

COTUIT
FIRE
DISTRICT

Annual Reports



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Annual Reports for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1939

Organization

Moderator

Peter Campbell

Prudential Committee

Theron Apollonio	Term expires in 1940
Calvin D. Crawford	Term expires in 1941
Milton H. Crocker	Term expires in 1942

Clerk

F. Maynard Gifford

Treasurer

Herbert L. Snow

Board of Water Commissioners

Kenneth Turner	Term expires in 1940
E. Ormand Dottridge, Jr.	Term expires in 1941
William H. Perry, Sr.	Term expires in 1942

BOARD OF ENGINEERS

Chief

Warren P. Campbell

First Assistant Engineer	Herbert Gifford
Second Assistant Engineer	Edward Bearse

Auditors

Bertram F. Ryder	Udell Perry	John Newton
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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 1939. The District held five meetings as follows:

Annual Meeting February 13

Special Meeting May 26

Special Meeting July 19

Special Meeting August 12

Special Meeting August 21

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

The sum of \$9,882.59 was raised by taxation in 1939 making a tax rate of \$3.90.

Respectfully submitted,

F. MAYNARD GIFFORD, JR.

Clerk.

Report of Treasurer

Year ending December 31, 1939

Receipts

Cash balance Jan. 1, 1939	\$ 3,576 16	
Tax Collector	10,481 94	
Tax refunds	17 85	
Interest on taxes	21 65	
Water Department	9,954 38	
Rent of Freedom Hall	181 00	
Outside fires	516 00	
Sale of pipe	25 00	
Travellers' Insurance Co.	8 00	
Recharging extinguishers	3 00	
Temporary loan	5,000 00	
Total receipts		\$29,784 98

Expenditures

1938 bills	\$ 302 99	
Water Department	10,885 22	
Hydrant rental	3,300 00	
Freedom Hall	600 00	
Financial Department	410 32	
Fire Department	1,759 65	
Street lights	1,874 40	
Fire truck note	1,000 00	
Tercentenary Celebration	160 00	
Temporary loans	7,000 00	
Total expenditures		\$27,292 58
Cash balance December 31, 1939		\$2,492 40

Financial Condition of the District

Cash balance in Hyannis Trust Co.	
General account	\$2,492 40
Special account (bond premium, etc)	1,505 29
Due from Tax Collector 1938 levy	467 90
Due from Tax Collector 1939 levy	2,043 27
Due District from fires outside the District	236 00
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Total	\$6,744 86
Water bond	\$88,500 00

Valuation of District

Real estate	\$2,392,720 00
Personal	258,200 00
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Total valuation	\$2,650,920 00

Tax rate, 1939—\$3.90 per \$1,000.00.

Financial Department Expenses in Detail

Appropriation	\$500 00
Printing and advertising	\$115 00
Certification of note	2 00
Interest on temporary loans	33 54
Postage and books	11 02
Taxes refunded	22 35
Treasurer's bond	30 00
Office supplies for Clerk and Treas.	19 21

Legal services	30 00	
District seal plate	3 00	
Additional clerical services	4 20	
Moderator	15 00	
Clerk's salary	25 00	
Treasurer's salary	100 00	
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Total	\$410 32	
Balance to revenue	89 68	
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		\$500 00

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT L. SNOW,

Treasurer.

Auditor's Report

April 4, 1939

To the Board of Water Commissioners
Cotuit Fire District,
Cotuit, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the Cotuit Fire District for the period from January 1, 1938, to March 14, 1939, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,

TNW:FC

Director of Accounts.

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell

Director of Accounts

Department of Corporations and Taxation

State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the Cotuit Fire District for the period from January 1, 1938, to March 14, 1939, the following report being submitted thereon.

The books and accounts of the district treasurer were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were analyzed and the payments were checked with the approved vouchers and pay-rolls on file authorizing the treasurer to disburse district funds. The cash balance on March 14, 1939, was proved by a reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank of deposits and by examination of two certificates of deposit included in the treasurer's cash balance.

General ledger accounts were compiled, the charges against appropriations were analyzed, and the appropriations were checked with the district clerk's records of district meetings. A balance sheet, showing the financial condition of the district on December 31, 1938, was prepared and is appended to this report.

The payments on account of maturing debt and interest were verified by a comparison with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities and coupons on file.

The commitments of taxes and charges for water rates and services were proved. The payments to the treasurer were compared with the treasurer's record of receipts, the abatements were checked, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

Verification of the outstanding accounts was made by sending notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the district, and from the replies received it appears that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The surety bond furnished by the district treasurer for the faithful performance of his duties was examined and found to be in proper form. Application for a new bond for the superintendent of the water department was filed during the progress of the audit.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax and water accounts, and a statement of receipts and expenditures.

For the cooperation received during the progress of the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,

Assistant Director of Accounts.

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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 Dec. 31, 1939.

The assessed value of the District on December 31st, 1939, is as follows:

Personal estate	\$ 258,200 00
Real estate	2,392,720 00
Total valuation	\$2,650,920 00

This is a decrease in total valuation over 1938 of \$2,590.00. The tax rate for 1939 was \$3.90. The total amount appropriated in 1939 to be raised by taxation was \$9,882.59. The total amount called for in the warrant for the 1940 annual meeting is \$9,949.80. If all is appropriated it will make the tax rate for 1940—\$3.76.

The regular monthly meeting of the Committee is held on the Monday following the second Friday in each month usually at the Fire House at 8:00 P.M.

During the past year the books of the District have been set up in a form approved by the Director of Accounts of the Massachusetts Department of Taxation and Corporations. The first audit was made in March 1939, and covered the period January 1, 1938, to March 14, 1939. The report of the audit appears elsewhere.

1939 marked the observance of the 300th anniversary of the founding of the Town of Barnstable. During the third week in July the celebration was centered in Cotuit. Appropriate ceremonies extended during the week. The memorial honoring the first settlers in this part of Cape

Cod was placed on the Freedom Hall grounds and duly dedicated. The grounds have been suitably planted giving the memorial a fine setting. At a special meeting of the District a new seal designed by Mr. Reginald F. Bolles was adopted. A pamphlet entitled, "Cotuit, Some Notes On Her History," was printed. A few remaining copies have been placed in the Library where they may be obtained by anyone desiring them. A copy of the complete program has been placed in the records of the District.

Along Old Post Road, in parts of Little River and south of the last hydrant in High Grounds, there are a number of buildings, some quite large and valuable, which are from 1400 to 1800 feet from water and, hence, are without any real fire protection. So long as the fire department has but one thousand feet of 2½-inch hose it cannot hope to protect this property. The Prudential Committee and Board of Engineers have studied the problem for some time. A comparatively small expenditure for additional equipment will take care of the situation. We recommend the purchase of this equipment as requested by the Board of Engineers.

Freedom Hall now has chairs for 160 people. Whenever the hall is used to capacity it is necessary to bring up the old settees from the basement. This arrangement is quite unsatisfactory. The settees have to be carried out at the rear and brought in at the front of the hall. Furthermore two men are needed to handle them. An additional 72 chairs would make the use of the settees unnecessary. The committee recommends their purchase. There is, each year, a call for equipment in the banquet room. To provide china, silver and tables for two hundred people will cost approximately \$1,000. This District might well spread this expense over several years.

Your committee has received a request for additional

lighting on Popponnessett road which became a public way during 1939. The committee recommends three additional lights for this street.

During 1939 the District was presented with a piano by the Apollonio family. It is much appreciated as the old piano in Freedom Hall has about reached the limit of its usefulness.

The mounting cost of insurance is a matter for consideration of all. In 1939 the cost was \$698.59 as follows:

Water Dept. workman's compensation	\$ 87 80	
Public liability	100 00	
Machinery	63 25	
Automobile	35 15	
Fire	12 35	
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		\$298 55
Fire Dept. automobile	93 50	
Firemen	206 50	
Firehouse	40 04	
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		340 04
Freedom Hall Fire Insurance		60 00
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		\$698 59

The committee has been studying the problems but, at present, has been unable to find a way to reduce this cost.

Street Lights

There are now in use 119 street lights as follows:

- 103 year round lights costing \$16.80 each per year
- 16 summer lights costing \$9.00 each per year
- No new lights were added during 1939.

Appropriation		\$1,874 40
Paid Cape Vineyard Electric Co.	\$1,874 40	
Balance	0 00	
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	\$1,874 40	\$1,874 40

Freedom Hall

During 1939 Freedom Hall was used 69 times. It was used without charge 13 times in addition to its being open all the week of the Tercentenary celebration. It was used without charge for District meetings five times; for farm extension service, once; for the Tercentenary committee, six times; for the recreation committee, twice, and for the Christmas party, once. The cash receipts were \$181.00.

Detailed statement of expenditures:

E. F. Baker, trucking	\$6 50
Cape & Vineyard Electric Co.	46 46
Clarence Cottrell, services on pianos	22 00
Cotuit Grocery Co., supplies	28 61
Cotuit Water Dept., water	19 50
C. D. Crawford, repairs	6 82
C. D. Crawford, Tercentenary celebration expense	5 57
E. O. Dottridge, services on acct. footlights	6 68
F. M. Gifford, Jr., services	4 25
Goodall Electric Co., acct. footlights	20 03
E. L. Hoxie, fire insurance	24 00
Hyannis Heating and Ventilating Co., acct. footlights	5 00
E. L. Jones, services	294 50
H. W. Nickerson, fire insurance	36 00
G. C. Pierce, services	1 35

Scudder Service Station, express and freight	6 18	
Walter Scudder, fuel oil	41 80	
Stuart Scudder, tank	14 75	
Universal Decorating Co., Tercentenary celebration	10 00	
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	\$600 00	
Summary:		
Appropriation		\$600 00
Expenditures as per detail	600 00	
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	\$600 00	\$600 00
Special Appropriation for the Tercentenary Celebration		
Appropriation		\$500 00
Expended for Freedom Hall Grounds,		
Preston Fish, contract	160 00	
Balance	340 00	
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	\$500 00	\$500 00

Annual Fire Report of Board of Engineers

The Board of Engineers submits herewith its fourteenth annual report covering the year ending December 31, 1939.

APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT

1. One 500-gallon Maxim pump put into commission in 1937.
2. One Dodge $\frac{3}{4}$ -ton truck with Ames & Leonard pump carrying 750 ft. of chemical and forest fire hose and several hand extinguishers.
3. One Ford Model T, purchased prior to the organization of the District, which has been used to carry hose, shovels, fire brooms, etc., for forest fire work as well as extra $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch hose to supply the Dodge piece.

This piece which has served its purpose faithfully is no longer large enough to carry the hose we feel is necessary to meet fire conditions throughout the District. Therefore, we recommend the purchase of a new chassis.

As there is considerable property that lies over 1,000 ft. from our hydrants, we feel we should purchase more $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch hose to supply this demand. This would be carried on the new chassis with the extra $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch hose.

4. 1,000 ft. of $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch hose in good condition.
5. 1,150 ft. of $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch hose in fair condition.
6. 750 ft. of chemical hose in good condition.
7. One inhalator, two smoke masks, six pump cans, four hand chemicals besides other miscellaneous equipment.
The personnel consists of one Chief Engineer, one First Assistant, one Second Assistant, one Captain, one Lieutenant and twenty-nine men. The men are paid as follows: \$1.00 for the first hour's services and 50 cents for each succeeding hour.
8. One two-way Transceiver radio set installed in the truck

owned by A. Lawrence Lowell and operated by the Chief. We feel we have progressed a good way by the installation of the radio, it being practically the only means of communication at forest fires.

When the Board decided on the purchase of this radio the main problem they were confronted with was the place for the installation. If the radio was installed in the fire house or one of the engines it would demand an operator's attention on all so-called forest fire days. This would incur considerable expense to the district. Mr. Lowell was then approached by the Chief as to his willingness to have the equipment installed in his truck. His answer was: He was happy to have his truck be of public service in this matter. The Board of Engineers wishes to thank Mr. Lowell for this interest.

FIRES

The Department has responded to 17 calls during the year. Of these 6 were out of the District. Property loss amounted to \$600.00. The Chief Engineer has issued 121 fire permits, 3 for fireworks and has inspected 15 oil burners and containers during the year.

Charges made for services outside the District amount to \$289.00. Attention of the voters is directed to the fact that \$103.00 of this expense incurred in making these out-of-the-District runs is paid for out of the regular appropriation.

An itemized account of the expenditures of the Department is given below:

Detail of expense incurred:

1. Labor at Fires:

Fire at Monterio's, Little River, Jan. 13, 1939

Herbert Snow	\$1 00
Robert Doane	1 00

Henry West	1 00	
Everett Hoxie	1 00	
Sturgis Behlman	1 00	
Merton Dottridge	1 00	
Fred Savery	1 00	
Herbert Gifford	1 00	
Louis Campbell	1 00	
Warren Campbell	1 00	
		<hr/> \$10 00

Fire at Warren Hallett's Bog House, Feb. 22, 1939

Ernest Dottridge, Sr.	\$1 00	
Edward Bearse	1 00	
Herbert Gifford	1 00	
Merton Nickerson	1 00	
Ernest Dottridge, Jr.	1 00	
Harry Crocker	1 00	
Kenneth Turner	1 00	
Edward Ashley	1 00	
Francis Rennie	1 00	
Henry West	1 00	
Robert Doane	1 00	
Albert Smith	1 00	
Wallace Ryder, Jr.	1 00	
		<hr/> \$13 00

Fire at Avis Baker's, Santuit, April 10, 1939

Louis Campbell	\$1 00
Merton Dottridge	1 00
Ernest Dottridge, Jr.	1 00
John Souza	1 00
Everett Hoxie	1 00
Franklin Childs	1 00
Herbert Snow	1 00
Edward Bearse	1 00

Sturgis Behlman	1 00	
Merton Nickerson	1 00	
Kenneth Turner	1 00	
Henry West	1 00	
		<hr/> \$12.00

Brush fire at Marstons Mills, April 23, 1939

Herbert Gifford	\$1 00	
Louis Campbell	1 00	
Henry West	1 00	
John Souza	1 00	
Myron Ryder	1 00	
Francis Rennie	1 00	
Henry Robbins	1 00	
Kenneth Turner	1 00	
Merton Dottridge	1 00	
Ernest Dottridge, Jr.	1 00	
Fred Savery	1 00	
Antone Frazier	1 00	
Harry Crocker	1 00	
Myron Behlman	1 00	
Wallace Ryder, Jr.	1 00	
Stanley Turner	1 00	
Albert Smith	1 00	
		<hr/> \$17 00

Forest fire at Mashpee, May 16, 1939

Merton Dottridge	\$2 00
Louis Campbell	2 00
Francis Rennie	2 00
Edward Bearse	2 00
Herbert Gifford	2 00
Seaver Harlow	2 00
Kenneth Turner	2 00
Ernest Dottridge, Jr.	2 00

John Souza	2 00	
Sturgis Behlman	2 00	
Henry West	2 00	
		<hr/> \$22 00
Fire at Ellery Tobey's, Mashpee, May 30, 1939		
Fred Savery	\$2 00	
Edward Bearse	2 00	
John Souza	1 50	
Everett Hoxie	1 50	
Henry West	2 00	
Harold West	2 00	
Merton Dottridge	1 50	
John Frazier	1 50	
Louis Campbell	1 50	
Cecil Goodall	1 50	
William Cash	1 50	
Myron Behlman	2 00	
Wallace Ryder, Jr.	1 50	
Kenneth Turner	2 00	
Herbert Gifford	2 00	
Ernest Dottridge, Jr.	1 50	
Seaver Harlow	1 50	
		<hr/> \$29 00
Fire at Joe Robello's Garage, Cotuit, June 9, 1939		
Ernest Dottridge, Jr.	\$1 00	
Myron Ryder	1 00	
Wallace Ryder, Jr.	1 00	
Cecil Goodall	1 00	
Fred Savery	1 00	
Henry West	1 00	
Harold West	1 00	
Harry Crocker	1 00	
George Campbell	1 00	
Edward Ashley	1 00	
Louis Campbell	1 00	

Philip Brackett	1 00	
Stanley Turner	1 00	
Kenneth Turner	1 00	
Franklin Childs	1 00	
Sturgis Behlman	1 00	
Myron Behlman	1 00	
Everett Hoxie	1 00	
Albert Smith	1 00	
Merton Dottridge	1 00	
Edward Bearse	1 00	
Herbert Gifford	1 00	
John Souza	1 00	
Francis Rennie	1 00	
		\$24 00
Fire at Charles Bahr's house, Cotuit, July 3, 1939		
Sturgis Behlman	1 00	
Louis Campbell	1 00	
		\$2 00
Fire at Raymond Harlow's dump, Cotuit, July 4, 1939		
Louis Campbell		\$1 50
Night of July 4, 1939		
Seaver Harlow	\$5 00	
Louis Campbell	5 00	
Herbert Gifford	5 00	
Merton Dottridge	5 00	
Fred Savery	5 00	
Albert Smith	5 00	
		\$30 00
Fire at Ellery Tobey's, Mashpee, May 30, 1939		
Sturgis Behlman		\$2 00
(Not included in bill dated May 30, 1939)		
Fire at Joe Robello's garage, Cotuit, June 9, 1939		
Herbert Snow		\$1 00
(Not included in bill dated June 9, 1939)		
Fire at Santuit Golf Links, August 5, 1939		

Kenneth Turner	\$1 00
Stanley Turner	1 00
Francis Rennie	1 00
Edward Bearse	1 00

\$4 00

Fire at Hotel Attaquin, Mashpee, August 8, 1939

Herbert Gifford	\$1 00
Fred Savery	1 00
Myron Ryder	1 00
Ernest Dottridge, Jr.	1 00
Henry West	1 00
Edward Bearse	1 00
George Campbell	1 00
Mertron Dottridge	1 00
William Cash	1 00
Sturgis Behlman	1 00
Harold West	1 00
Albert Smith	1 00
Everett Hoxie	1 00
John Frazier	1 00
Cecil Goodall	1 00
John Souza	1 00
Louis Campbell	1 00
Seaver Harlow	1 00

\$18 00

Called to Lovell's Pond, Santuit, Aug. 21, 1939,

Drowning Case

Fire at William Baker's, Cotuit, October 18, 1939

Ernest Dottridge, Jr.	\$1 00
Franklin Childs	1 00
Francis Rennie	1 00
Herbert Gifford	1 00
Herbert Snow	1 00
Henry West	1 00
Sturgis Behlman	1 00

Mertron Dottridge	1 00	
John Souza	1 00	
John Frazier	1 00	
Stanley Turner	1 00	
Everett Hoxie	1 00	
Edward Bearse	1 00	
Cecil Goodall	1 00	
Kenneth Turner	1 00	
		<hr/> \$15 00

Fire at Carter Whitcomb's, Mashpee, Oct. 25, 1939

Herbert Gifford	\$1 00	
Louis Campbell	1 00	
		<hr/> \$2 00

Fire at Luther Nickerson's, Cotuit, November 10, 1939

Everett Hoxie	\$1 00	
John Frazier	1 00	
Myron Ryder	1 00	
Wallace Ryder, Jr.	1 00	
Francis Rennie	1 00	
Seaver Harlow	1 00	
John Souza	1 00	
Ernest Dottridge, Jr.	1 50	
Cecil Goodall	1 00	
Louis Campbell	1 00	
William Cash	1 00	
Merton Dottridge	1 00	
Sturgis Behlman	1 00	
Franklin Childs	1 00	
Harold West	1 50	
Henry West	1 00	
		<hr/> \$17 00

Fire at Robert Wesson's, Cotuit, Nov. 20, 1939

Herbert Gifford	\$1 00
Ernest Dottridge, Jr.	1 00

Francis Rennie	1 75	
		\$3 75
Brush fire at Route 28, Santuit, Nov. 27, 1939		
Sturgis Behlman	1 00	
Louis Campbell	1 00	
Henry West	1 00	
Ernest Dottridge, Jr.	1 00	
Edward Bearse	1 00	
John Frazier	1 00	
Franklin Childs	1 00	
Wallace Ryder, Jr.	1 00	
Myron Ryder	1 00	
William Cash	1 00	
Harry Crocker	1 00	
John Souza	1 00	
Francis Rennie	1 00	
Stanley Turner	2 00	
Seaver Harlow	1 00	
Albert Smith	1 00	
Kenneth Turner	1 50	
		\$18 50
Total Labor at Fires		\$241 75
2. Other Expense:		
F. B. & F. P. Goss, Cards for Dedication	\$3 50	
Cotuit Grocery Co., supplies	7 00	
William Cash, supplies and labor	2 55	
F. B. & F. P. Goss, printing fire cards	9 75	
Kenneth Turner, supplies and labor	2 91	
American Fire Equipment Co., supplies	19 87	
A. S. Childs, Services as fire chief	24 20	
Edward Bearse, trucking	5 00	
A. S. Childs, supplies for fire house	4 18	
Maxim Motor Co., supplies	4 80	

Goodall Electric Co., changing whistle button to Chief's house	28 96
Goodall Electric Co., supplies and labor on whistle	9 80
F. Maynard Gifford, clerical services	2 25
Horace W. Nickerson, fire insurance	11 55
American Fire Equipment Co., repairs	5 70
Merton V. Dottridge, janitor services	1 00
Merton V. Dottridge, janitor services	1 00
Robert H. Doane, labor at Crawford fire in 1938	2 50
Robert Dottridge, labor at Crawford fire in 1938	2 00
Cotuit Water Dept.	7 50
Horace W. Nickerson, insurance	12 40
Merton V. Dottridge, labor	1 50
Frank G. Thacher, accident insurance	172 50
Justin A. McCarthy Co., rubber coats	26 63
Issokson's, rubber boots	37 50
H. M. Meserve, stationery	6 00
Warren P. Campbell, services as Fire Chief	175 80
American Fire Equipment Co., supplies	8 16
Maxim Motor Co., acid	11 67
Frank G. Thacher, insurance on Diamond (T)	93 50
Buzzards Bay Gas Co., gas	2 13
American Fire Equipment Co., supplies	6 78
American Fire Equipment Co., supplies	4 16
Falmouth Avenue Service Station, labor	1 95
Cotuit Grocery Co., merchandise	34 57
State Operator's Licenses	6 00
Issokson's, 2 woolen blankets	8 00
F. Otis Eldridge, badges	7 50
Cotuit Grocery Co., supplies	7 35
Horace W. Nickerson, insurance	3 85
Roscoe F. Adams, radio	187 93
Cotuit Grocery Co., supplies	6 18
Cotuit Water Dept.	6 00
Buzzards Bay Gas Co., gas and installation	19 62

F. Maynard Gifford, clerical services	2 50
Goodall Electric Co., supplies and labor	14 45
Harold J. West, janitor services	4 50
F. Otis Eldredge, supplies	1 50
Mass. State Firemen's Association, insurance	34 00
Kenneth Turner, labor	2 50
Kenneth Turner, labor	1 75
Cotuit Water Dept.	6 00
Cotuit Water Dept.	6 00
Frederick A. Nickerson, lettering	4 00
Justin A. McCarthy Co., light equipment	13 00
E. L. Hoxie, insurance	24 64
F. Maynard Gifford, Jr., clerical services	3 00
Francis Rennie, janitor services	1 75
Cotuit Grocery Co., supplies	61
F. Maynard Gifford, Jr., clerical services	1 00
William Cash, inspection on trucks	1 30
Scudder's Service Station, fuel oil	121 29
Scudder's Service Station, gas, express, etc.	48 61
Cape & Vineyard Electric Co., electricity	75 92
New England Tel. & Tel. Co., phones	145 83

Total Expense Incurred	\$1,759 65
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SUMMARY

Appropriation		\$1,800 00
Cash expenditures	\$1,759 65	
Balance	40 35	
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	\$1,800 00	\$1,800 00

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN P. CAMPBELL,
HERBERT GIFFORD,
EDWARD BEARSE,

Board of Engineers

Report of Water Commissioners

To the Citizens of the Cotuit Fire District:

We wish to submit herewith our third annual report for the year ending December 31, 1939.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR'S WORK

At the annual Fire District meeting, W. H. Perry, Sr., was re-elected Water Commissioner for three years.

The board continued the same officers with E. O. Dottridge, Jr., Chairman, W. H. Perry, Sr., Clerk and Kenneth Turner. W. H. Perry, 2nd., continued as Superintendent.

The water system has worked satisfactorily the past year. One small leak in the School Street main was repaired at little expense.

Seventeen new services were installed, making a total of 158 takers. Meter readings show that about 70% of the water takers have kept within the 40,000 gallon minimum.

OLD POST ROAD EXTENSION

A special Fire District meeting was held and the Water Commissioners were authorized to extend the water main in the Old Post Road. Subsequently the Water Department laid 406 feet of eight-inch Bitumastic lined pipe and installed one standard Hydrant. In lieu of a guarantee Mr. Almy paid one-half the cost of the extension.

LEAKAGE

We would like to call to the attention of the water takers that in several cases where excess water has been used, a part of the excess was found due to leakage. We wish to emphasize that the Water Department cannot be held responsible for any such losses.

TRUCK

The Commissioners deemed it advisable to purchase a new smaller Chevrolet truck, in order to save on operating costs and also to effect a considerable saving in repairs necessary on the old one.

WATER SHED IMPROVEMENT

In cooperation with the Massachusetts Forestry Service 1500 white spruce and red pine seedlings were planted on the West slope near the pumping station.

MEDERIOS LAND TAKING

No settlement has been made at the time of writing this report.

RECORD OF WATER PUMPED

Total pumped with Diesel Motor	19,619,400 gals.
Total pumped with Gasoline	333,000 gals.
Total pumped with Diesel and Gasoline	19,952,400 gals.
Largest week August 10 to 16	1,048,200 gals.
Largest day August 11	244,200 gals.

All above figures from Venturi readings.

FINANCIAL

	Expended	Appropriated
Interest	\$2,481 88	\$2,500 00
Services	696 56	750 00
Maintenance	3,329 52	3,800 00
Bond Payment	3,500 00	3,500 00
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	\$10,007 96	
Balance	542 04	
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	\$10,550 00	\$10,550 00

	Expended	Appropriation
Extension	\$877 26	\$1,000 00
Balance	122 74	

\$1,000 00

\$1,000 00

RECEIPTS

Water rates	\$4,002 00	
Meter rental	203 50	
Service connections	1,082 32	
Telephone	7 83	
Service charges	102 00	
Hydrant Rental—1939	3,300 00	
Insurance and Tax refund on Chevrolet truck	15 95	
Interest	44 06	
Extension—Charles Almy	495 04	
Extension—Balance from Original construction account	698 68	
Refund Gasoline Tax	3 00	
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Total Water Dept. receipts	\$9,954 38	\$9,954 38

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE 1939

Water rates	\$95 50	
Service connections	11 77	
Service charges	3 00	
Meter rental	2 00	
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	\$112 27	\$112 27

EXPENDITURES

Interest paid on bonds	\$2,481 88	Appropriated	\$2,500 00
Balance	18 12		
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	\$2,500 00		\$2,500 00

SERVICES

Pipe fittings and meters	\$499 06	Appropriated	\$750 00
Labor	197 50		
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	\$696 56		
Balance	53 44		
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	\$750 00		<hr/>
			\$750 00

MAINTENANCE

Water Shed Improvement	\$ 33 00	Appropriated	\$3,800 00
Superintendent's salary	1,444 00		
Assistant Superintendent	82 00		
Office supplies	56 49		
Stationery and postage	38 89		
Telephones	100 83		
New England Water Works Asso.	19 50		
Legal service	46 03		
Repair of system	5 00		
Truck, fuel, ins., etc.	159 28		
Truck—on trade	250 00		
Pipe and fittings	46 57		
Diesel—fuel and gasoline	295 38		
Freight and express	14 50		
Electric Light and Power	87 80		
Tools and hardware	74 09		

Unclassified	24 84	
Oil—waste and packing	6 80	
Coal	116 48	
Repairs on buildings	35 74	
Insurance	377 55	
Superintendent's bond	10 00	
Water commissioners expense	4 25	
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	\$3,329 52	
Balance	470 48	
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	\$3,800 00	\$3,800 00
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	INVENTORY	
Stock on hand		\$975 45

Respectfully submitted,

E. O. DOTTRIDGE, Jr.

KENNETH TURNER

W. H. PERRY, Sr.

Water Commissioners.

COTUIT
FIRE
DISTRICT

WARRANT

Annual Meeting, February 12th



1940

Warrant — Annual Meeting, 1940

To the Voters of the Cotuit Fire District:

You are hereby notified to meet in Freedom hall, Cotuit, Monday, February 12, 1940, 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 reports of the Treasurer, Chief Engineer, Prudential Committee, Board of Water Commissioners, Auditors and all other Fire District officers and committees.

Article 4. To see if the District will authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the Prudential Committee, to borrow money on the after January 1st, 1941, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1941.

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 1940 or take any action in relation thereto and act fully thereon.

Article 6. To receive and act upon the accounts of all persons to whom the District may be indebted.

Article 7. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$500 (five 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 a sum not to exceed \$1,874.40 (eighteen hundred seventy-four dollars and forty 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 9. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1,800 (eighteen 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 10. 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 11. To see if the District will raise and appropriate for the Water Department, the sum of \$3,350.00 for hydrant rental for the current year, or take any action in relation thereto and to act fully thereon.

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

(a) \$2,500 for interest on the water bonds;

- (b) \$4,800 for the operating and maintenance expenses of the Water Department.
- (c) \$900 for the Water Department for new services; and
- (d) \$3,500 for the payment of the water bond maturing the current year.

Article 13. To see if the District will authorize the Water Commissioners to sell or otherwise dispose of the dwelling house and other frame structures on the Madeiros land at the Pumping Station.

Article 14. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1,500.00 (fifteen hundred dollars) for hose and chassis for the fire department, or to take any action in relation thereto, and to act fully thereon.

Article 15. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$275.00 (two hundred seventy-five dollars) for the purchase of additional chairs for Freedom Hall.

Article 16. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$50.40 (fifty dollars and forty cents) to provide additional street lights.

Article 17. To see if the District will authorize the Prudential Committee to dispose of the old piano in Freedom Hall.

Article 18. (a) To see if the District will accept the provisions of Section 69, Chapter 152 of the Gen. Laws (Ter. Ed.), as most recently amended, providing for the compensation of certain public employees for injuries sustained in the course of their employment.

(b) To see if such compensation shall be provided for all employees of the Water Department.

Article 19. 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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