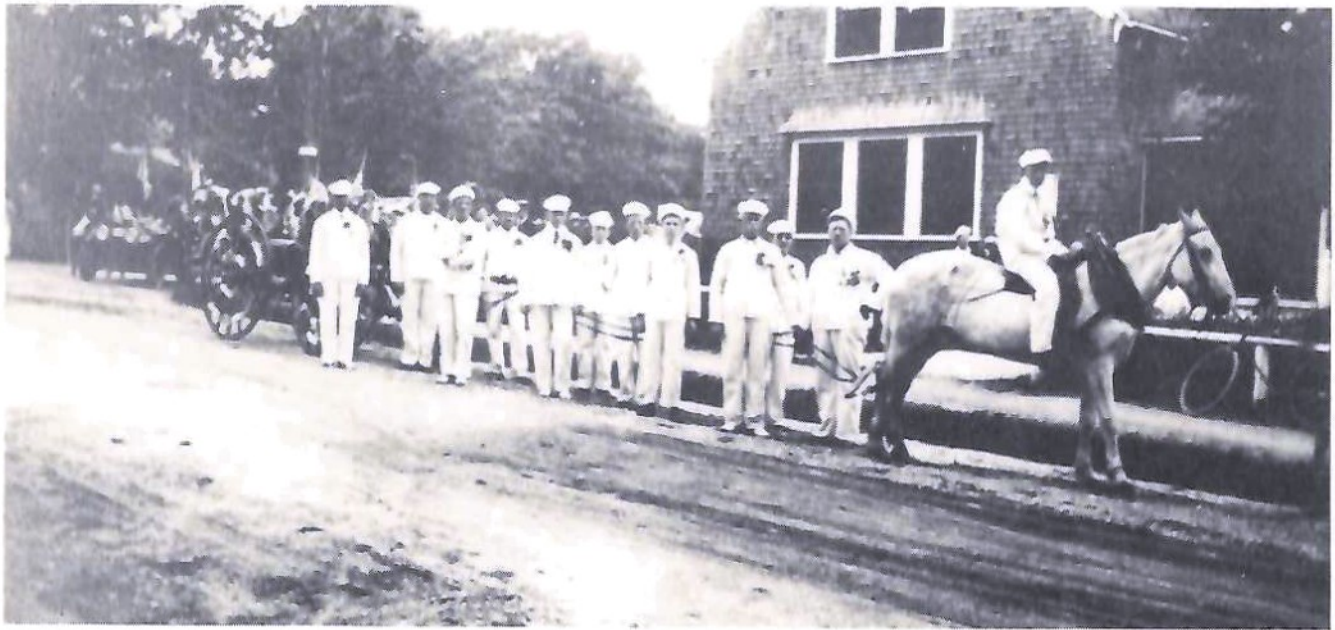


COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT



ANNUAL REPORTS

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A. Seabury Childs
William Potter
Chester Savery
Albert Grigson

William Coleman
Burleigh Savery
Henry Robbins
E. Ormand Dottridge
Horse: Dick Dottridge

Ezra Gifford
George Savery
Thomas Rennie
William Nickerson

First Fire Apparatus and Company — Fourth of July Celebration 1916.

WHAT IS A FIRE DISTRICT?

"Fire Districts" were created many years ago by the Massachusetts Legislature to allow isolated villages to provide themselves with water, fire protection, and street lighting. The Cotuit Fire District, created by an enabling act in 1926, conducts its own District meeting and elects its own District officers. It votes its own District taxes to support its needs. (These taxes are added to the Town of Barnstable tax bills and returned to the District.)

Elected officials (along with their phone numbers and the year in which their term of office will expire) of the District for 1985-1986 are as follows:

Moderator

Gwendolyn E. Phillips	428-9590	1986
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Prudential Committee

William P. Godley, Chairman	428-8189	1987
Sterling C. Bush	428-6797	1986
Agnes C. Murray	428-8231	1988

The Prudential Committee administers the finances of the Fire District and approves budget expenditures voted at District meetings. The annual meeting is held the last Wednesday in May. It is also in charge of Freedom Hall and District street lights. From time to time, the Prudential Committee has appointed committees to investigate and recommend solutions to situations of concern to the citizens. The public is invited to meetings held in Freedom Hall at 7:30 PM the first Monday after the third Wednesday of each month.

Clerk

Laurie C. Hadley	428-6552	1987
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Treasurer

Laurie C. Hadley	428-6552	1988
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Board of Water Commissioners

David C. Pina	428-5356	1987
Chairman		
Paul H. Wiggins	428-8948	1986
William O. Wool	428-6202	1988

The Water Department is run by three Water Commissioners who make policy and administer the affairs of the Department. They set water rates and plan wells and pumping stations for the future. Public meetings are held at the Water Department, Route 28, the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM.

Board of Fire Commissioners

Robert W. Eldred,	428-2136	1988
Chairman		
Richard T. Gilman	428-5581	1987
Michael C. Lloyd	428-7369	1986

On September 13, 1984, the voters of the Cotuit Fire District voted to change the administration of the Fire Department by replacing the elected three man Board of Engineers, which was composed of a Fire Chief and two engineers, with a three man Board of Fire Commissioners and an appointed Fire Chief. In addition to appointing the Fire Chief and other officers, the Fire Commissioners establish policies, set fees, and administer the financial affairs of the Department. The Fire Commissioners meet on the second Thursday of each month, at 7:30 PM, at the Fire Station on High Street, and the public is invited to attend these meetings.

REPORT OF THE CLERK

SPECIAL REFERENDUM

September 13, 1984

In accordance with the by-laws of the District and the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, a special referendum vote was held in Freedom Hall on Thursday, September 13, 1984. The following question appeared on the ballot and the results were as follows:

"To see if the voters of the Cotuit Fire District will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 144 of the Acts of 1984, 'An Act Relative to the Administration of the Fire Department of the Cotuit Fire District in the Town of Barnstable', set forth fully as follows:

"SECTION 1: Section 1 of Chapter 328 of the acts of 1916 is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:

"Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, the administration of fire protection operations in said District hereby created shall be vested in a board of three fire commissioners, none of whom shall be an active firefighter of said District, who shall be elected by the voters of the district by ballot to serve three-year terms so arranged that the term of office of one commissioner shall expire each year. The board shall appoint a fire chief, for a term of three years, who shall not be subject to the provisions of chapter thirty-one of the General Laws and, subject to appropriation by said District, shall fix the compensation for said position. The fire chief shall, subject to the approval of the board, have all of the powers of fire chiefs under the General Laws. The board shall have similar powers and duties to a board of engineers, as defined in section seventy-four of chapter forty-eight of the General Laws, with respect to its operations and employees, insofar as apt.

"SECTION 2: The terms of office of the board to be elected under section one shall be established at the nineteen hundred and eighty-four annual district meeting as follows: the term of office of the candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for three years, the candidate receiving the next highest number of votes for two years and the candidate receiving the third highest number of votes for one year. Eligibility of candidates shall be established in the same manner as for candidates for the position of water commissioner.

"SECTION 3: This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by a majority vote of the voters of the Cotuit Fire District present and voting thereon at a district election as a ballot question."

YES 182

NO 176

SPECIAL MEETING

January 29, 1985

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 Tuesday, January 29, 1985. Election of fire commissioners took place from four to seven PM, and the results were as follows:

For three years	Votes received
Richard T. Gilman*	116
For two years	
Michael C. Lloyd*	105
For one year	
Robert W. Eldred*	97
TOTAL VOTES CAST: 125	*Elected

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. The Clerk read the call of the meeting and return of same. Robert Behlman, Roger Burkhart, Charles Hamblin, and James McGranachan were appointed tellers and were duly sworn. The following action was taken:

Article 1: Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the District transfer and appropriate \$652.25 from the Mobile Radio Equipment account voted in Article 9 of the May, 1983, Annual District Meeting, to the Fire Department miscellaneous account. (Unanimous)

Article 2: Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the District transfer and appropriate \$2,150.00 from free cash to the financial department. (Unanimous)

Article 3: Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the District transfer and appropriate from available funds the sum of \$750.00 to employ an insurance consultant. (Unanimous)

Article 4: Upon motion duly made, seconded, and amended, it was voted that the District exempt the Cotuit Historical Society from paying water charges on the first five hundred gallons used on property it owns at 1148 Main Street, Cotuit, Massachusetts, known as the Dottridge Homestead. (Unanimous)

Article 5: Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the District amend the by-laws of the District as follows:

In Article 1, Officers, Section 1: By deleting the words "a three-member Board of Engineers of the Fire Department (namely a

Chief Engineer, a First Assistant Engineer, and a Second Assistant Engineer)" and substituting the words "a three-member Board of Fire Commissioners."

In Article 1, Officers, Section 2: By deleting the words "Board of Engineers" and substituting the words "Board of Fire Commissioners."

In Article 2, Section 2: By deleting the words "Board of Engineers" and substituting the words "Board of Fire Commissioners."

In Article 9, Section 3: By deleting the words "Chief Engineer of the Fire Department" and substituting the words "Fire Chief."

In Article 11, Sections 4 and 5: By deleting the words "Board of Fire Engineers" and substituting the words Board of Fire Commissioners."

(Unanimous)

Article 6: Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the District amend the by-laws of the District by deleting Article 8, Sections 1 through 7, and substituting therefore the following:

"ARTICLE 8

"Fire Department

"Section 1: The Fire Commissioners shall appoint the Fire Chief and other officers as required.

"Section 2: The Fire Commissioners, through their appointed officers, shall be responsible for the maintenance of the fire station and its appurtenances and for the maintenance of all fire and rescue apparatus.

"Section 3: The Fire Commissioners, through their appointed officers, shall maintain a conscientious and disciplined fire department which, through a continuous training program shall provide the District with an adequate roster of department personnel consisting of qualified rescue squad members and able-bodied fire fighters.

"Section 4: The Fire Commissioners shall be responsible for the annual appointment of additional other officers, fire police, fire fighters, and rescue personnel as may be necessary and consistent with the size of the department and its activities. Such appointments are to be made after consultation with the Fire Chief.

"Section 5: The Fire Chief shall have jurisdiction over all other department personnel and shall have authority, when neces-

sary, to enlist aid from persons outside the department for fighting fires or for matters involving the public welfare and safety.

"Section 6: Should the Fire Chief fail to respond to a call of fire or other emergency, the senior officer who is present at the scene shall assume authority until properly relieved.

"Section 7: The hourly rate of pay for all officers, fire fighters, rescue personnel, and fire police shall be set by a vote of the District and may only be amended by a vote of the district."

(Unanimous)

Article 7: Upon motion duly made and seconded, this article, to amend the by-laws of the District by deleting Article 8, Sections 1 through 7, and substituting therefore wording requested by the Board of Fire Engineers, was indefinitely postponed. (Unanimous)

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

Respectfully submitted

LAURIE C. HADLEY, Clerk
Cotuit Fire District

This meeting:

Transferred from free cash: \$2,900.00

ANNUAL MEETING

May 29, 1985

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 Wednesday, May 29, 1985. Election of District officers took place from four to seven PM, and the results were as follows:

Prudential Committee for three years	Votes received
David C. Crawford	137
Agnes C. Murray*	184
Fire Commissioner for three years	
Robert W. Eldred*	256
Water Commissioner for three years	
William O. Wool*	266
Treasurer for three years	
Laurie C. Hadley*	288
TOTAL VOTES CAST: 335	*Elected

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. The Clerk read the call of the meeting and the return of same. The following action was taken:

Article 1: Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 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, 1985, 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. (Unanimous)

Article 2: Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the District accept the reports of the officers and committees of the District. (Unanimous)

Article 3: Upon motion duly made and seconded, this article, to receive and act upon the accounts of all persons to whom the District may be indebted, was indefinitely postponed, there being no unpaid bills. (Unanimous)

Article 4: Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was was voted to set the annual salaries of its elected officials as follows: Clerk, \$550.00; Treasurer, \$2,500.00; Members of the Board of Fire Commissioners, \$500.00; Prudential Committee Members, \$500.00; Members of the Board of Water Commissioners, \$500.00; and Moderator, \$50.00 per meeting. (Unanimous)

Article 5: Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate \$6,344.00 for the operation and maintenance of Freedom Hall. (Unanimous)

Article 6: Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,500.00 for the purpose of lighting the streets of the District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1985. (Unanimous)

Article 7: Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the maintenance of the Cotuit Library. (Unanimous)

Article 8: Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate \$15,750.00 for the expenses of the Financial Department. (Unanimous)

Article 9: Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate \$87,555.00 for notes and interest. (Unanimous)

Article 10: Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate \$15,000.00 for group insurance. (Carried)

Article 11: Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate \$7,239.00 for the Barnstable County Retirement assessment. (Unanimous)

Harry Ashley, Donald Barth, Bennett Dottridge, Charles Hamblin, James Leclair, and Brenda Nailor, were appointed and duly sworn as tellers.

Article 12: Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate \$3,000.00 for the purchase of computer equipment and supplies. (51 in favor, 34 opposed)

Article 13: Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to empower the Board of Fire Commissioners to enter into a contract for the purpose of procuring paramedic services on an as needed basis. (Unanimous)

Article 14: Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to fund a contract for paramedic services. (Unanimous)

Article 15: Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$97,275.00 for the operation and maintenance of the Fire Department to be apportioned as follows:

Labor and salaries \$46,500.00; Maintenance, \$9,175.00; Operating expense, \$40,600.00; and Miscellaneous, \$1,000.00. (Unanimous)

Article 16: Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to set the work wages of the Fire Department personnel as follows: Chief, \$6,000.00 per year plus hours worked; Deputy Chiefs, \$750.00 per year plus hours worked; Chief & Deputies, \$12.00 per hour; Lieutenants & Captains, \$10.00 per hour; and Fire fighters, \$8.00 per hour. (Unanimous)

Article 17: Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 for the purchase of protective clothing (pants) for fire department personnel. (Unanimous)

Article 18: Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for two new self-contained breathing apparatus units and two spare tanks. (Unanimous)

Article 19: Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be paid to the Centerville/Osterville Fire District for fire alarm coverage. (Unanimous)

Article 20: Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to accept Chapter 40, Sections 42G, 42H, and 42I of the Massachusetts General Laws to permit the District to levy special assessments for the cost of laying water pipes in public and private ways for the conveyance and distribution of water in accordance with the procedures set forth in said provisions. (49 in favor, 23 opposed)

Article 21: Upon motion duly made, seconded, and amended, it was voted to raise and appropriate \$164,082.00 to be expended by the Water Department as follows: Service connections, \$20,000.00; Labor & Salaries, \$61,452.00; Maintenance, \$16,000.00; Operation expense, \$45,130.00; Miscellaneous, \$1,500.00; and Extensions, \$20,000.00. (43 in favor, 31 opposed)

Article 22: Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,000.00 for the purpose of the installation of new test wells, including any cost associated with said test wells. (Unanimous)

Article 23: Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to transfer the sum of \$4,007.03 from the Cotuit Cove Road Extension Account (voted in Article 23 of the May 25, 1983, Annual Meeting); \$1,887.66 from the Brittany and Westbury Extension Account (voted in Article 22 of the May 25, 1983, Annual Meeting); and \$1,315.76 from the Cedar and Oak Streets Extension Account (voted in Article 21 of the May 25, 1983 Annual Meeting), for a total of \$7,210.45 to the Fuller's Marsh Extension, to be used to install water mains of not less than six inches but less than sixteen inches in diameter, and appurtenances, in a portion of Main

Street, as the Board of Water Commissioners shall determine including any cost associated with said extension. (Unanimous)

Article 24: Upon motion duly made and seconded, this article, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,210.45 for the Fuller's Marsh Extension, to be used to install water mains of not less than six inches but less than sixteen inches in diameter and appurtenances in a portion of Main Street, as the Board of Water Commissioners shall determine, including any cost associated with said extension, was indefinitely postponed. (Unanimous)

Article 25: Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate \$8,000.00 and to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to purchase or take by eminent domain a certain parcel of land situated in the Village of Cotuit, which land is shown on the Town of Barnstable Assessors' Map as Parcel 14 on Map 36; said described parcel contains one acre more or less and is a portion of the land shown on a "Plan of Land in Cotuit, Barnstable, MA. for F. Maynard Gifford, Jr., dated February 18, 1959, Charles N. Savery, Engineer." which plan is recorded in the Barnstable County Registry of Deeds Plan Book 153, Page 7; said land to be acquired for watershed protection purposes as determined by the Board of Water Commissioners and to act fully thereon. (Unanimous)

Article 26: Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,000.00 for the Stabilization Fund as provided under Section 5B, Chapter 40, of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. (Unanimous)

Article 27: Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to a reserve fund. (Unanimous)

Article 28: Upon motion duly made and seconded, this article, to appropriate and transfer a sum of free cash in the Treasury toward the tax levy of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1985, was indefinitely postponed. (Unanimous)

Respectfully submitted

LAURIE C. HADLEY, Clerk
Cotuit Fire District

This meeting: Raised and appropriated \$501,245.00
Transferred \$7210.25

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 1985

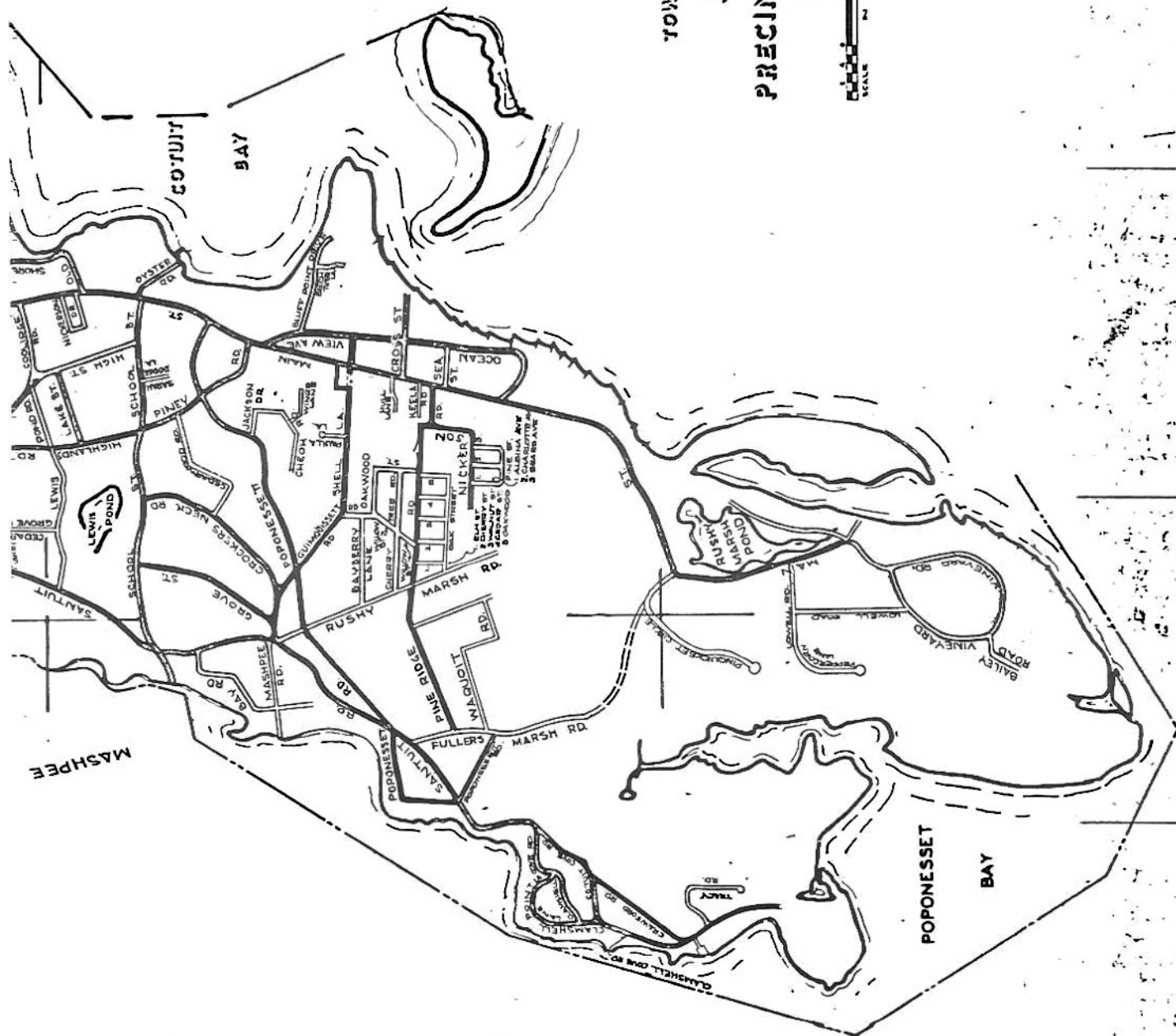
General Accounts

ASSETS		LIABILITIES & RESERVES	
Cash	\$ 250,506.70	Tailings (Unclaimed checks)	\$ 605.76
Petty Cash - Water Dept	50.00	Special Appropriation balances:	
Accounts Receivable:		1965 Land Purchase	2,054.12
Taxes:		New Water Dept Truck (84)	1,006.52
1985 Personal Property	1,707.44	Fuller's Marsh Road Extn	6,050.01
1985 Real Estate	25,603.86	Repair Scott Air Pacs (83)	159.00
1984 Personal Property	2,015.33	Fire Dept Radio Equipment	57.11
1984 Real Estate	10,573.29	Overhead Doors (Fire Stn)	926.00
1983 Personal Property	178.85	Protective Clothing (Fire Dept)	220.30
1983 Real Estate	951.00	Insurance Consultant	750.00
1982 Personal Property	184.67	Capital Improvements, Water System	123,406.90
1982 Real Estate	3,629.83	Cardiac Monitor Fund	311.08
1981 Personal Property	287.73	Overlay/1985 Abatement	*675.75
1981 Real Estate	2,178.32	Overlay/1984 Abatement	*695.03
1980 Personal Property	134.20	Overlay/1983 Abatement	885.09
1980 Real Estate	1,648.38	Reserve Fund/Overlay Surplus	11,446.12
		Revenue reserved until collected:	
		Taxes	49,092.90
Water:		Water	9,473.65
Rates & Services	9,473.65	Reserve for petty cash advance	50.00
		Surplus Revenue (Free Cash)	101,257.91
			<u>101,257.91</u>
	\$ 309,123.25		\$ 309,123.25

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TOWN OF BARNSTABLE

ROAD MAP

PRECINCT NO. 7 COTUIT

MASSACHUSETTS

MARCH 1972



DRAWN BY H.E. ANDERSON - ENGINEERING DEPT.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT July 1, 1984 -- June 30, 1985

Receipts		Disbursements	
Taxes (Real Estate & Personal Property)	\$ 387,810.69	Water Department:	
Tax Title	135.30	Service connections	19,852.93
Water Department:		Labor	56,955.76
Receipts & Revenue	155,387.38	Maintenance	15,322.72
Basic Use Charge	37,750.00	Operation	42,310.00
Water Liens	1,062.75	Miscellaneous	1,459.77
Interest Earned	8,954.59	Extensions	20,000.00
Fees, Ambulance Usage	1,913.00	Fuller's Marsh Road Extension	19,915.86
Fees, Fire Dept Inspections	785.00	Cotuit Cove Road Extension	88.50
Fees, Freedom Hall Usage	200.00	Water Dept Truck	8,874.75
Miscellaneous	.09	Water Dept Office	8,000.00
		Fire Department:	
		Maintenance	11,604.83
		Labor	43,843.13
		Operation	30,279.29
		Miscellaneous	1,765.39
		Fire Alarm Coverage	4,770.00
		Cardiac Monitor Fund	636.00
		Repair Scott Air Paks	214.84
		Purchase Scott Air Paks	2,500.00
		Purchase Overhead Doors	1,074.00
		Fire Dept Radio Equipment	7,942.89
		Protective Clothing (jackets)	3,779.70
		Freedom Hall:	
		Labor	680.25
		Operation	3,798.01
		Street Lights	24,023.74
		Cotuit Library	1,000.00
		Financial Dept	19,903.91
		Barnstable County Retirement	8,895.00
		Group Insurance	12,979.31
		Notes & Interest	90,817.65
		Stabilization Fund	20,000.00
			<u>\$ 483,288.23</u>

Bal forward: July 1, 1984 \$ 593,998.80 Balance on Hand June 30, 1985 \$ 250,506.70

VALUATION OF THE DISTRICT

Real Estate	\$ 149,758,400.00
Personal Property	<u>6,866,300.00</u>
TOTAL VALUATION	\$ 156,624,700.00

TAX RATE \$2.25

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Stabilization Fund	\$ 53,984.06
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DISTRICT INDEBTEDNESS -- NOTES AND INTEREST

Notes issued for new well & station dtd April 1, 1972, for \$85,000.00 at 4%. Balance 6/30/85	\$ 7,000.00
Federal loan for major water improve- ment project dtd July 9, 1980, for \$300,000.00 at 5%. Balance 6/30/85	214,284.00
Federal loan for Cotuit Coves/Sandal- wood Project dtd February 24, 1982, for \$226,000.00 at 5%. Balance 6/30/85	191,200.00
Notes issued for Newtown Road water extension dtd August 20, 1982, for \$110,000.00 at 8.3%. Balance 6/30/85	<u>66,000.00</u>
TOTAL DEBT ACCOUNTS	\$ 478,484.00

Respectfully submitted

LAURIE C. HADLEY
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT:

The Prudential Committee herewith submits its report for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1985.

The annual report format was changed for 1984. Because of many newcomers to the District a page describing the functions of the District was included, along with the following:

- 1) Fire District map.
- 2) Listing of all elected officials and their phone numbers.
- 3) Cover photo of old Cotuit provided by the Historic Society.
- 4) Request for volunteers to allow creation of a talent bank of skills.

In the hopes that there would be greater interest from recent home buyers in the Fire District, annual reports were distributed to the realtors for distribution to their clients buying in Cotuit. Additional copies are also available from the clerk.

Continued improvement of Freedom Hall occurred through the following:

- 1) Repair and replacement of gutters and downspouts along with underground drains to prevent flooding of the basement.
- 2) Sign was repainted.
- 3) Landscaping was pruned to be more presentable.

The very well attended July 23rd Prudential Committee Meeting was primarily devoted to discussions of beach problems. Many complaints and suggestions were aired, resulting in the appointment of a Beach Committee consisting of the following residents: Fred Holway (Chairman), Jack Grant, Jim Settlelmeyer, and Carol Souza. Their outstanding efforts have resulted in a better understanding of our problems, and resulted in changes eliminating boats at Rileys beach, proper sweeping of the Loop, and improved beach sticker parking. Their efforts with the cooperation of the Selectmen have measurably improved things.

On September 13th, a special referendum was held, at which time the voters approved a change of the operation of the Fire Department from Engineers to Commissioners. On January 29th a Special Meeting and Election was held, and three Commissioners were elected. By-law changes reflecting the Commissioner form of

operation for the Fire Department were approved by the voters. Special thanks must be given to Jim McGranachan, Tom Hadley, Leonard Peck, and Chief Walter Dottridge for their valuable input and time spent on rewriting the by-laws.

In accordance with a District vote, an insurance consultant was engaged to review and recommend total insurance coverage for the entire Fire District needs. The implementation will hopefully commence in fiscal 1985-6.

In March efforts were made for the first time to form a consensus of the elected Commissioners and Prudential Committee members on District tax philosophy prior to creation of departmental budgets. The Prudential Committee has felt that a stable or predictable tax rate was in your best interests. General agreement was reached and resulted in the subsequent voter approval of budget increases that were limited to the rate of inflation. The Prudential Committee feels strongly that the District should live within its means.

Because of rapid town and village growth the Prudential Committee suggested that a Civic Association be formed. In February, there was an excellent turnout in Freedom Hall with fine press coverage. The Committee thanks John Klimm for his encouragement and presentation and the many residents whose support started this much needed independent organization.

Thanks to Pam Boden for chairing the first District conservation committee and to Jacki Barton for chairing the first District planning committee.

Appreciation is due Agnes C. Murray for sixteen devoted years as Fire District Treasurer.

Special appreciation is due Walter Dottidge, chief of our Fire Department since 1980, who also served as assistant engineer and in many other capacities in the Fire Department over the years.

Thanks to efforts of members of a telephone calling committee voter interest and attendance at District meetings has increased.

Respectfully submitted,

STERLING C. BUSH
WILLIAM P. GODLEY, Chairman
AGNES C. MURRAY

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE COTUIT FIRE DEPARTMENT:

The Board of Fire Commissioners herewith submits its report for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1985.

The past fiscal period, ending June 30, 1985, brought some significant changes to the Fire Department. A newly created Board of Fire Commissioners was elected and empaneled to oversee the administration of the Cotuit Fire Department and to appoint its Chief, officers, and call personnel. Extensive changes in ambulance service were promulgated by the Commonwealth which directly affected the Department's ability to respond to certain emergency situations. Chief Walter H. Dottridge tendered his resignation effective June 30, 1985, requiring a comprehensive search for his successor. Throughout this time of upheaval, the men and women of the Cotuit Fire Department continued to provide dedicated and exemplary fire and rescue response to the citizens of the Village of Cotuit.

After its election at the January 29, 1985, special District meeting, the Board of Fire Commissioners felt very strongly that it should try to assimilate as much information as possible about fire departments on the Cape. This would enable them to better assist in any future decisions concerning the department. To do this, the Board visited most of the departments in the Town of Barnstable and met with their respective chiefs. Calls were also made to other departments on the Cape. From these meetings, the Board was able to compile information about size, numbers of fire and rescue calls, staffing and salary requirements, and equipment utilization.

Within the same time frame, the Board was faced with the presentation of the 1986 fiscal year budget. With significant input from Chief Dottridge, the Board was able to contain the budget to within a few percentage points of the 1985 budget. This budget, although somewhat restrictive, still allows the department to meet some salary and staffing increases. During the 1986 fiscal year, the Board will conduct a comprehensive review of the present and future requirements of the department. A long range plan to upgrade and replace equipment will be presented to the Prudential Committee for consideration by the District. This will allow the District to plan its financial requirements and to allocate funds in a timely manner.

In 1982, the Commonwealth took over the control of the Emergency Medical Services. Since then, sweeping changes have been promulgated in rapid fire and just as quickly rescinded. Many of the regulations were created to solve certain problems in the Boston area, but by their nature, caused havoc in small isolated departments such as those on the Cape. The latest revision

requires additional manning at the paramedic level. This has caused a temporary shortage of paramedics throughout the Cape. The Board feels that, at this time, it can best meet the new requirements by combining the position of Chief and full time paramedic, and by further arranging mutual aid programs with the adjoining fire departments. At this time, we are fully qualified to offer advanced life support services with an excellent cadre of EMTs.

The resignation of Chief Walter H. Dottridge was accepted with reluctance. During the few months the Board worked with the Chief, it felt that a comfortable working relationship was developing. His service to the District was valued and will be missed.

The search for a new Chief was complicated by the new regulations pertaining to ambulance service and the desire to find the most qualified person for the position. Again, it was decided to combine the requirements for a Chief and paramedic into one position. The Board has recently appointed Paul A. Frazier to the three year position as Cotuit Fire Chief/Paramedic.

The Board would like to express its appreciation to the members of the Cotuit Fire Department for their support and understanding during this period of transition. Their dedication to the citizens of Cotuit never wavered and we all look forward to a period of smooth sailing.

The Board would like to acknowledge the magnificent work done by the Cotuit Firemen's Association. Through their efforts, the department has been able to receive many necessary pieces of fire and rescue equipment at no cost to the taxpayers of the District. Since 1978 alone, the Association has raised over \$25,000 for the purchase and repair of Fire Department equipment. The Association is now starting a fund raising drive to replace the "brush-breaker," which is used to fight the grass and forest fires on the Cape.

During the 1985 fiscal year, there were 76 fire related responses. This represents a 31% increase over the calls last year. During calendar year 1985, another 120 homes will be built in the Fire District. With this increase, there is the possibility of an even greater number of responses by the Fire Department. The table on the following page gives a breakdown of the types of calls responded to by the Cotuit Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted

ROBERT W. ELDRED, Chairman
RICHARD T. GILMAN
MICHAEL W. LLOYD

TABLE I

TOTAL CALLS

Fires	76
Rescues	173
Investigations	<u>17</u>
	266

Fire Runs

Rescue Runs

Home fires	16	Beach	2
Automatic fire alarms	14	Transportation	7
Brush fires	6	House rescues	107
Building fires	7	Medical assistance/station	4
Motor vehicle fires	7	Motor vehicle accident	30
Mutual aid	18	Mutual aid	13
Beach fires	2	Pedestrian	1
False alarms	5	Other	1
Gas spills	<u>1</u>	Construction	1
	76	False alarms	4
		Medical assistance	<u>3</u>
			173

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

The Cotuit Water Department was formed in 1936 and is administered by a Board of three Water Commissioners. It supplies water for domestic use and fire protection throughout the village wherever mains have been installed.

Daily operations are maintained by the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent who are assisted by a secretary. All operations are directed from the office located on Route 28, which is open from Monday to Friday, from 8:30 AM until 12:30 PM, and from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM.

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT:

The Board of Water Commissioners submits herewith its Annual Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1985.

The Board held twelve regular and three special meetings during the past year.

William Wool was unanimously elected chairman.

Roderick Construction Company, Inc, was awarded the contract for installation of mains and services and emergency repairs.

In the 1985 fiscal year, the Water Department installed one hundred new services, bringing the total number of accounts to 1,459.

The bid for the office renovation was awarded by the Board to Charles Hamblin of Cotuit. The work has since been completed, thus updating a 48-year old building into a more modern and energy efficient office.

Materials for the Fuller's Marsh/Main Street Extension were awarded to the low bidder. One thousand, one hundred and twenty feet of water main and two hydrants were installed along the portion of Pinquickset Cove Circle and Main Street. This upgrades the fire protection for the residents in this area.

After much discussion and study on the escalating costs associated with water work supply, the Board of Water Commissioners voted to increase the basic use charge, assessment fee, and labor rates, to insure that funds will be readily available to help defray the cost of future water supply.

During the year, the Board kept in touch with the Mashpee Board of Health concerning the status of the Mashpee Condo projects.

There were phase fault protectors installed in Electric Stations 1 and 2, to insure the protection of the electric motors in these stations.

The Water Commissioners wish to thank the citizens of the District who have supported and cooperated with them in the past year. The hard work and cooperation of Superintendent Charles Medchill, Assistant Superintendent Leonard Mendes, and Secretary Sheri Leavenworth was also very much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted

DAVID C. PINA, Chairman
PAUL H. WIGGINS
WILLIAM O. WOOL

FROM JULY 1, 1984, TO JUNE 30, 1985

RECEIPTS

Water (Minimum)	68,784.38
Excess water	43,650.16
On & Off charge	2,930.00
All others	2,278.23
Total	<u>117,642.77</u>

Service connections	<u>38,232.05</u>
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Total receipts	155,874.82
Capital Improvement	38,175.00
Accounts receivable	9,473.65
Water liens	916.36

STOCK: 9,702.89 LABOR, TX, & CONN CH: 28,529.16

EXPENDITURES

	APPROPRIATED	SPENT	BALANCE
Labor & Salaries	\$ 61,684.00	\$ 56,955.76	\$ 4,728.24
Maintenance	16,000.00	15,522.72	477.28
Operation	42,310.00	42,310.00	.00
Miscellaneous	3,500.00	1,459.77	2,040.23
Service connections	20,000.00	19,852.93	147.07

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

Regular extension account	20,000.00	20,000.00	.00
New truck	9,881.27	8,874.75	1,006.52
Office renovations	8,000.00	8,000.00	.00
Fuller's Marsh extension	52,070.44	46,020.43	6,050.01
Cotuit Cove Road extension	18,000.00	13,992.97	.00*
Brittany & Westbury extension	22,000.00	20,112.34	.00*
Cedar & Oak Street extension	16,700.00	15,384.24	.00*

*These accounts, totaling \$7,210.45 were transferred to Fuller's Marsh at Annual Meeting

ACCOUNT	BALANCE AS OF 7/1/85	SPENT	NEW BALANCE	ENDING BALANCE
Cotuit Cove Road	4,095.53	88.50	4,007.03	.00
Brittany & Westbury	1,887.66	.00	1,887.66	.00
Cedar & Oak	1,315.76	.00	1,315.76	.00

DETAIL

	<u>Appropriated</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Balance</u>
LABOR & SALARIES			
Superintendents's salary	\$ 24,694.00	\$ 24,694.00	\$.00
Assistant Superintendent's salary	19,494.00	19,494.00	.00
Office help	11,496.00	11,496.00	.00
Labor - overtime	6,000.00	1,271.76	4,728.24
TOTAL	61,684.00	56,955.76	4,728.24
MAINTENANCE			
Maintenance of the system	14,000.00	14,073.77	(73.77)
Meter repair	1,000.00	.00	1,000.00
Building repair	1,000.00	1,448.95	(448.95)
TOTAL	16,000.00	15,522.72	477.28
OPERATION			
Office expense	2,000.00	1,705.92	294.08
Uniforms	1,200.00	1,178.92	21.08
Phones, pagers, answering svc	3,500.00	3,008.37	491.63
Mass NE, American Water Works	210.00	231.00	(21.00)
Truck expense	2,000.00	1,235.98	764.02
Engine fuel	500.00	601.75	(101.75)
Electricity	20,000.00	22,237.65	(2,237.65)
Station heating	1,400.00	501.74	898.26
Tools & hardware	3,500.00	2,730.90	769.10
Chemicals	1,000.00	958.50	41.50
Insurance	7,000.00	7,962.00	(962.00)
TOTAL	42,310.00	42,352.73	(42.73)
MISCELLANEOUS			
Legal & Engineer hire	500.00	727.59	(227.59)
Contingent	3,000.00	689.45-380.77	2,310.55+380.77
TOTAL	3,500.00	1,417.04	2,082.96
GRAND TOTAL	123,494.00	116,248.25	7,245.75

Water pumped from July 1, 1984 through June 30, 1985	108,863,800	gallons
Largest day (since July 1, 1984)	862,900	gallons
Largest week (since July 1, 1984)	4,209,900	gallons

CONTRACT NAME	COMPANY	ORIGINAL PRICE	SPENT	UNPAID BALANCE
Fuller's Marsh Road	Whitman & Howard	\$12,000.00	\$10,354.87	\$1,645.13
OTHERS:				
Filing fees	25.00		APPROPRIATION:	24,175.42
Notice of intent	10.80	6/84	TRANSFERRED	
Bid ads	144.50		FROM NEWTOWN RD:	20,684.57
Griffin pipe	8,858.14		TOTAL	44,859.99
E J Prescott	4,059.63			
H R Prescott	2,728.13	6/85	TRANSFERRED	
Roderick Const	19,839.36		FROM COTUIT COVE	
			CEDAR & OAK AND	
			BRITTANY/WESTBURY:	7,210.45
			TOTAL	52,070.44
TOTAL - OTHERS	35,665.56			
			CONTRACTS:	10,354.87
			OTHERS:	35,665.56
			TOTAL SPENT	46,020.43
			BALANCE	6,050.01

Is your house numbered clearly,
using numbers visible from the street?

IT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE!

THE CHIEF & FIRE COMMISSIONERS