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Organization

Moderator

Ira L. Campbell

Prudential Committee

Milton H. Crocker	Term expires in 1942
Theron Apollonio	Term expires in 1943
Calvin D. Crawford	Term expires in 1944

Clerk

F. Maynard Gifford

Treasurer

Herbert L. Snow

Board of Water Commissioners

William H. Perry, Sr.	Term expires in 1942
Kenneth Turner	Term expires in 1943
E. Ormand Dottridge, Jr.	Term expires in 1944

BOARD OF ENGINEERS

Chief

Warren P. Campbell

First Assistant Engineer	Edward Bearse
Second Assistant Engineer	Seaver R. Harlow

Auditors

Bertram F. Ryder	Udell Perry	Edward J. Meacham
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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 1941. The District held two meetings as follows:

Annual Meeting February 10.

Special Meeting June 2.

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

The sum of \$9,218.91 was raised by taxation in 1941 making a tax rate of \$3.45.

Respectfully submitted,

F. MAYNARD GIFFORD, JR.

Clerk

Report of the Treasurer

Year ending December 31, 1941

Receipts

Cash balance Jan. 1, 1941	\$3,139.71	
Tax Collector	9,248.71	
Taxes redeemed	116.93	
Water Department	10,441.79	
Freedom Hall	127.49	
Outside fires	256.42	
Tank of oxygen	5.00	
Recharging extinguishers	2.50	
Fire Company (repairs on ping pong table)	5.35	
Temporary loan	4,000.00	
Total receipts		\$27,343.90

Expenditures

Water Department	\$10,747.32	
Hydrant rental	3,350.00	
Freedom Hall	484.99	
Financial Department	416.44	
Fire Department	1,986.59	
Street lights	1,975.20	
Unpaid bills	45.60	
Painting Freedom Hall	186.75	
Temporary loans	7,000.00	
Total expenditures		\$26,192.89
Cash balance December 31, 1941		\$1,151.01

Financial Condition of the District

Cash balance in Hyannis Trust Co.	\$1,151.01
Due from Tax Collector 1939 levy	5.85
Due from Tax Collector 1940 levy	320.01
Due from Tax Collector 1941 levy	1,256.21
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Total	\$2,733.08
Water bond	\$81,500.00

Valuation of District

Real estate	\$2,396,510.00
Personal	275,280.00
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Total valuation	\$2,671,790.00

Tax rate, 1941—\$3.45 per \$1,000.

Financial Department Expenses in Detail

Appropriation	\$500.00
Printing and advertising	\$100.20
Certification of note	2.00
Interest on temporary loan	15.17
Postage	8.68
Taxes refunded	8.97
Treasurer's bond	30.00

Auditors	61.42	
Moderator	15.00	
Clerk's salary	25.00	
Treasurer's salary	150.00	
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Total	\$416.44	
Balance to revenue	83.56	
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		\$500.00

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT L. SNOW

Treasurer

Auditor's Report

To the Voters of the Cotuit Fire District:

We submit herewith the report of the Audit of the District's books as made by the Massachusetts Department of Corporations and Taxation.

Respectfully submitted,

BERTRAM F. RYDER

EDWARD J. MEACHAM

UDELL PERRY

April 18, 1941

The Cotuit Fire District
Cotuit, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the accounts of the Cotuit Fire District for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1940, 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,

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 fiscal year ending December 31, 1940, and report thereon as follows:

The books and accounts of the district treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The recorded receipts were analyzed and the payments were compared with the approved warrants on file. The cash balance on March 12, 1941, was proved by reconciling the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit.

General ledger accounts were compiled and the appropriation accounts were analyzed and checked to the amounts voted by the district as listed from the district clerk's record of district meetings, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the district on December 31, 1940.

The payments on account of maturing debt and interest were proved with the amounts falling due and with the canceled securities on file.

The district taxes and charges for water rates and services outstanding according to the previous examination were audited, and the subsequent commitments and charges were proved. The recorded collections were checked, the payments to the treasurer were verified, the recorded abatements were

compared with the records in the departments authorized to grant abatements, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

Verification of the outstanding accounts was made by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the district, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The surety bonds of the district officials required to furnish them for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

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 classified statement of receipts and expenditures.

For the co-operation extended by the district officials 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

Annual Report of the Prudential Committee

To the Voters of the Cotuit Fire District:

Your Prudential Committee submits herewith its annual report for the year 1941.

On December 31st, 1941 the assessed value of the District was as follows:

Personal property	\$275,280.00
Real estate	2,396,510.00
Total	<hr/> \$2,671,790.00

This total is an increase over the previous year of \$20,160.00.

The tax rate for 1941 was \$3.45. It had been estimated at \$3.40. The warrant for the 1942 annual meeting provides for raising \$9,025.60. If this amount is raised the tax rate it is estimated will be \$3.45. In 1941 \$9,218.91 was raised by taxation.

During the year your committee has met each month. The meeting is held on the Monday following the second Friday of the month.

No change has been made in the number of street lights in 1941. There has been a request, however, for three extra lights on Bayview street which was accepted and rebuilt by the town in 1941. It would seem reasonable to provide the residents of this street the same light service that is pro-

vided in other parts of the District. Three year round lights will cost \$50.40.

Freedom Hall was painted outside during the past year, the drains under the basement entrances were rebuilt and a small amount of interior repairing and painting done. Due to lack of a fireproof curtain on the stage the summer theatrical season which began so auspiciously came to a sudden end with the appearance of the State fire inspector. It will cost about \$500.00 to equip the hall with an acceptable curtain. The committee believes that this should be done as soon as conditions warrant.

For several years the Prudential committee has had under consideration the matter of the Chief's salary. Several conferences have been held on this subject with the Board of Engineers. In 1932 when the present salary of \$200. was set up we had but two small pieces of apparatus housed in a small wooden building. The fire alarm was attended to during the day by Gibbs Shoppe and at night by the fire chief. Persons living at the Shoppe took care of the alarm when the chief was away. Now we have a fully equipped department of three pieces adequately housed and in addition have the care and responsibility for the County piece. Furthermore no one lives at Gibbs Shoppe so that the care of the fire alarm during some evenings and those parts of holidays when the shoppe is closed has become a problem. Furthermore in the past ten years the duties, responsibilities and expenses of the fire chief have greatly increased. The committee is unanimously of the opinion that the present rate of compensation for the chief is inadequate and that now is the time to increase this compensation to \$400 per year.

Street Lights

There are now 125 lights in service as follows:

109 year-round lights costing \$16.80 each year and
16 summer lights costing \$9.00 each per year.

Appropriation		\$1,975.20
Paid Cape & Vineyard Electric Co.	\$1,975.20	
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	\$1,975.20	\$1,975.20

Freedom Hall

Freedom Hall was used 39 times in 1941. The receipts were \$133.49 of which \$6.00 is uncollected. The hall was used without charge by Boy Scouts 13 times, by the British-American ambulance benefit twice, for the Christmas party and for the first aid unit of our Civilian defense committee.

The expenditures were as follows:

E. L. Ashley, repairs	\$25.00
Edward Barse, trucking	6.00
Cape & Vineyard Electric Co., lights	43.74
Cotuit Water Dept., water	25.50
Cotuit Grocery Co., supplies	13.91
E. O. Dottridge Jr., repairs	5.21
F. M. Gifford, services	8.25
Hamlin & Fish, coat racks	6.26
E. L. Hoxie, insurance	71.10
E. L. Jones, services	180.00
V. H. Nickerson & Co., coat racks	25.17
Charles Reid, care of shrubbery	5.80
Stuart Seudder, fuel oil	57.05
Suburban Gas Co., gas	12.00

Total expenditures	<hr/>	\$484.99
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Summary:

Appropriation		\$600.00
Expended	\$484.99	
Balance	115.01	
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	\$600.00	\$600.00

Special Appropriation for Painting Freedom Hall

Appropriation		\$200.00
Paid Wallace Ryder	\$186.75	
Balance	13.25	
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	\$200.00	\$200.00

Respectfully submitted,

THERON APOLLONIO

CALVIN D. CRAWFORD

MILTON H. CROCKER

Annual Fire Report of Board of Engineers

The Board of Engineers submit its sixteenth annual report covering the year ending December 31, 1941.

APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT

1. One 500-gallon Maxim pumper put into commission in 1937.
2. One Dodge, $\frac{3}{4}$ -ton truck with Ames & Leonard pump, carrying 162 gallons of water and 300 ft. of $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch chemical hose; also several hand extinguishers.
3. One 1940 Dodge, $1\frac{1}{2}$ -ton hose truck; carrying 700 ft. of $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch hose, equipped with play pipes and adapters to handle any fire from hydrant, or to supply additional hose to the 500 gallon pumper.
4. 1,700 ft. of $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch hose in good condition.
5. 1,100 ft. of $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch hose in fair condition.
6. 400 ft. of chemical hose in good condition.
7. 300 ft. of $1\frac{1}{8}$ -inch forest fire hose in good condition.
8. One Two-Way Transceiver radio set.
9. One Davis Inhalator, two smoke masks, six pump cans, three chemicals, three foam type extinguishers, one 15 lb. size C-O Two Extinguisher, besides miscellaneous equipment.
10. The personnel consists of one Chief Engineer, one First Assistant, one Second Assistant, one Captain, one Lieutenant and 33 men. The men are paid as follows: \$1.00 for the first hour's service and 50 cents for each succeeding hour.

We have added a number of items to our equipment the past year; we wish to mention the following, as we feel that they are the more important: C-O-Two Extinguisher, a complete first aid kit, and a complete oxygen equipment.

As the headquarters for the Auxiliary Police, and Observation Post are at the Fire Station and the fact that the Fire Department is carrying on defense schools along with regular activities, it is only reasonable that we expect some rise in heating and lighting costs. We feel that this will be looked on favorably by the voters, as this entire program is a direct community benefit at this time.

FIRES

The Department has responded to 14 calls during the year. Of these one call was answered out of our District using District equipment. This cost to the District amounted to \$22.50.

Property loss amounted to \$3,500.00. The Chief Engineer has issued 125 fire permits: 3 for fireworks, 10 for oil burners and containers during the year.

During the year the Department has responded to 11 calls with the County owned Brushbreaker: maintenance was handled through the regular Department appropriation.

Attention of the voters is directed to the fact that \$57.42 of our funds was used for this purpose.

An itemized account of the expenditures of the Fire Department:

Detail of expense incurred:

1. Labor at Fires	
Edward Bearse	\$9.00
Myron Behlman	5.50
Sturgis Behlman	12.50
Roger Burlingame	8.50
Louis Campbell	5.00
William Cash	8.00
A. S. Childs	3.00

Franklin Childs	3.50
Henry Churbuck	12.50
Merton Dottridge	9.50
Ormond Dottridge	6.50
John E. Frazier	6.00
Herbert Gifford	8.00
Cecil Goodall	6.50
Donald Grauer	3.00
Seaver Harlow	6.00
Everett Hoxie	5.00
Merrill Nickerson	1.50
Christie Rennie	9.50
Myron Ryder	6.50
Wallace Ryder	1.00
Fred Savery	1.00
Albert Smith	2.00
Herbert Snow	1.00
John Souza	8.00
Kenneth Turner	9.50
Stanley Turner	6.00
Harold West	5.00
Henry West	6.50

Total labor at fires	\$175.50
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2. Other expense:

Stuart F. Scudder, fuel oil	\$187.96
New England Telephone & Telegraph Co.	150.93
Cape & Vineyard Electric Co.	67.74

3. Maintenance on trucks:

Cash's Garage, gas, oil, supplies, etc.	\$121.22
Scudder's Service Station, gas, express, etc.	6.35
Leonard's Garage, packing pumps, etc.	24.15
Louis Dean, changing and repairing radio	58.20
V. H. Nickerson Co., pump packing	.25

Rosecoe F. Adams, radio supplies	2.30
Mid-Way Garage, welding	1.50
DeLong's Filling Station, gas	2.71
4. Office Supplies and Clerical Work:	
H. M. Meserve Co., filing cabinet, stationery, etc.	50.14
F. B. & F. P. Goss, printing fire cards	6.50
F. Maynard Gifford, clerical	21.62
Ruth Crocker, typing	5.99
5. Maintenance of Fire Station:	
Hinekley Electric Co., cleaning oil burner	5.85
Kenneth Turner, steam valve and labor	3.43
Seaver Harlow, paint for concrete floor	16.28
Ellery Jones, painting outside doors, etc.	6.50
John Souza, painting floor, repacking hose	2.00
Henry Churbuck, painting floor, repacking hose	2.00
Edward Ashley, painting floor, repacking hose	2.00
Ormond Dottridge, work on doors, repairing ping-pong table, making screens, etc.	83.31
Edward Bearse, trucking	3.00
Cotuit Grocery Co., supplies	21.31
Roger Burlingame, painting floor, repacking hose	2.00
Merton Dottridge, janitor services	16.00
Donald Grauer, janitor services	1.50
Cotuit Water Department, water	25.50
6. Insurance:	
Leonard & Goodspeed	15.40
Frank Thacher	253.25
Everett L. Hoxie	24.64
7. General Equipment:	
F. Otis Eldridge, soda, acid, foam charges, etc.	\$90.39
Justin A. McCarthy Co., adapters, first aid equip- ment, and general fire fighting equipment	119.72

Issokson's, towels	4.45
Kempton Oxy-Acetylene Service, oxygen equipment	61.00
C-O-Two Fire Equipment Co., extinguisher	54.60
American Fire Equipment Co., inhalator tanks and refills	32.90
8. Chief's Salary :	
W. P. Campbell	175.80
A. S. Childs	24.20
9. Goodall Electric Co., repairs on whistle	24.00
10. W. P. Campbell, attendant for whistle	32.50
Total expenses incurred	\$1,986.59

SUMMARY

Appropriation	\$2,000.00
Cash Expenditures	1,986.59
Balance	\$13.41

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN P. CAMPBELL, Chief

EDWARD BEARSE, 1st Asst.

SEAVER R. HARLOW, 2nd Asst.

Board of Engineers

Report of Board of Water Commissioners

To the Citizens of the Cotuit Fire District:

We wish to submit herewith our fifth annual report for the year ending December 31, 1941.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR'S WORK

At the annual Fire District's meeting, E. O. Dottridge, Jr., was re-elected Water Commissioner for three years.

The Water Department is in good condition, no repairs being necessary the past year.

An oil burner was installed in the pumping station heating system. We believe fuel cost will be less and that a more even temperature will be maintained.

Sixteen hundred seedling trees were planted, continuing our program of development of the Water Shed.

Twenty-one new services were installed, and three of the original construction services turned on, making a total of 204 active services.

MEDERIOS LAND TAKING

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

ORIGINAL CONSTRUCTION SERVICE CHARGE

This service charge having accomplished its purpose has been discontinued as of January 1, 1942.

RECORD OF WATER PUMPED

Total pumped with Diesel Motor	16,036,800 gals.
Total pumped with Gasoline	156,000 gals.
Total pumped with Diesel and Gasoline	16,192,800 gals.
Largest week July 11th to 18th	901,800 gals.
Largest day July 15th	201,000 gals.
All above figures from Venturi readings.	

FINANCIAL

	Expended	Appropriated
Interest	\$2,345.63	\$2,400.00
Services	1,594.46	2,200.00
Maintenance	3,307.23	3,900.00
Bond Payment	3,500.00	3,500.00
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	\$10,747.32	
Balance	1,252.68	
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	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00

RECEIPTS

Water rates	\$5,256.73	
Meter rental	261.00	
Hydrant rental	3,350.00	
Service connections	1,496.76	
Telephone	6.40	
Service charges	54.00	
Refunds	16.90	
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Total Water Dept. receipts	\$10,441.79	\$10,441.79

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE—1941

Water rates	249.90
Service connections	114.80

Service charges	13.00	
Meter rentals	6.00	
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	\$383.70	\$383.70

EXPENDITURES

Interest paid on bonds	\$2,345.63	Appropriated	\$2,400.00
Balance	54.37		
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	\$2,400.00		\$2,400.00

SERVICES

Pipe, fittings and meters	\$1,296.71	Appropriated	\$2,200.00
Labor	297.75		
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	\$1,594.46		
Balance	605.54		
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	\$2,200.00		\$2,200.00

MAINTENANCE

Insurance	\$195.03	Appropriated	\$3,900.00
Office Supplies	39.33		
Stationery and Postage	23.44		
Printing and Advertising	1.44		
Telephones	110.11		
Repair of System	12.00		
Truck (fuel, ins. etc.)	192.09		
Gas and Oil—Station	109.75		

Freight and Express	15.89	
Superintendent's		
Salary	1,548.00	
Superintendent's		
Assistant	104.00	
New England		
Water Works	19.50	
Coal	74.19	
Electric light and		
power	96.66	
Tools and Hardware	69.51	
C. I. P. and		
fittings	127.37	
Unclassified	30.04	
Superintendent's bond	10.00	
Water Shed and		
Grounds	128.00	
Buildings and		
Equipment	388.88	
Abatement	12.00	
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	\$3,307.23	
Balance	592.77	
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	\$3,900.00	<hr/>
		\$3,900.00

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF WATER DEPARTMENT

January 1, 1942

Water Dept. Reserve Fund in District Treasury	\$2,543.45
Unpaid Water Rates and Meter Rentals	255.90

Unpaid Service Connections	114.80
Unpaid Service Charges	13.00
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Total	\$2,927.15

INVENTORY

Stock on hand	\$1,450.00
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Respectfully submitted,

E. O. DOTTRIDGE, JR.

KENNETH TURNER

W. H. PERRY, SR.

Water Commissioners

**COTUIT FIRE
DISTRICT**

WARRANT

Annual Meeting, February 9th

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Warrant – Annual Meeting, 1942

To the Voters of the Cotuit Fire District, Cotuit, Mass.:

You are hereby notified to meet in Freedom Hall, Cotuit, Monday, February 9, 1942, at 8 o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following:

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 or after January 1st, 1943, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1st, 1943.

Article 5. To see if the District will authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the Prudential Committee, to borrow money on or after January 1st, 1942, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1st, 1942.

Article 6. To see if the District will instruct the Prudential Committee to request the Department of Corporations and Taxation of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to audit the accounts of the District for the fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 1941.

Article 7. To receive and act upon the accounts of all persons to whom the District may be indebted.

Article 8. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$500.00 for salaries and expenses of the financial department for the ensuing year.

Article 9. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$2000.00 for the expenses of the fire department for the ensuing year.

Article 10. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1,975.20 for the purpose of lighting the streets of the District for the ensuing year.

Article 11. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$600.00 for the expenses of Freedom Hall for the ensuing year.

Article 12. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$550.00 for the purpose of replacing the 1927 Dodge chassis or take any action in relation thereto and to act fully thereon.

Article 13. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$50.40 to provide street lights on Bay View Road.

Article 14. To see if the District will vote to 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 15. To see if the District will appropriate from the receipts and revenues of the Water Department: (a) \$2,350.00 for interest on the Water Bonds, (b) \$4,350.00 for the operating and maintenance expenses of the Water Department, (c) \$1,000.00 for the Water Department for new services, and (d) \$3,500.00 for the payment of the water bond maturing the current year.

Article 16. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Per order of Prudential Committee:

C. D. CRAWFORD

MILTON H. CROCKER

THEREON APOLLONIO

F. M. GIFFORD, Clerk