

**COTUIT**  
**FIRE DISTRICT**

*Annual Reports*



**1978**

By unanimous vote of the District Meeting,  
this Annual Report is dedicated to the memory of

FRANKLIN MAYNARD GIFFORD, Junior

who served this District well and faithfully  
throughout his lifetime.



Clerk of the Works      Water Department  
1936 - 1937

Clerk      Fire District  
January 1937 - January 1978

2nd Assistant Engineer-Cotuit Fire Department  
February 1952 — February 1956

Superintendent      Water Department  
May 1954 - February 1966

Water Commissioner  
February 1966 - May 1975

# **COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT**

Annual Reports for the Year Ending June 30, 1978

## **Organization**

**Moderator**  
Frederic P. Claussen

<b>Prudential Committee</b>	
Edward S. Savery	Term expires 1981
Frederick H. Boden	Term expires 1980
Alfred E. Martin	Term expires 1979

**Clerk**  
Laurie C. Hadley

**Treasurer**  
Agnes C. Murray

<b>Board of Water Commissioners</b>	
Richard S. Knowlton	Term expires 1981
James P. Souza	Term expires 1980
James R. Irwin	Term expires 1979

## **Board of Engineers**

	<b>Chief</b>	
John E. Newton, Jr.		Term expires 1980
	<b>First Assistant Engineer</b>	
Charles E. Hamblin		Term expires 1979
	<b>Second Assistant Engineer</b>	
Walter H. Dottridge		Term expires 1981
	<b>Auditors</b>	
Harry Crocker	Jacqueline Claussen	Manuel F. Duarte

## **COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT**

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

### **MAY 8, 1978**

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 8, 1978. Election of District Officers took place from four to seven PM and the result was as follows:

<b>Moderator for one year</b>	
*Frederic P. Claussen	177 votes
<b>Member of Prudential Committee for three years</b>	
*Edward S. Savery	173 votes
<b>Member of Board of Water Commissioners for three years</b>	
Harry A. Ashley	79 votes
*Richard S. Knowlton	127 votes
<b>Clerk for one year</b>	
James R. Irwin	87 votes
*Laurie C. Hadley	117 votes
<b>Treasurer for one year</b>	
*Agnes C. Murray	186 votes
<b>Second Assistant Engineer for three years</b>	
*Walter H. Dottridge	174 votes
<b>Auditors for one year</b>	
*Harry C. Crocker	190 votes
*Manuel F. Duarte	174 votes
*Jacqueline Claussen	182 votes

207 ballots cast.

\*Elected

The meeting assembled at eight PM and acted on the following:

A motion from the floor was duly made and seconded to have the meeting adjourned until Thursday night, May 11, 1978. After time was allowed for discussion, the motion was defeated.

**Article 1.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was 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, 1978, in accordance 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 2.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted: "That the District accept the reports of the officers and committees as printed."

**Article 3.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that this article be indefinitely postponed.

**Article 4.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted: "That the District set the salaries of the elected officials as follows:

Clerk, \$400; Treasurer, \$1,000; Chief Engineer, \$2,500 plus hours worked; 1st and 2nd Assistant Engineers, \$500 plus hours worked; Moderator, \$25 each meeting; members of the Prudential Committee and Board of Water Commissioners, \$250 each. That work wages be \$6.00 per hour for officers, \$5.00 per hour for men, and \$4.00 per hour for labor."

**Article 5.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,850.00 for the expenses of the Fire Department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1978."

**Article 6.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the maintenance of the Cotuit Library Association."

**Article 7.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the expenses of Freedom Hall for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1978."

**Article 8.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for the purpose of lighting the streets of the District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1978."

**Article 9.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted: "That the District raise and appropriate (a) \$10,000.00 for the Water Department for service connections, (b) \$62,363.42 for the operation and maintenance of the Water Department, and that the receipts and revenues of the Water Department be applied to these amounts."

**Article 10.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for test wells and prolong pumping test."

**Article 11.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the article be indefinitely postponed.

**Article 12.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted: "That the District transfer from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$2,500.00 to purchase a portable radio for the cardiac monitor."

**Article 13.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,100.00 for the purchase of hose and fittings for the Fire Dept."

**Article 14.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted: "That the District raise and appropriate to a reserve fund the sum of \$3,000.00."

**Article 15.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,850.00 for the installation of fire detection systems at Freedom Hall and the Fire Station."

**Article 16.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for a Stabilization Fund as provided under Section 5B, Chapter 40, General Laws of Commonwealth of Massachusetts."

**Article 17.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,500.00 for the expenses of the financial department."

**Article 18.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted:  
"That the District appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$20,000.00 to apply towards the tax levy of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1978."

**Article 19.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted:  
"To print the next Annual Report in memory of F.M. Gifford, Jr., with a resume of his service to the District."

**Article 20.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted:  
"To adjourn."

JAMES R. IRWIN, Clerk  
Cotuit Fire District

This meeting:

Raised and appropriated

\$175,963.42

Appropriated from free cash

\$ 22,500.00

## **Report Of The Prudential Committee**

To the citizens of the Cotuit Fire District:

Your Prudential Committee submits herewith its report for the year July, 1977, through June, 1978. Edward S. Savery was elected to another three-year term as Prudential Committee Member.

Prudential Committee Member Alfred E. Martin was elected to serve as Chairperson for the year. Edward S. Savery was elected Secretary and Frederick H. Boden elected to coordinate the use of Freedom Hall.

The Prudential Committee's regular meetings are held on the first Monday after the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the Cotuit Fire Station. These meetings are open to the public.

Six requests for street light installations were approved, giving the District a total of 264. Freedom Hall was used approximately 120 times this year by various groups and organizations from the District.

The election on May 14, 1979, will be held in Freedom Hall. The polls will be open between the hours of 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM. The Annual Meeting will be held at 8:00 PM.

The Prudential Committee would like to thank all the officers of the District for their assistance and cooperation during the year.

Prudential Committee  
Alfred E. Martin  
Edward S. Savery  
Frederick H. Boden

## **Report Of The Board Of Engineers**

To the citizens of the Cotuit Fire District:

The Board of Engineers submits herewith its 52nd Annual Report for the fiscal year 1977-78.

The Department has responded to 193 calls during the year:

### **Fires:**

Building	4
Electrical	1
Grass & Brush	13
Out of District	14
Investigations	21
Automatic Alarms	1
Gas Leaks	2
Auto Fires	7
Oil Burner	2
Chimney	6
Pumping Cellars	6
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### **Rescue Squad:**

Rescue Calls	94
Mutual Aid	14
Medical Assistance	8
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	116

Oil Burner Inspections	52
Fire Alarm Inspections	44
Public Buildings	12
Wood Stoves	6

The Board of Engineers meets once a month at the Fire Station and will discuss Fire Department business with any interested persons.

Several members have attended Fire Training and Rescue courses in addition to the regular monthly Fire and Rescue drills.

Normal replacement of hose and fittings will continue this year. The equipment of the Department is in good condition with the exception of the 1953 Utility Truck which the Engineers recommend replacing this year.

In closing the Board of Engineers again appreciate the cooperation given by all the Town and District Departments and wish to thank the members of the Department for their dedication to service over the last year.

Respectfully submitted,  
John E. Newton  
Charles E. Hamblin  
Walter H. Dottridge  
Board of Engineers

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

	Expended 1977/78	Appropriated 1978/79	Estimate 1979/80
Electricity	\$ 522.22	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Telephone	1,557.01	1,500.00	1,600.00
Heat	890.64	850.00	900.00
Fire Alarm & Services	1,335.22	1,800.00	2,300.00
Insurance	4,738.50	5,700.00	5,800.00
Maint. of Equipment	3,994.16	3,000.00	3,000.00
Maint. of Station	117.80	300.00	500.00
Supplies & Equipment	1,511.24	2,500.00	2,500.00
Labor	10,495.00	8,500.00	12,000.00
Training	238.95	500.00	1,000.00
E.M.S. Program		600.00	600.00
Totals	\$25,400.74	\$25,850.00	\$30,800.00

#### Report Of The Treasurer

Financial Statement  
July 1, 1977 - June 30, 1978

##### Receipts

Cash Balance, July 1, 1977	\$166,536.20
Payroll Deductions	8,437.69
Water Department:	
Receipts and Revenue	76,316.05
Basic Use Charge	6,975.00
Interest on Savings Account	7,500.06
Cardiac Monitor Fund	703.78
Tax Collector:	
1976 Real Estate	1,667.19
1977 Personal Property	201.81
1977 Real Estate	2,435.75
1978 Personal Property	4,200.91
1978 Real Estate	76,373.28
Water Liens	103.50
Unclaimed Tailings	53.61
Miscellaneous	1.94
Total Receipts	\$351,506.77



<b>Expenditures</b>	
Payroll Deductions	\$ 8,437.69
Water Department Receipts	25.00
Water Department:	
Maintenance & Operation	57,240.70
Service Connections	9,998.65
Regular Extensions	19,851.66
Fire Department	25,400.74
Cotuit Library Association	300.00
Freedom Hall	2,406.58
Street Lights	11,169.42
Financial Department	27,472.29
Freedom Hall Restoration Fund	6.16
Elevated Tank Repairs	4,930.00
Spot Painting Tank	3,000.00
Water Study	9,000.00
Pumping Station Repairs	6,000.00
Fire Hose Replacement	1,075.00
Fire Station Storm Windows	550.00
Fire Station Repairs	1,759.42
Freedom Hall Heating Improvement	1,990.00
Tax Refunds	312.26
Cardiac Monitor Equipment	<u>5,970.16</u>
Total Expenditures	196,895.73
Cash Balance, June 30, 1978	<u>154,611.04</u>
	\$351,506.77

### **BALANCE SHEET—JUNE 30, 1978**

#### **General Accounts**

##### **Assets**

Cash:		
General		\$154,611.04
Petty Cash - Water Dept.		27.40
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
1973-74 Personal Property	232.89	
1975 Real Estate	1.35	
1975 Personal Property	126.39	
1976 Real Estate	495.84	
1976 Personal Property	48.42	
1977 Real Estate	1,983.84	
1977 Personal Property	41.00	
1978 Real Estate	4,743.57	
1978 Personal Property	183.77	
Water Liens	22.88	
Tax Title	<u>687.79</u>	8,567.74
Water:		
Rates & Services		<u>3,789.43</u>
		\$166,995.61

# **LIABILITIES AND RESERVES**

Tailings - unclaimed checks		\$	128.17
Special Appropriation Balances:			
1965 Land Purchase			2,054.12
Fire Station Repairs			190.58
Purchase radio for Cardiac Monitor			2,500.00
Capitol Improvements - water system			45,925.00
Reserved to reduce 1979 tax levy			20,000.00
Reserve Fund - overlay surplus			1,620.73
Overlay Reserved for Abatement 1978			1,537.09
Overlay Reserved for Abatement 1977			712.15
Overlay Reserved for Abatement 1976			887.23
Overlay Reserved for Abatement 1975			697.92
Overlay Reserved for Abatement 1973-74			164.17
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:			
Taxes			8,567.74
Water			3,789.43
Reserve for petty cash advance			27.40
Surplus Revenue (free cash)			78,193.88
			<u>\$166,995.61</u>
<b>Debt Accounts</b>			
Public Service Enterprise	\$52,648.00	Water	\$52,648.00

## **FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES IN DETAIL**

Appropriation			\$28,000.00
Salaries:			
Fire Chief	2,500.00		
Pension for Fire Chief	1,881.24		
Clerk	400.00		
Treasurer	1,000.00		
Moderator	25.00		
Tax Collector	260.00		
Assessors	260.01		
First Asst. Engineer	250.00		
Second Asst. Engineer	250.00		
Prudential Committee	750.00		
Water Commissioners	750.00	8,326.25	
Notes and Interest:			
Water Dept. Notes	9,648.00		
Interest	2,546.56	12,194.56	
Barnstable County Retirement			
Assessment		3,510.14	
Group Insurance		2,479.92	
Stationery-Supplies		76.66	
Printing-Advertising		605.82	
Treasurer's Bond		67.00	
Postage		106.94	
Election Expenses		105.00	
		<u>27,472.29</u>	
Balance to Revenue		527.71	
		<u>\$28,000.00</u>	<u>\$28,000.00</u>

### FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES IN DETAIL

Appropriation		\$25,000.00
Transfer from reserve fund		400.74
Electricity	522.22	
Telephone	1,557.01	
Heat	890.64	
Fire Alarm and Services	1,335.22	
Insurance	4,738.50	
Maintenance of Equipment	3,994.16	
Maintenance of Station	117.80	
Supplies and Equipment	1,511.24	
Training	238.95	
Labor	10,495.00	
	<u>\$25,400.74</u>	<u>\$25,400.74</u>

### FREEDOM HALL EXPENDITURES IN DETAIL

Appropriation		\$4,000.00
Heat	545.89	
Insurance	944.50	
Water	--	
Services	147.45	
Telephone	189.02	
Supplies	75.85	
Janitor	321.50	
Electricity	182.37	
	<u>2,406.58</u>	
Balance to Revenue	<u>1,593.42</u>	
	<u>\$4,000.00</u>	<u>\$4,000.00</u>

### Valuation of the District

Real Estate	55,819,750.00
Personal Property	<u>3,115,850.00</u>
Total Valuation	58,935,600.00
Tax Rate	\$1.50 per \$1,000.00

### District Indebtedness - Notes and Interest

Series	Year Issued	Total Amount	Amount Each Note	Purpose
April 1	1972	85,000	6,000.00	New Well & Station
Feb. 1	1974	18,240	3,648	Purchase land-main station

Series	Date of Last Payment	Amount left June 30, 1978	Interest Rate
April 1	1987	49,000	4.00
Feb. 1	1979	3,648	4.75

Agnes C. Murray  
Treasurer

## **Report Of The Board of Water Commissioners**

To the citizens of the Cotuit Fire District:

The Board of Water Commissioners submits herewith its Annual Report for the fiscal year 1978:

The Water Department has continued to grow at a rapid pace and now boasts of 827 accounts. This is 107 more than in the year 1976.

The completion of the Putnam Avenue main extension and the mains and services in the "Land Fall" development has been a large milestone in the past year. A new fire hydrant was also installed at the corner of Cedarwood and Piney Roads.

The board has spent several meetings with Mycock Insurance updating insurance policies on all the water department property. Expensive tools and office equipment are all now insured against theft or vandalism.

Much has been done with automatic electronic controls in the two electric pumping stations and with safety relays to protect the large electric motors from lightning damage.

A meter replacement program has been put into effect. Many meters have been changed, some of these have not registered correctly for years. Meters will be replaced and rebuilt on a ten year rotation basis.

For the first time in years all the gate valves have been located and worked in the district. New maps of all valves are being drawn up. Much of this work was done with the help of two young men thru the C.E.T.A. program.

The largest expansion program since the beginning of the department in 1936 is on the horizon. Through fine work done by the superintendent Medchill, a government grant is within our reach. This grant with matching funds raised by the district, could make possible all but one of the recommendations of the 1977 Whitman & Howard Survey. This would also allow 58 long time residents the benefits of district water.

In closing, your Board of Water Commissioners wish to thank all of the officers in the District for their cooperation and patience. We also wish to thank Superintendent Medchill, his assistant Paul Wiggins and clerk, Ruth Bedigian for their hard work and dedication in the past year.

Respectfully submitted:  
James P. Souza  
James R. Irwin  
Richard Knowlton  
Board of Water Commissioners

# MAINTENANCE IN DETAIL

	Fiscal Year 1975-1976	Fiscal Year 1976-1977	Fiscal Year 1977-1978
	Spent	Spent	Spent
Superintendent Salary	\$14,171.56	\$14,500.00	\$13,638.50
Assistant Superintendent Salary	11,234.60	11,488.97	11,709.82
Office Help	5,460.00	5,460.00	5,565.00
Office Expense	689.61	945.07	1,339.37
Telephones	560.79	688.99	1,080.12
Mass., N.E., American Water Works	30.00	80.00	145.00
Maintenance of the System	9,502.47	5,790.57	8,651.94
Truck Expense	2,233.89	2,874.06	2,313.44
Cast Iron Pipe & Fittings	107.54	517.88	-
Engine Fuel	1,167.97	663.94	181.90
Electricity	6,928.55	7,192.76	7,257.42
Station Heating	719.99	859.63	443.33
Building Repair	218.17	394.00	156.49
Tools & Hardware	57.57	77.86	1,278.29
Chemicals	405.20	367.48	353.58
New Equipment	359.78	274.76	344.71
Grounds & Watershed	40.52	101.54	110.55
Repair to Pump & Motors	281.67	1,577.57	438.10
Insurance	1,150.00	2,232.00	2,145.00
Legal & Engineer Hire	82.24	587.16	88.14
Water Commissioners Expense	-	-	-
Unclassified Printing, etc.	62.34	-	-
Contingent	-	-	-
	<u>\$55,464.46</u>	<u>\$56,674.24</u>	<u>\$57,240.70</u>

**RECEIPTS**  
**From July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1978**

Water (Minimum)	\$36,298.39
Excess Water	28,433.33
On & Off Charge	1,020.00
Service Connections	9,796.74
All Others	<u>742.59</u>
Total Receipts	\$76,291.05
Capital Improvements	6,975.00
Accounts Receivable	3,789.43
Water Liens	126.38

**EXPENDITURES**  
**From July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1978**

	Appropriated	Spent	Balance
Maintenance & Operation	\$58,523.97	\$57,240.70	\$1,283.27
Service Connections	10,000.00	9,998.65	1.35
Regular Extension Account	20,000.00	19,851.66	148.34
<b>SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>			
Elevated Tank	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
Study of Water System	17,000.00	17,000.00	-
Painting Exterior of Main St. Tank	3,000.00	3,000.00	-
Repair to Pumping Stations	6,000.00	6,000.00	-
1965 Land Old Oyster Road	12,500.00	10,445.88	2,054.12

**RECORD OF WATER PUMPED**

Water Pumped July 1, 1977 through June 30, 1978  
 Largest Day (since July 1, 1977) July 19, 1977  
 Largest Week (since July 1, 1977) July 17, 1977 thru July 24, 1977

63,195,000  
 583,900  
 4,140,300

**STOCK INVENTORY**

Stock On Hand July 1, 1977  
 Stock On Hand June 30, 1978

\$22,804.22  
 \$16,206.95

# COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT WARRANT

## ANNUAL MEETING

### MAY 14, 1979

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, May 14, 1979, at 4 o'clock PM, then and there to vote for the following officers:

Moderator - for one year

Member of the Prudential Committee - for three years

Member of the Board of Water Commissioners - for three years

Clerk - for one year

Treasurer - for one year

First Assistant Engineer - for three years

Three Auditors - for one year

The polls shall be closed at 7 o'clock PM and at 8 o'clock PM action will be taken on the following articles:

**Article 1.** 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 of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1979, in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefore, 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 the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

**Article 2.** To hear and act upon the reports of the officers and committees of the District.

**Article 3.** To receive and act upon the accounts of all persons to whom the District may be indebted.

**Article 4.** To see what salaries the District will pay the following elected officials: Clerk, Treasurer, Chief Engineer, 1st Assistant Engineer, 2nd Assistant Engineer, Prudential Committee members, Water Commissioners, and Moderator.

**Article 5.** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate and transfer from available funds, the sum of \$825,000.00 for the purposes of laying and relaying water mains of not less than six inches but less than sixteen inches in diameter, for wells, and for pumping station equipment; and to determine how such an appropriation shall be raised, whether by taxation, transfer of available funds, by borrowing, or otherwise, and if by borrowing, to authorize the issuance of bonds or notes by the District; and to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to apply for and accept any State or Federal funds that may be available for these projects or take any other action relative thereto.

(Requested by the Board of Water Commissioners)

**Article 6.** To see what sum the District will vote to transfer from the Capital Improvement Account -- Water Systems, to the Trea-

sury, for the purpose of paying interest on borrowing for a major water system improvement project.

(Requested by the Board of Water Commissioners)

**Article 7.** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate:

(a) \$15,000.00 for the Water Department for Service Connections;

(b) \$69,200.00 for the operation and maintenance of the Water Department; and

(c) \$20,000.00 for the Water Department for extensions.

(Requested by the Board of Water Commissioners)

**Article 8.** To see what sum of money the District will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate and transfer from available funds, for the purpose of laying and re-laying 3,000 feet of water mains of not less than six inches but less than sixteen inches in diameter and appurtenances along a portion of Falmouth Road (Route 28), Geraldine Road, Windmill Lane, and Easy Street.

(Requested by the residents of Geraldine Road)

**Article 9.** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$300.00 for the maintenance of the Cotuit Library.

(Requested by the Prudential Committee)

**Article 10.** To see what sum the District will vote to raise and appropriate for the expenses of Freedom Hall for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1979.

(Requested by the Prudential Committee)

**Article 11.** To see what sum the District will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of lighting the streets of the District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1979.

(Requested by the Prudential Committee)

**Article 12.** To see what sum the District will vote to raise and appropriate for the expenses of the fire department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1979.

(Requested by the Board of Engineers)

**Article 13.** To see what sum the District will vote to borrow and appropriate, or raise and appropriate, for the purpose of purchasing a new fire and rescue truck.

(Requested by the Board of Engineers)

**Article 14.** To see what sum the District will vote to borrow and appropriate, or raise and appropriate, for the purpose of purchasing a new ambulance.

(Requested by the Board of Engineers)

**Article 15.** To see what sum the District will vote to raise and appropriate to purchase a deck gun for the fire department.

(Requested by the Board of Engineers)

**Article 16.** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for a Stabilization Fund as provided under Section 5B, Chapter 40, of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

**Article 17.** To see what sum the District will vote to raise and appropriate to the financial department.

**Article 18.** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate,



borrow and appropriate, or appropriate and transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purchase of a parcel of land adjoining that on which the fire station stands on the Easterly side of High Street in the District, bounded and described as follows:

NORTHWESTERLY by High Street, there measuring 165.00 feet, more or less;

NORTHERLY by land of Robert O. Dottridge, there measuring 239.00 feet, more or less, and again

NORTHWESTERLY by land of Robert O. Dottridge, there measuring 100.00 feet, more or less, and

NORTHERLY by a fence and land of unknown owners\*, there measuring 151.00 feet, more or less;

NORTHEASTERLY by land of Chandler Robbins, there measuring 270.00 feet, more or less;

\*Robert M. and Nancy P. Wainwright

SOUTHERLY by land of Judith I. Collins, there measuring 245.00 feet, more or less, and again

NORTHWESTERLY by Cotuit Fire District, there measuring 28.00 feet, more or less, and again

SOUTHERLY by Cotuit Fire District, there measuring 137.00 feet, more or less, and containing 1.6 acres, more or less.

For Plan Reference see a Portion of Premises shown on Plan entitled "Plan of Land of the Coolidge Estate in Cotuit, Mass." dated May 1924, and drawn by Frederick O. Smith, C.E., Buzzards Bay, Mass. and filed with Barnstable County Plans in Plan Book 13, Page 101.

Also see Deed of Katharine S. Shreve to Don B. Stookey, dated July 3, 1959, and recorded with Barnstable Registry of Deeds, Book 1046, Page 39.

Reference is also made to "Plan of Land in Cotuit, Barnstable, Mass. to be conveyed by Don B. Stookey to the Cotuit Fire District" dated March 2, 1964, drawn by Nelson Bearse -- Richard Law -- Surveyors, Centerville, Mass. and recorded at Barnstable Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 184, Page 59.

(Requested by the Prudential Committee)

**Article 19.** To see if the District will vote to appropriate a sum of free cash in the treasury towards the tax levy of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1979.

**Article 20.** 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 doings thereon to said meeting.

Given under our hands this 26th day of March 1978.

ALFRED E. MARTIN  
FREDERICK H. BODEN  
EDWARD S. SAVERY

True Copy Attest:  
Laurie C. Hadley  
Clerk: Cotuit Fire District