

Cotuit Fire
District

Annual Reports
of
1937

COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT

Annual Reports for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1937

Organization

Moderator

Peter Campbell

Prudential Committee

Calvin D. Crawford	Term expires in 1938
Milton H. Crocker	Term expires in 1939
Theron Apollonio	Term expires in 1940

Clerk

F. Maynard Gifford

Treasurer

Herbert L. Snow

Board of Water Commissioners

E. Ormand Dottridge	Term expires in 1938
William H. Perry	Term expires in 1939
Kenneth Turner	Term expires in 1940

BOARD OF ENGINEERS

Chief

Alexander S. Childs

First Assistant Engineer	Warren Campbell
Second Assistant Engineer	Herbert Gifford

Auditors

Bertram F. Ryder	Udell Perry	Edward Bearse
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Annual Report of the Clerk

To the Voters of the Cotuit Fire District:

I submit herewith my report for the year 1937. The District held four meetings as follows:

Annual meeting January 11th

Special meeting April 21st

Special meeting July 26th

Special meeting December 29th

The detailed records of the meetings are on file at my office.

The sum of \$12,405.80 was raised by taxation in 1937 making a tax rate of \$4.90.

Respectfully submitted

F. MAYNARD GIFFORD, Clerk.

Report of Treasurer

Year ending December 31, 1937

Cash balance Jan. 1, 1937	\$ 22.26
Received from Tax Collector	11,544.96
Received from Water Department	6,219.51
Rent of Freedom Hall	307.25
Outside fires	342.00
Tax title refunds	27.28
Sale of material from schoolhouse	9.00
Transferred from Savings Account	200.00
Insurance rebates	46.76
Temporary loans	6,000.00
Fire truck loan	2,000.00

Total receipts	\$26,719.02
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Expenditures

Freedom Hall	\$1,222.32
Water Department	6,522.59
Hose and equipment	1,245.97
Street lights—13 mo.	1,941.46
Fire Department	1,528.10
Financial Department	349.14
New apparatus	3,456.25
New engine house	635.09
Tranferred to Water Construction Acct.	650.00
Transferred to Savings Department	200.00
Temporary loan	6,000.00

Total	\$23,760.92
Cash balance Dec. 31, 1937	\$2,958.10

Water Supply System Construction Account

Cash balance Jan. 1, 1937	\$ 8,439.96
Received from U. S. Government	16,000.00
1936 Tax levy	650.00
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Total receipts	\$25,089.96
Expenditures	24,391.86
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Cash balance, Dec. 31, 1937	\$698.10

Financial Condition of the District

Cash balance in Hyannis Trust Co.	
General Account	\$2,958.10
Water Supply Construction Account	698.10
Special account—Bond Premium	1,505.29
Due from Tax Collector 1936 tax levy	210.11
Due from Tax Collector 1937 levy	
real estate	2,540.44
Due from Tax Collector 1937 levy	
personal	279.07
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Total	\$8,191.11
Oustanding notes on apparatus	\$ 2,000.00
Water bonds	92,000.00
Unpaid bills	47.00

Valuation of the District

Real estate	\$2,378,050.00
Personal	242,640.00
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Total valuation	\$2,620,690.00

Tax rate, 1937—\$4.90 per \$1,000.00.

Financial Department Expenses in Detail

Appropriation		\$375.00
Printing	\$70.60	
Certification of notes	6.00	
Interest on temporary loans	88.13	
Postage	5.79	
Taxes refunded	18.62	
Treasurer's bond	30.00	
Moderator	15.00	
Clerk's salary	25.00	
Treasurer's salary	100.00	
Total expenses	\$359.14	
Balance	15.86	
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	\$375.00	\$375.00

Repectfully submitted,

HERBERT L. SNOW,

Treasurer.

Annual Report of the Prudential Committee

To the Voters of the Cotuit Fire District:

Your Prudential Committee submits herewith its report for the year ending December 31st, 1937.

The assessed value of the district on Dec. 31st, 1937, is as follows:

Personal estate	\$ 242,640.00
Real estate	2,378,050.00
Total valuation	2,620,690.00

The tax rate for 1937 was \$4.90 per thousand. The total amount raised by the district by taxation during the year is \$12,405.80. This figure included a number of special appropriations which are not likely to re-occur in the near future. The total amount called for on the warrant for the 1938 annual meeting is \$9,466.30. This amount requires a tax rate of about \$3.65—a substantial reduction over that of 1937.

All officers and committees have tried to make full and detailed reports of the various activities to the district. Due to the brief space of time elapsing between the end of the year and the annual meeting these reports have necessarily been prepared rather hurriedly. Consequently we recommend that the by-laws be amended so as to provide a little more time between the end of the year and the annual meeting. Copies of all contracts entered into on behalf of the district by various officers and committees are on file with the clerk of the District.

The regular monthly meeting of the Prudential Committee is held on the Monday following the second Friday in each month. The meeting is usually held at the office of the Water Commissioners at 8 P.M.

Attention is particularly directed to the cost of Fourth of July activities. During 1937 it cost \$108.50 for fire protection over this holiday. Such is the cost of exuberant patriotism.

The business of the District has been increasing rapidly. The addition of new departments has increased to a considerable extent the treasurer's work. The committee recommends that the treasurer set up the books of the District in the standard form for towns used all over the state even though it involves some more time and expense.

Street Lights:

There are 117 street lights in use in the district classified as follows:

101 year round lights

16 summer (six months) lights

Each year round lights costs \$1.40 per month or \$16.80 per year.

Each summer light costs \$1.50 per month or \$9.00 a year.

During the year four new lights were added as follows:

Two on Putnam Avenue

One at the Pumping station

One on Main Street near Maple Street

One light at the lower end of Main street was moved.

Requests for additional lights for the coming year have been received as follows:

(1) For two lights on the way leading from Main street to the village wharf. The cost would be \$33.60 per year. The request has come from a number of citizens.

(2) For a light on Popponnesett Road near Main street.

This light would cost \$16.80. It is requested by Mrs. John Bradley. As it has been the policy of the District, so far as possible, to provide street lights in front of all dwellings, a special article has been inserted in the warrant for the requested lights so that the district may decide the matter as it sees fit. Below is given an accounting of the 1937 appropriation.

Appropriation		\$1,814.80
Paid Cape & Vineyard	\$1,805.66	
Balance	9.14	
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	\$1,814.80	\$1,814.80

Freedom Hall

Freedom Hall was used 82 times during the year, 1937. In January it was used 15 times. The hall was used nine times without charge as follows:

- District meetings six times
- Village Christmas tree party
- For two benefit shows put on by the Civic Club
(proceeds going to the hall)

The cash receipts for the use of the hall amount to \$307.35.

The expenditures during the year were somewhat larger than will be the case in the near future due to the necessity of installing water, gas, etc.

During the year the Cotuit Civic club installed two fine gas stoves as a gift to the hall. The committee wishes here to express its thanks to the club for their generous interest. During the dedication of the water works which was held in the hall the Barnstable Soldiers' Memorial Association and the Barnstable Post, American Legion presented a fine silk flag. This flag was formally accepted on behalf of the District by the Moderator, Mr. Peter Campbell. The

committee here wishes to express its appreciation to the donors of the flag.

As part of the expenses of the "Rehabilitation" (WPA JOB) of the hall were paid in 1937, it is necessary to show two accounts in the financial statement attached.

1. Rehabilitation Account

Balance Jan. 1, 1937		\$488.94
Stone sold		18.00
Material to be sold		32.00
Paid Dyer Electric Co. balance of heating contract	\$525.50	
Paid Goodall Electric Co. balance on lighting	5.65	
Paid Wallace Ryder on account paint	2.70	
Balance	.09	
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	\$533.94	\$533.94

2. Operating Account

Appropriations for 1937		\$750.00
Paid Ellery Jones for services	\$219.15	
Paid for floor wax	.65	
Paid Cape & Vineyard Electric Co. (light)	72.58	
Paid Stuart F. Scudder (fuel oil)	69.68	
Paid Cotuit Water Dept. (water rates)	12.00	
Paid E. L. Hoxie (In- surance)	18.80	
Paid H. W. Nickerson (Insur- ance)	47.00	
Paid Boston Regalia Co. (Flag case)	1.58	

Paid Cotuit Grocery Co. brooms, step ladder, supplies, etc.)	28.72	
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Paid total operating	\$470.16	
Paid W. F. Chapman (window shades)	33.50	
Paid Cotuit Water Dept. (water service)	47.13	
Paid Kenneth Turner (attaching water, installing extra hot water tank and supply tank)	67.85	
Paid Suburban Gas Co. (gas equipment and tanks)	33.75	
Paid H. M. Canning (Plans and Project)	18.75	
Paid F. M. Gifford (making detail of material used on WPA job as required by WPA)	17.33	
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Extra expense for equipment, etc.	218.31	
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	688.47	
Balance	61.53	
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	\$750.00	\$750.00

Special Appropriation for Freedom Hall Seating

Your committee investigated the matter of seating for Freedom hall quite fully. Four manufacturers and supply

houses were asked to submit samples of both wood and steel chairs of various types and prices. Samples were shown at a special meeting of the District held during the summer. It was decided that a wood chair should be purchased. After considering the matter it was felt that an inexpensive chair such as was first considered would, in the long run, be most expensive, and so a first quality chair was decided upon. Before buying the chairs every attempt was made to locate a high quality used chair. Several lots were investigated but nothing suitable was found. Sealed bids were asked from four chair supply houses. These were opened on Nov. 15th and the contract awarded to Henry S. Wolkins Co. of Boston. Below is given an analysis of the expenditure:

Appropriation		\$500.00
140 chairs @ \$3.55	\$497.00	
30 hook fasteners @ 10c.	3.00	
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	\$500.00	\$500.00

The price included freight to West Barnstable. We are indebted to the Superintendent of the Water Department for bringing the chairs from West Barnstable to the hall.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. CRAWFORD

M. H. CROCKER

THERON APOLLONIO

Prudential Committee

Annual Fire Report of Board of Engineers

The Board of Engineers submits herewith its twelfth annual report, covering the year ending December 31, 1937.

APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT

1. One 500-gallon Maxim pump put into commission in 1937.
2. One Dodge $\frac{3}{4}$ -ton truck with Barton 100-gallon pump, put into commission in 1927. The pump on this piece of equipment is in bad condition and should be replaced in the immediate future.
3. One Ford Model "T," purchased prior to the organization of the District.
4. 1000 feet of $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch hose, purchased in 1937.
5. 1150 feet of $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch hose, purchased some years ago and in fair condition.
6. 750 feet of chemical hose.
7. One inhalator, two smoke masks, ten hand chemicals and pump cans, besides miscellaneous equipment.

The personnel consists of one Chief Engineer, one First Assistant, one Second Assistant, one Captain, one Lieutenant and fifteen men. The men are paid as follows: \$1.00 for the first hour's service and \$.50 for each succeeding hour.

FIRES

The Department responded to 20 calls during the year. Of these four were outside the District. Property losses have been extremely small, probably amounting to not over \$1,000.00. The Chief Engineer has issued 95 fire permits, two permits for fireworks and has inspected 12 oil burners and containers during the past year.

Attention is directed to the fact that the Department has operated under a considerable handicap during most of the year, due to the fact that it was necessary to move out of the fire house during the early part of the summer. Temporary quarters have not been satisfactory. The Department looks forward to occupying its new building in the near future.

Recommendations. During the coming year it will be necessary to replace the pump on the Dodge piece. Attention is also directed to the fact that the fire whistle is thirteen years old, which makes for increasing cost of maintenance. This expense, coupled with the high power cost of \$24.00 a year, makes our present whistle a most expensive one. During the past seven years the cost for power and repairs has amounted to more than \$530.00. It would appear that in the not too distant future a less expensive whistle should be had. Rubber coats have not been purchased for the Department for a good many years. The present equipment is becoming almost useless. We recommend that some replacement coats be purchased this year, as well as a few pairs of boots.

Below is given in detail the expenses of the Department for the year.

Expenses:

1. Labor at Fires:

Whitecomb Fire, Jan. 7th. Cause unknown.		
Sturgis Behlman	\$2.00	\$2.00
(Fire occurred during 1936)		
Henry Robbins' Boat. Cause, welding torch and gasoline.		
Ormand Dottridge	\$2.00	2.00

Montiero's at Little River, Feb. 15th. Cause,
chimney.

Warren Campbell	\$1.00	
Ormand Dottridge	1.00	
Herbert Gifford	1.00	
Sturgis Behlman	1.00	
Myron Ryder	1.00	
		5.00

Fred Pinkham's, April 5th. Cause, chimney.
(still alarm)

Ormand Dottridge	\$1.00	1.00
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Manuel Souza's, April 14th. Cause, chimney.

Louis Campbell	\$2.00	
Warren Campbell	2.00	
Sturgis Behlman	2.00	
Harry Crocker	1.00	
Ormand Dottridge	1.00	
Herbert Gifford	1.00	
		9.00

C. O. Harlow's, April 14th. Cause, chimney.

Herbert Gifford	1.00	1.00
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Strawberry Patch in Mashpee, woods fire,
April 15th. Cause, unknown.

Warren Campbell	\$1.50
Herbert Gifford	1.50
Harry West	1.50
Sturgis Behlman	1.50
Louis Campbell	1.50
Franklin Childs	1.50
Herbert Snow	1.50
Ormand Dottridge	1.50
Robert Doane	1.50
Merton Dottridge	1.50

Myron Ryder	1.50	
Harry Crocker	1.50	
John Souza	1.50	
		19.50
Woods Fire at Santuit Road, April 20th.		
Cause, unknown.		
Everett Hoxie	\$1.00	
Ernest Dottridge	1.00	
Ormand Dottridge	1.00	
Franklin Childs	1.00	
Herbert Gifford	1.00	
Harry West	1.00	
Louis Campbell	1.00	
Warren Campbell	1.00	
Sturgis Behlman	1.00	
Merton Dottridge	1.00	
John Souza	1.00	
		11.00
Woods Fire at Mashpee, April 26th. Cause,		
unknown.		
Louis Campbell	\$1.50	
Warren Campbell	1.50	
Harry West	1.50	
Merton Dottridge	1.50	
Everett Hoxie	1.50	
John Souza	1.50	
Robert Doane	1.50	
Ernest Dottridge	1.50	
Herbert Gifford	1.50	
		13.50
Woods Fire on Route 28, May 12th. Cause,		
unknown.		
Warren Campbell	\$2.00	
Herbert Gifford	2.00	

Harry West	2.00
Robert Doane	2.00
Kenneth Turner	2.00
Merton Dottridge	2.00
Franklin Childs	2.00
Harry Crocker	2.00
Sturgis Behlman	2.00
Everett Hoxie	2.00
Luther Nickerson	1.00
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	21.00

Woods Fire at Little River Road, April 26th.
Cause, unknown.

Ormand Dottridge	1.50
Franklin Childs	1.50
George Savery	1.00
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	4.00

Woods Fire in Barnstable and Hyannis, May 5th.

Louis Campbell	\$3.00
Harry West	3.00
Merton Dottridge	3.00
Warren Campbell	3.00
Sturgis Behlman	3.00
Franklin Childs	3.00
Ernest Dottridge	3.00
Herbert Gifford	3.00
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	24.00

Ashumet Pond in Mashpee, woods fire, May 12th.
Cause, unknown.

Louis Campbell	\$1.50
Warren Campbell	1.50
Sturgis Behlman	1.50
Herbert Gifford	1.50
Merton Dottridge	1.50
Harry West	1.50

Everett Hoxie	1.50	
Harry Crocker	1.50	
Franklin Childs	1.50	
	<hr/>	13.50
Fire near Pumping Station, May 12th. Cause, unknown.		
George Campbell	\$1.50	1.50
Fire Patrol, July 3rd, 4th and 5th.		
Warren Campbell	\$6.50	
Herbert Gifford	10.50	
Myron Ryder (including car)	14.50	
Kenneth Turner	6.50	
Louis Campbell	6.50	
Sturgis Behlman	8.00	
Franklin Childs	8.00	
Merton Dottridge	8.00	
Robert Doane	8.00	
Albert Smith	6.00	
John Souza	2.00	
Ormand Dottridge (car only)	10.00	
Harry West	2.00	
Robert Dottridge	2.00	
Philip Brackett	2.00	
Edward Bearse (watching Elizabeth Lowell School)	8.00	
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Bath House at bathing beach, July 14th. Cause, probably incendiary.		
Warren Campbell	\$1.00	
Ormand Dottridge	1.00	
Harry Crocker	1.00	
Herbert Gifford	1.00	
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Rogers' Dump in Santuit, July 17th. Cause,
unknown.

Warren Campbell	\$1.50	
Albert Smith	1.50	
Kenneth Turner	1.50	
		4.50

Rogers' Dump in Santuit, July 25th. Cause,
unknown.

Kenneth Turner	\$2.00	
Irving Brackett	1.00	
Philip Brackett	1.00	
		4.00

Automobile Fire on Route 28, August 16th.
Cause, unknown.

Ormand Dottridge	\$1.75	
Herbert Gifford	1.75	
		3.50

2. Other Labor:

Labor on Hose, March 18th.

Harry Crocker	2.00	
Louis Campbell	1.00	
Warren Campbell	.50	
Harry West	1.50	
Myron Ryder	4.00	
		9.00

Labor on Fire Truck, June 7th

Herbert Gifford	\$2.00	2.00
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Taking apparatus to be tested, September.

Harry West	\$1.50	1.50
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3. General:

Making wrench, Thateher Gifford	2.00
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Repairing pump, David Leland	5.50
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License for Capt. Ryder, Registry of Motor Vehicles	2.00
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Salary of Chief	200.00
Seudder's Service Station, supplies	136.07
Walter Seudder, for garage rent (6½ months)	130.00
Walter Seudder, for express	5.23
Nellie B. Nickerson, for garage rent (6 months)	30.00
Wareham Savings Bank, rent of Flanders barn (2 months)	40.00
Telephone	132.26
Seudder's Coal Company, for coal	5.00
Stuart F. Seudder, for fuel oil	33.68
Water service to fire house	12.55
Three new keys for engine house	.75
Falmouth Avenue Service Station, for inspec- tion and stickers	5.50
Goodall Electric Co., for repairs to fire whistle	11.80
Goodall Electric Co., for installing battery charger	2.40
Goodall Electric Co., for installing service and lights in temporary fire house	24.00
Frank G. Thacher, accident insurance for firemen	172.50
Frank G. Thacher, fire and collision insurance on new truck	158.80
Massachusetts Fireman's Relief Association	20.00
Cotuit Grocery Co., for brushes and pails	1.88
V. H. Nickerson & Co., for installing heat in Flanders' barn	83.41
C. D. Crawford, for second-hand pipe	16.51
Cape & Vineyard Electric Co., for fire house house lights	16.66
Cape & Vineyard Electric Co., power for whistle	14.60
Total cash expended	<hr/> \$1,528.10

Unpaid 1937 bills:

Fire at Mrs. Alice Handy's, Dec. 19th. Cause,
probably short circuit.

J. Souza	\$1.50	
W. Campbell	1.50	
L. Campbell	1.50	
F. Childs	1.50	
K. Turner	1.50	
O. Dottridge	1.50	
E. Dottridge	1.50	
M. Ryder	1.50	
R. Doane	1.50	
E. Bearse	5.00	
		18.50

Call to rear of William Souza's at Highgrounds,
December 22. No fire.

F. Childs	\$1.00	
O. Dottridge	1.00	
E. Dottridge	1.00	
H. West	1.00	
L. Campbell	1.00	
W. Campbell	1.00	
M. Ryder	1.00	
J. Souza	1.00	
M. Dottridge	1.00	
H. Snow	1.00	
K. Turner	1.00	
		11.00

Work on Whistle

H. West	\$1.00
L. Crocker	1.00
L. Campbell	3.50

S. Behlman	1.50	
W. Campbell	1.00	
M. Ryder	1.00	
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		9.00
Seudder Bros. Coal Co.		8.50
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Total expense incurred		\$1,575.10

SUMMARY

Appropriation		\$1300.00
Labor at fires:		
Other labor	\$252.50	
Other labor	12.50	
Other expense	1310.10	
Overdraft		<hr/>
		275.10
	\$1575.10	\$1575.10

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. CHILDS

WARREN CAMPBELL,

HERBERT GIFFORD,

Board of Engineers.

Report of Water Commissioners

To the Citizens of the Cotuit Fire District:

We wish to submit herewith our first annual report for the year ending December 31, 1937.

Review of the Year's Work

We are pleased to report that the plant has worked satisfactorily in its first year of operation. The first service was turned on late in December 1936, since that time the number of services has increased to 114. Satisfaction has been generally expressed with the quality of the water and pressure throughout the District. The average resident has been found, according to the meter readings, to have kept well within the 40,000 gallon minimum. The largest taker was Mr. C. D. Crawford with a consumption of about 1,300,000 gallons.

Hydrants and Mains

There are 66 Standard and 4 one and one-half inch hydrants in the District. In addition there are two hydrants and one sprinkler system on private property.

The hydrants and gates have been regularly inspected. Mains have been flushed at frequent intervals.

Repairs

Several small leaks developed in the mains, and were repaired at small cost. The reduction gear on the Diesel unit was replaced by the Contractor without expense.

Service to Town Wharf

A two inch line was run to the town landing making water available to boats coming to the wharf. Two services were taken off for Congressman Charles L. Gifford. A one and one-half inch hydrant and drinking fountain were installed.

Mederos Land Taking

The small parcel of land taken by eminent domain last year has caused suit to be brought against the Water Commissioners by The Cape Cod Cooperative Bank and Mr. Antone T. Mederos, Jr. No settlement has been made at the time of writing this report.

Record of Water Pumped

Total pumped with Diesel motor	13,688,200 gals.
Total pumped with Gasoline motor	630,000 gals.
Total pumped with Diesel and Gasoline	14,318,200 gals.
Largest week August 1st to 7th	860,400 gals.
Largest day, August 11th	162,600 gals.

All above figures are from Venturi readings.

Financial

	Expended	Appropriated
Interest	\$2,660.61	\$2,665.00
Services	1,321.57	1,500.00
Maintenance	2,315.41	2,500.00
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	\$6,297.59	
Balance	367.41	
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	\$6,665.00	\$6,665.00

Receipts

Water rates	\$1,684.78
Meter rental	136.50
Refund Tax—Gasoline and Oil	12.90
Telephone	6.40
Rebate—Fire Insurance	1.20
Sale of Material	14.50
Service connections—Water Dept.	526.93

Service connections—Original Construction	3,629.65	
Total Water Department receipts		\$6,012.86
Other Receipts		
R. H. Newell & Co. (Original Construction)	200.00	
Cotuit Fire District (Original Construction)	25.00	
		225.00
		\$6,237.86

Accounts Receivable 1937

Service connections (Original construction—1936)	\$311.31	
Unpaid Water Bills	284.87	
		\$596.18

Expenditures

Interest

Interest paid on Bonds	\$2660.61	Appropriated	\$2665.00
	2660.61		
Balance	4.39		
	\$2665.00		\$2665.00

Services

Pipe and Fittings	\$1224.57	Appropriated	\$1500.00
Labor	97.00		
	\$1321.57		
Balance	178.43		
	\$1500.00		\$1500.00

Maintenance

Insurance	\$12.35	Appropriated \$2500.00
Clerks	13.00	
Office Supplies	111.60	
Stationery and Postage	26.93	
Printing and Advertising	8.67	
Telephone	97.47	
Recording	1.03	
Repair of System (labor)	24.25	
Truck—Insurance, gas & oil	142.65	
Gas & oil (station)	47.52	
Freight & Express	19.51	
Supt. Salary	1020.00	
Supt. Assistant	80.00	
New England Water Works	23.30	
Oil, waste and packing	8.71	
Coal	82.28	
Repairs (pumping station)	3.92	
Charts	12.00	
Electric lights	40.44	
Electric power	55.24	
Tools & Hardware	126.71	
C. I. P. & Fittings	278.83	
Leadite & Jute	79.00	

\$2315.41

Balance 184.59

\$2500.00

\$2500.00

Inventory

Stock on hand \$1,417.08

Original Construction Account

Received from R. H. Newell & Co. \$200.00 to be applied to

the Original Construction Account for the repair of
Roads and Sidewalks.

Received from Cotuit Fire District \$25.00 to be applied to
the Original Construction Account for final plans.

	Expended		Received
Town repair of		R. H. Newell	
Road and Sidewalks	\$200.00	& Co.	\$200.00
Whitman & Howard		Cotuit Fire	
Final Prints	\$25.00	District	25.00
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	\$225.00		\$225.00

E. O. DOTTRIDGE, Jr.
KENNETH TURNER
WILLIAM H. PERRY, Sr.
Water Commissioners.

Water Works Construction

To the Voters of the Fire District:

The Prudential Committee and Board of Water Commissioners submitted at the annual meeting in 1937 a complete and comprehensive report on the construction of the water system which was practically complete at that time. This final report submitted herewith will be in the nature of a final paragraph to be attached to the detailed report made in 1937. The entire project was completed early in the year and turned over to the commissioners on February 12th, 1937. There remains but one matter to be settled. This is the taking by eminent domain of a small piece of property. This land taking is now on the Superior Court list for trial.

At the annual meeting in 1937 the cost was set at \$163,400. To this must be added a few small items of expense incurred in 1938 totalling \$734.62 which bring the com-

pleted cost to \$164,134.62. The complete detailed construction account is on file with the clerk of the district. As, under the law authorizing the Cotuit Fire District to build and operate a water system, all land takings are specifically in the hands of the water commissioners, the prudential committee and Board of Water Commissioners acting as the construction committee request:

(1) That its final report herewith be accepted and placed on file.

(2) That the balance of the construction appropriation be placed in the hands of the water commissioners and

(3) That the committee be discharged.

Below is given a summary of the total expenditures for the water system:

Appropriation (1936)	\$650.00	
PWA Grant	72,000.00	
Bond issue	92,000.00	
Premium on bonds	1,465.56	
Interest on same	39.73	
Accrued interest on bonds	182.72	
Total cost of water system to		
Jan. 1, 1938	\$164,134.62	
Balance	2,203.39	
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	\$166,338.01	\$166,338.01

Respectfully submitted,
C. D. CRAWFORD
M. H. CROCKER
THERON APOLLONIO
Prudential Committee.
E. O. DOTTRIDGE, Jr.
W. H. PERRY, Sr.
KENNETH TURNER
Board of Water Commissioners.

Report of Chief Engineer and Prudential Committee On Purchase of Fire Pump and Equipment

To the Voters of the Cotuit Fire District:

At the annual meeting in 1937 the sum of \$3500 was made available for the purchase of a 500 gallon pumper. The Prudential Committee and the Chief Engineer were instructed to make the purchase. This committee invited the assistant engineers to attend its meetings, feeling that their advice was of value.

Bids were asked from a number of companies making and selling pumping engines. The prices and specifications varied so widely as to be of little value. The committee was, however, able to eliminate all bids except two; those of the Buffalo Fire Engine Company and the Maxim Motor Co. Being unable to reach a decision after numerous meetings and after obtaining expert advice, the committee decided to write its own specifications and to ask the two companies in question to submit new bids based on identical specifications. The Maxim Motor Company was the low bidder and was awarded the contract. The apparatus, briefly consists of a pressure-volume centrifugal pump mounted on a heavy duty Diamond T chassis and completely equipped. Detailed specifications and a copy of the contract are on file with the clerk of the District. Details of this expenditure are as follows:

Appropriation		\$3500.00
Maxim Motor contract	\$3454.00	
Mrs. Claude Nickerson (typing)	2.25	
Balance	43.75	
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	\$3500.00	\$3500.00

At the last annual meeting the sum of \$1500 was appropriated for the purpose of purchasing hose and equipment. This expenditure was made by the Chief Engineer and the Prudential Committee as follows:

Appropriation		\$1500.00
Paid Justin A. McCarthy Co., 1,000 ft.		
2½ in. hose and one play pipe	\$1001.07	
Paid Maxim Motor Co., play pipe,		
universal couplings, gated Siamese,		
ladder straps, spanners and mountings	131.95	
Paid American Fire Equipment Co., for		
hydrant gates, wrenches, adaptors,		
pump tanks, helmet straps, etc.	112.95	
Balance	254.03	
	\$1500.00	\$1500.00

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. CHILDS, Chief engineer,

C. D. CRAWFORD,

M. H. CROCKER,

THERON APOLLONIO,

Prudential Committee.

Report on Construction of New Fire House

To the Voters of the Cotuit Fire District:

At a special meeting of the District held April 21, 1937 the sum of \$2500 was made available for the purpose of constructing a new fire house, using the WPA grant made to the Cotuit Fire District for the purpose. This work was put in charge of the Prudential committee and a special committee of five was elected to work in conjunction with it in the erection of the proposed station. The Town of Barnstable had given to the Cotuit Fire District the Elizabeth Lowell School on condition that it be razed and removed and the grounds put in order within nine months. The committee met and organized directly after the District meeting.

Acting on assurances from the WPA organization that we could start work at once, the committee contracted for the demolition of the Elizabeth Lowell school building. WPA labor was allowed for moving and cleaning the material but not for the actual demolition. Scarcely was the building down and the job started when all work was stopped by the WPA in order to complete the National Guard Camp at Bourne and the Airport in Hyannis. The committee was unable to get the order changed until very late in the fall. Work is now going on, there being 23 men on the payroll at present writing.

After considerable discussion, the committee decided to obtain plans from an architect specializing in fire house work. Plans were purchased outright, the usual architectural supervision being provided by members of the committee.

It is proposed to build a simple adequate building of fireproof construction up to the apparatus floor. It is proposed to brick in between the studs of the apparatus room to make this part practically fireproof. The exterior will con-

form to accepted Cape Cod design and should add much to the appearance of High street.

The committee hopes to prosecute the construction of this building assiduously during the winter with the hope of turning the completed house over to the fire department in the early spring. However, it is impossible to make any real estimate as the supply of men is regulated by the WPA and is beyond the committee's control.

Below is given an analysis of expenditure to date:

Appropriation		\$2500.00
Paid Robert Hayden, demolition	\$225.00	
Paid George Ernest Robinson, plans	270.00	
Paid W. C. Rennie, trucking	6.00	
Paid Modern Print Co., blue prints	6.72	
Paid Sam Goffin, trucking	3.00	
Paid Neil Dolan, canvas	10.00	
Paid Walter Scudder, gasoline	2.02	
Paid Cotuit Grocery Co., supplies	3.25	
Paid F. Hamlin, rent of mixer	4.10	
Paid F. M. Gifford, traveling ex- pense and phone expense	21.25	
Paid John Hineckley & Son Co., materials	83.75	
Balance	1,864.91	
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	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00

Respectfully submitted,
WARREN BEARSE,
C. B. GOODALL,
J. HAROLD BURLINGAME,
J. W. HAMLIN,
F. M. GIFFORD, Jr.
C. D. CRAWFORD,
M. H. CROCKER,
THERON APOLLONIO

Warrant---Annual Meeting, 1938

To the Voters of the Cotuit Fire District:

You are hereby notified to meet in Freedom Hall, Cotuit, Monday, January 10, 1938, at 8 o'clock, P.M., then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator for one year.

Article 2. To elect one member of the Prudential Committee for three years, one member of the Water Commissioners for three years, a Clerk, Treasurer, Chief Engineer, First and Second Assistant Engineers, three Auditors, all for one year, and to elect any other legal officials not mentioned.

Article 3. To hear and act upon the reports of the Treasurer, Chief Engineer, Prudential Committee, Board of Water Commisisoners, Auditors and all other Fire District officers and committees.

Article 4. To see if the Fire District will vote to authorize the District Treasurer with the approval of the Prudential Committee to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning Jan. 1, 1938 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year and to renew such note or notes as may be given for a period of not more than one year in accordance with Sec. 17, Chapter 44, General Laws, any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1938.

Article 5. To see if the District will vote to authorize

the Prudential Committee to apply the surplus in the District Treasury toward the tax levy of 1938 or to take any action in relation thereto and act fully thereon.

Article 6. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$275.10 for the purpose of paying the overdraft in the Fire Department for 1937.

Article 7. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$400 (four hundred dollars) for salaries and expenses of the financial department for the ensuing year, or to take any action in relation thereto, and to act fully thereon.

Article 8. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 (one thousand dollars) to pay note on fire truck, or to take any action in relation thereto and act fully thereon.

Article 9. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1840.80 (eighteen hundred and forty dollars and eighty cents) for the purpose of lighting the streets of the Fire District for the ensuing year, or to take any action in relation thereto, and to act fully thereon.

Article 10. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$50.40 (fifty dollars and forty cents) for the purpose of furnishing two street lights on the road from Main Street to the Town Wharf as requested by a number of citizens, and one street light on Popponesset Road as requested by Mrs. John Bradley, or to take any action in relation thereto, and to act fully thereon.

Article 11. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1,500 (fifteen hundred

dollars) for expenses of the Fire Department for the ensuing year, or to take any action in relation thereto, and to act fully thereon.

Article 12. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$600 (six hundred dollars) for the expenses of Freedom Hall for the ensuing year, or to take any action in relation thereto and to act fully thereon.

Article 13. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate to the Water Department the sum of \$3,300 (thirty-three hundred dollars) for hydrant rental for the ensuing year, or to take any action in relation thereto and to act fully thereon.

Article 14. To see if the District will vote to appropriate from the Water Department receipts for the use of the Water Department as follows: (a) \$2,650 (twenty-six hundred and fifty dollars) for water bond interest; (b) \$3,300 (thirty-three hundred dollars) for operating and maintenance expense; (c) \$750 (seven hundred and fifty dollars) for new services.

Article 15. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$500 (five hundred dollars) for the purpose of supplying an oil burner and oil burner boiler for the fire station, or to take any action in relation thereto, and to act fully thereon.

Article 16. To see if the District will amend Section 2 of Article II of the by-laws by striking out the fifteenth word in the section, the word "January" and inserting in its place the word "February" so that the section will read "The annual meeting shall be held within the District

on the second Monday in February in each year," or to take any action thereto, and to act fully thereon.

Article 17. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Per order of Prudential Committee,

C. D. CRAWFORD,

MILTON H. CROCKER,

THERON APOLLONIO

F. M. GIFFORD, JR.,
Clerk.

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