise and appropriate \$145,758.18

To apply towards tax levy:

Est. receipts of water dept. \$48,327.84

Free cash 5,000.00

Unused 1973 appro. water main 6,500.00

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- 59,827.84

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To be raised by taxation \$85,930.34

Transferred \$3,000. from surplus overlay to a reserve fund.

# REPORT OF THE TREASURER

January 1, 1973 - June 30, 1974

		Receipts	
Cash Balance, January 1, 1973			74,755.49
Water Department			
Receipts and Revenue	80,004.39		
Basic Use Charge	7,500.00		
			87,504.39
Tax Collector			
1973 Personal Property	5,167.25		
1973 Real Estate	88,740.83		
1972 Personal Property	134.60		
1972 Real Estate	2,755.34		
1971 Personal Property	13.60		
			96,811.62
Payroll Deductions			9,688.40
Interest on Savings Account			2,705.90
Freedom Hall			145.00
Anticipation of Revenue Loan			19,712.89
Sale of Old Ambulance			1.00
Aetna Life Insurance - refund			25.50
Fire Department			10.00
1973 Land Purchase Loan			18,240.00
Total Receipts			\$309,600.19
		Expenditures	
Water Department			
Maintenance	60,200.97		
Extensions	1,532.40		
Service Connections	12,187.79		
*Notes and Interest	29,938.00		
*Group Insurance	1,147.58		
1971 Test Wells	345.00		
New Well and Station	39,665.25		
1973 Land Purchase	2,268.08		
Cordwood Road Test Well	10,111.00		
New Truck	4,018.66		
			161,414.73
Fire Department			
Maintenance	21,745.80		
*Salaries	4,857.50		
*Notes and Interest	12,628.50		
Radio Equipment	1,375.00		
			40,606.80



Financial Department	5,583.19
Freedom Hall	
Maintenance	4,282.35
Replace Gutters & Downspouts	1,232.82
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Payroll Deductions	9,688.40
Street Lights	9,124.89
Cotuit Library Association	250.00
Anticipation of Revenue Loan	20,000.00
Unpaid Bills Appropriation	250.00
Tax Refunds	2,073.73
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Total Expenditures	254,506.91
Cash Balance, June 30, 1974	55,093.28
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	\$309,600.19
*Covered by Financial Dept. Appropriation	
Valuation of the District	
Real Estate	48,554,650.00
Personal Property	3,324,100.00
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Total Valuation	51,878,750.00
Tax Rate for 18 month period	\$2.85 per \$1,000.00

#### DISTRICT INDEBTEDNESS — NOTES AND INTEREST

Series	Issued Year	Amount	Each Note	Purpose Amount
Feb. 1	1964	6,000	5,000	Increase water supply
Mar. 15	1971	22,500	4,500	Purchase Fire Truck
Apr. 1	1972	85,000	6,000	New Well & Station
Feb. 1	1974	18,240	3,648	Purchase land - main station

Series	Date of Last Payment	Amount left June 30, 1974	Interest Rate
Feb. 1	1976	10,000	3.10
Mar. 15	1976	9,000	3.60
Apr. 1	1987	73,000	4.00
Feb. 1	1979	18,240	4.75

# FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES

	1972	1973	1/2 1974	Budget 1974-1975
*Salaries				
Notes & Interest	4,668.48	4,668.48	2,354.24	8,085.60
Barnstable County	23,096.00	25,011.00	17,555.50	23,568.40
Retirement Assessment				
Group Insurance	1,112.81	2,288.33	—	1,828.43
Stationery-Supplies	713.80	867.76	279.82	800.00
Printing-Advertising	55.48	127.33	83.08	150.00
Miscellaneous	246.09	301.54	239.10	350.00
	137.30	157.25	201.34	517.57
Total Expenditures	30,029.96	33,441.69	20,713.08	35,300.00
Total for 18 mos.		54,154.77		
Appropriation	30,550.00	56,278.00		35,300.00
Balance to Revenue	520.04	2,123.23		
*Fire Chief	1,500.00	1,500.00	750.00	2,500.00
Pension for Fire Chief	1,605.60	1,605.60	802.80	1,605.60
Clerk	400.00	400.00	200.00	400.00
Treasurer	750.00	750.00	375.00	1,000.00
Moderator	40.00	60.00	40.00	25.00
Tax Collector	50.48	50.48	25.24	260.00
Assessors	122.40	122.40	61.20	260.00
First Assistant Eng.	100.00	100.00	50.00	250.00
Second Assistant Eng.	100.00	100.00	50.00	250.00
Each member Pru. Comm.	—	—	—	250.00
Each member Water Comm.	—	—	—	250.00
Totals	4,668.48	4,668.48	2,354.24	8,100.00
Fuel	564.80	455.96	455.83	600.00
Insurance	185.00	599.90	218.00	600.00
Water	38.00	57.30	68.50	60.00
Services	31.98	358.85	1,692.45	1,315.00
Telephone	105.93	113.70	63.68	125.00
Supplies	158.60	12.20	—	50.00

## FREEDOM HALL EXPENDITURES

Janitor	161.75	---	---	100.00
Electricity	149.49	117.58	68.40	150.00
Total Expenditures	1,395.55	1,715.49	2,566.86	3,000.00
Total for 18 mos.		4,282.35		
Appropriation	2,000.00	4,282.35		3,000.00
Balance to Revenue	604.45	none		
<b>STREET LIGHTS EXPENDITURES</b>				
Street Lights	5,698.96	5,549.46	3,575.43	7,200.00
Total for 18 mos.		9,124.89		
Appropriation	5,700.00	10,000.00		7,200.00
Balance to Revenue	1.04	875.11		
<b>COTUIT LIBRARY EXPENDITURES</b>				
Cotuit Library Assoc.				
Appropriation	250.00	250.00	---	250.00
Balance to Revenue	250.00	250.00	---	250.00
	none	none	---	
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES</b>				
Electricity	300.03	314.19	187.23	400.00
Telephone	1,210.98	1,300.16	833.76	1,500.00
Heat	359.35	467.19	472.51	550.00
Fire Alarm	1,000.00	1,000.00	500.00	1,300.00
Insurance	2,617.29	2,830.82	234.75	3,000.00
Maint. Equipment	3,194.40	1,542.97	1,178.14	1,600.00
Maint. Station	113.09	539.57	384.04	600.00
Supplies & Equipment	1,254.32	1,353.29	2,843.03	2,200.00
Office Expenses	79.92	35.50	24.65	60.00
Labor	3,366.90	4,239.00	1,465.00	5,000.00
Total Expenditures	13,496.28	13,622.69	8,123.11	16,210.00
Total for 18 mos.		21,745.80		
Appropriation	13,535.38	22,500.00		16,210.00
Balance to Revenue	39.10	754.20		
Respectfully submitted				
Agnes C. Murray				
Treasurer				

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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 37th report for the 18 month period ending June 30, 1974.

At the Fire District Meeting held May 13, 1974, Mr. James E. Downey was re-elected to the Board for three years.

The Board has held regular monthly meetings and a number of other meetings to deal with special problems. The Water Commissioners want to thank the members of the community who serve on the Advisory Committee for their time, effort and excellent suggestions they have provided. The Board has endeavored to keep expenses to the minimum consistent with proper and efficient operation of the Department.

To the great disappointment of the Board the potential well site on Cordwood Road and Putnam Ave. proved to be unsuitable and had to be abandoned. The \$6,500.00 appropriated for a water main along Rt. 28 was not needed and returned to the District. The new truck was purchased and the excess funds of \$481.34 were returned along with \$923.86 from past test well appropriations. The land acquisition at the pumping station on Rt. 28 is proceeding and hopefully will be completed this year.

During the past 18 months the following mains have been installed in the District: 3,900.00 ft. of 10" pipe, 21,130.00 ft. of 8" pipe, 24,059.00 ft. of 6" pipe, 249.00 ft. of 2" pipe and 82 hydrants. The Cost to developers has been \$396,771.37 and \$1,607.98 to the District.

The Commissioners take this opportunity to thank the employees of the Department for a job well done.

# RECORD OF WATER PUMPED

Total Water Pumped  
Largest Day June 21st, 1973  
Largest Week Sept. 8, 15, 1973

101,399,260 gals.  
544,100 gals.  
2,806,700 gals.

## RECEIPTS

Water  
Ser. Conn.  
Capital Improvement Chg.  
All Others

\$70,206.33  
7,513.82  
7,500.00  
2,284.24

Total Receipts  
Accounts Receivable  
Water Liens

\$87,504.39  
2,163.56

NONE

## EXPENDITURES

### REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS

Maintenance & Operation  
Service Connections  
Regular Ext. Acct.

1972  
Appropriated  
\$37,722.00  
6,000.00  
2,500.00

Spent  
\$32,077.56  
6,000.00  
1,720.80

1973-4  
Appropriated  
\$72,849.00  
15,000.00  
2,500.00

Spent  
\$60,200.97  
12,187.79  
1,532.40

Balance  
\$12,648.03  
2,812.21  
967.60

### SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

1965 Land Old Oyster Rd.  
1971 Test Wells  
New Well & Sta.  
1973 Truck  
1973 Test Wells  
1973 Main Rt. 28  
1973 Land Rt. 28

12,500.00  
8,000.00  
90,000.00  
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10,445.88  
7,620.14  
43,708.74  
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4,500.00  
11,000.00  
6,500.00  
18,240.00  
2,268.08

2,054.12  
34.86  
6,626.01  
481.34  
889.00  
8,500.00  
15,971.92

## BREAK DOWN OF RECEIPTS FOR THE 1/2 YR. PERIOD

	1972	1973	6 Mo. of 1974
Water	\$34,938.61	\$34,147.76	\$36,058.57
Service Connections	5,724.18	6,937.64	576.18
Basic Use Chg.	—	6,000.00	1,500.00
All Others	1,497.96	1,627.20	657.04
	\$42,160.73	\$48,712.60	\$38,791.79

### MAINTENANCE IN DETAIL

	1972	1 1/2 Yr. Period 1/1/73 to 6/30/74
Supt. Salary	\$11,279.40	\$18,176.64
Asst. Salary	8,942.00	14,417.70
Office Expense	640.69	1,149.00
Telephones	891.68	1,329.28
Water Works Assoc.	55.00	106.00
Maintenance of the System	3,043.43	5,070.05
Truck Expense	1,148.80	1,916.14
Chemicals	900.00	400.70
Rustop System	216.00	466.00
New Equipment	400.00	1,257.90
Water Shed & Grounds	65.35	227.69
Unclassified Printing etc.	74.16	130.85
Clerk Hire	-	-
Repair to Pumps & Motors	155.63	421.25
Leg. Eng. Service	401.00	1,212.00
Cast Iron Pipe & Fittings	300.00	482.00
Engine Fuel	121.40	118.54
Freight & Express	-	48.08
Lights & Power	2,656.28	6,668.67
Station Heating	467.61	843.18
Improvement of Wells	-	3,407.05
Building Repair	40.40	400.00
Tools & Hardware	100.00	604.32
Insurance	707.63	1,286.93
Bonds	-	60.00
W/C Expense	-	-
Contingent	-	-
	\$32,606.46	\$60,200.97

### STOCK INVENTORY

Stock on hand Dec. 31, 1972	\$19,049.35	
Stock on hand June 30, 1972	24,876.94	
Increase in Inventory		\$5,827.59

Respectfully submitted

James Downey

F. M. Gifford, Jr.

Joseph Hallett

## **REPORT OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE**

To the citizens of the Cotuit Fire District.

Your Prudential Committee submits herewith its report for the period covering January 1, 1973 thru June 30, 1974.

It was voted at a special District meeting to change the by law covering date of annual meetings from the second Monday in February to the second Monday in May.

This change was to put our annual meeting as close to the beginning of the fiscal year as possible, the fiscal year now being July 1—June 30th.

The Fire District report will now be printed after the annual meeting because the meeting is held in May and the year ends June 30th.

Your Prudential Committee approved the sale of the old Cadillac ambulance for one dollar, to the West Barnstable Fire District. The sale was recommended by the board of engineers.

Freedom Hall, as usual, has been used by all organizations of the village as well as being the district polling place.

The restoration committee, appointed in December, 1973, has completed painting the stage, ceiling and main hall with donations from interested citizens.

The exterior of Freedom Hall has been completed painted, the gutters replaced, two dry wells built to take rain drainage, and the roof has been resingled as voted at the May 13, 1974 annual meeting.

Excellent landscaping of the grounds around Freedom Hall has been continued by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Frick.



A speaker system has been donated and accepted by the Prudential Committee and is installed in Freedom Hall.

The Fire District now has 232 street lights, lighting the streets of the District.

At the district meeting held May 13, 1974 Mr. Frederick Boden was elected to the Prudential Committee for a three year term.

Mr. Boden has taken charge of the calendar of events for Freedom Hall and all reservations for Freedom Hall are to be cleared through Mr. Boden.

Meetings of the Prudential Committee are held each month on the first Monday after the second Friday, at the Cotuit Fire Station. Special meetings are called by the chairman as needed.

#### Prudential Committee

James R. Irwin

Frederick A. Boden

Edward S. Savery

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS

To the citizens of the Cotuit Fire District:

The Board of Engineers submits the eighteen (18) months report for the period January 1, 1973 to June 30, 1974. There was only minor loss by fire for this period.

The Department responded to the following alarms:

Fires	19
Ambulance	106
Transported by car	8

Total	133
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There are presently forty-five (45) members on the Fire Department, with twenty-six (26) members on the Rescue Squad, including one (1) Nurse.

Training over this period consisted of forty-nine (49) Fire Drills and thirty-six (36) Rescue Squad Drills. Two (2) members completed the Emergency Medical Technician course at the Cape Cod Community College; two (2) members also took the Advanced First Aid course at the college. Two (2) members took the Basic Rescue course given at the State Civil Defense School in Topsfield. Various courses in Electricity, Fire Science, and Gas were attended at the Fire Training Academy in Hyannis, the Cape Cod Community College and at the Fire Station here. A Multi-Media course in First-Aid was given at the C.F.D. Station and seventeen (17) completed this. A special course, with an Instructor from the Respiratory Therapy Department at Cape Cod Hospital, was taught on the use of the Esophageal Airway over a period of three (3) sessions with fifteen (15) completing this course. Five (5) members of the Rescue Squad began training in a certified course in Scuba Rescue.

On February 16, 1973, two (2) men flew to Indiana to pick up Cotuit's first new ambulance which was the culmination of fund-raising and contributions by the residents of this district. Our old ambulance was sold to the West Barnstable Fire District for one-dollar (\$1.00) since this was the only Department in Barnstable without an ambulance. Additional equipment for the ambulance has been acquired through the Rescue Squad Fund to enable us to give the most efficient rescue service possible. Emergency equipment is kept at the Fire Station and also in the three (3) Engineers cars and the Nurse's car as they respond directly to the scene.

All necessary equipment, Training manuals, Scuba

equip. and classes at C.C.C.C. and Fire Stat. have been paid for by the Fund Raising Projects conducted by concerned men and women of the village.

**FUND RAISING PROJECTS:**

Food Fair	5/26/73	\$ 154.00
Color TV Raffle	7/8/73	333.00
Flea Market	6/23, 24/73	1,402.00
Penny Sale	10/5/73	341.50

Total	\$2,234.50
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Operation Short Stop is a continuing program by members of the Dept. volunteering their time for a more efficient response to fires and rescues. This program includes mapping all hydrant locations and property locations, house numbers, and hydrant half-way points. A road painting project has been begun and will continue to mark hydrants and half-way points, with emphasis on all property owners displaying their house numbers.

On July 8, 1973 an Open House was held by the Rescue Squad to display Cotuit's first new ambulance and to honor Dr. Donald E. Higgins for his interest and many years of devotion to the Rescue Squad since its' conception. He established and trained the first Rescue Squad many years ago and remained active until his retirement. Also honored was Fred Nickerson for his sign painting and gold lettering of the ambulance.

The Firemen's Assoc. has installed new wall-to wall carpeting in the upper level of the Firehouse. This year they also sponsored two (2) scholarships to graduating students of this district as well as making numerous contributions to charities.

Continuous Fire and Rescue Training Programs have been set up and will continue throughout the coming year in order to comply with State rules and regulations under the new Ambulance Act.

The Board of Engineers wishes to express their gratitude to all members of the Dept. and citizens who were most helpful during this past eighteen (18) months. We could not have accomplished so much without their cooperation and we firmly believe that we have one of the best Dept. on the Cape; one we are proud of.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur S. Gomes, Chief

John E. Newton, Asst. Chief

Charles E. Hamblin, Dep. Chief

## DISTRICT AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR 1974

To the voters of the Cotuit Fire District:

We have examined the books of the Treasurer of the Cotuit Fire District for the period ending June 30, 1974 and confirm the cash balances in the following banks:

Bass River Savings Bank	\$52,000.00
The Barnstable County National Bank	3,093.28
Total June 30, 1974	<u>\$55,093.28</u>

The Cash Book was balanced and compared with the banks and were found in agreement.

The following amounts were paid off during the period January 1, 1973 to June 30, 1974 on notes outstanding:

Year Issued	Purpose	Amount
1973	Anticipation of Revenue	\$20,000.00
1963	Purchase Land to Increase Water Supply	2,000.00
1964	Increase Water Supply	10,000.00
1968	Fire House Addition	3,000.00
1971	Purchase Fire Truck	9,000.00
1972	New Well and Station	12,000.00

Due to lack of time it was not practical to conduct an audit in more detail for inclusion in this report.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Ricciardi

Donald V. Turnbull

Auditors