

# COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT

## Annual Reports



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# COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT

Annual Reports for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1943

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## Organization

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### Moderator

Ira L. Campbell

### Prudential Committee

Calvin D. Crawford, Chairman	Term expires 1944
Milton H. Crocker	Term expires 1945
Frederick L. Harlow	Term expires 1946

### Clerk

F. Maynard Gifford

### Treasurer

Herbert L. Snow

### Board of Water Commissioners

E. Ormand Dottridge, Jr., Chairman	Term expires in 1944
William H. Perry, Sr., Clerk	Term expires in 1945
Kenneth Turner	Term expires in 1946

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## BOARD OF ENGINEERS

### Chief

William L. Cash

Fire Assistant Engineer	Roger A. Burlingame
Second Assistant Engineer	John R. Souza

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### Auditors

Bertram F. Ryder	Udell Perry	Edward J. Meacham
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# Annual Report of the Clerk

## ANNUAL MEETING—COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT

February 8, 1943

In accordance with the foregoing notice and the by-laws of the District, the annual meeting of the Cotuit Fire District was held at Freedom Hall on Monday, February 8, 1943, at 8 o'clock P.M. and the clerk called the meeting to order.

Article 1. Mr. Louis Campbell was unanimously chosen Moderator for one year.

Article 2. The following were nominated and the result of the voting follows:

Fred Harlow, 37 votes, member of Prudential Committee 3 years.\*

John Newton, 22 votes

Kenneth Turner, 1 vote, \*member of Water Commissioners 3 years.

Maynard Gifford, 1 vote, \*Clerk

Herbert Snow, 1 vote, \*Treasurer

William Cash, 38 votes, \*Chief Engineer

Warren Campbell, 22 votes

Roger Burlingame, 43 votes, \*First Assistant Engineer

Edward Bearse, 21 votes

John Souza, 1 vote, \*Second Assistant Engineer

B. F. Ryder, E. J. Meacham and Udell Perry, 1 vote,

\*Auditors

\*Elected.

Leon Savery, John Newton and Herbert Long were appointed Tellers by the Moderator and were duly sworn in.

Article 3. Upon motion duly made and seconded it was Voted: that the reports of the officers of the District be accepted as printed.

Article 4. Upon motion duly made and seconded it was Voted: that the District Treasurer, with the approval of the Prudential Committee, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1944 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 less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Article 5. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: that the District Treasurer, with the approval of the Prudential Committee, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1943 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 less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Article 6. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: that the District instruct the Prudential Committee to request the Department of Corporations and Taxation of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to audit the accounts of the Cotuit Fire District for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1942.

Article 7. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: that the article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 8. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: that the District appropriate the sum of \$180.49 for 1942 overdrafts and that \$127.39 be taken from Water Dept. revenues.

Article 9. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: that the District raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars for salaries and expenses of the financial department for the ensuing year.

Article 10. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: that the District raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars for the expenses of the fire department for the ensuing year.

Article 11. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: not to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand eight dollars and eighty cents for the purpose of lighting the streets of the District for the ensuing year.

Voting No—27

Voting Yes—22

By a vote of 25 to 10 it was Voted: to reconsider.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: that the district raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand eight dollars and eighty cents for the purpose of lighting the streets of the District for the ensuing year.

Article 12. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: that the District raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars for the expenses of Freedom Hall for the ensuing year.

Article 13. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: that the District raise and appropriate to the Water Department, the sum of thirty-three hundred fifty dollars for hydrant rental for the ensuing year.

Article 14. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: that the District appropriate from the receipts and revenues of the Water Department: (a) \$2,250 for interest on Water Bonds; (b) \$4,300 for the operating and maintenance expenses of the Water Department; (c) \$1,000 for the Water Department for new services; (d) \$3,500 for the payment of the water bond maturing the current year.

Article 15. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: that the District raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred twenty-five dollars for the purpose of painting the fire house.

Article 16. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: that the District raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars to be expended under the direction of the fire chief for the purpose of preventing forest fires.

Voting Yes—25

Voting No—10

Article 17. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: to indefinitely postpone Article 17.

Article 18. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: that the moderator be paid a fee of fifteen dollars:

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

(Signed)

F. MAYARD GIFFORD, Jr.

Clerk, Cotuit Fire District.

This Meeting: Voted to raise by taxation \$8,583.80  
Other appropriations made \$11,245.49

# Report of Treasurer

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Yearling Ending December 31, 1943

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## Receipts

Cash balance Jan. 1, 1943	\$ 1,184.79	
Tax Collector	9,141.68	
Taxes redeemed	55.26	
Water Department	14,998.97	
Freedom Hall	97.50	
Outside Fires	176.10	
Temporary Loan	5,000.00	
Total receipts		\$30,654.30

## Expenditures

Water Department	\$10,387.37	
Hydrant Rental	3,350.00	
Freedom Hall	344.27	
Financial Department	450.99	
Fire Department	1,589.55	
Street Lights	2,008.80	
Fire Patrol	9.00	
Painting Fire Station	125.00	
Temporary Loan	5,000.00	
Total expenditures		23,264.98
Cash balance December 31, 1943		\$7,389.32



# Financial Condition of District

Cash balance in Hyannis Trust Co.	\$7,389.32
Due from Tax Collector 1943 levy	566.75

Total	\$ 7,956.07
Water Bond	74,500.00

## Valuation of District

Real Estate	\$2,366,270.00
Personal	272,850.00

Total Valuation	\$2,639,120.00
Tax rate, 1943—\$3.40 per \$1,000.00.	

## Financial Department Expense in Detail

Appropriation		\$500.00
Printing and advertising	\$103.60	
Certification of note	2.00	
Interest on temporary loan	31.67	
Postage	9.75	
Office supplies for Clerk	1.00	
Taxes refunded	3.40	
Treasurer's bond	30.00	
Auditors	54.57	
Moderator	15.00	
Clerk's salary	50.00	
Treasurer's salary	150.00	
Total	\$450.99	
Balance to revenue	49.01	
		\$500.00

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT L. SNOW,  
Treasurer.

## Auditor's Report

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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

May 4, 1943

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 fiscal year ending December 31, 1942, 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, 1942, and report thereon as follows:

The financial transactions of the several departments receiving or disbursing district funds or sending out bills, for collection, were examined and checked.

Ledger accounts were compiled for the year 1942 and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the district on December 31, 1942.

The books and accounts of the district treasurer were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were analyzed and compared with the records of payments made to the treasurer, and the payments by the treasurer were checked to the approved warrants on file.

The cash balance on March 15, 1943, was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank in which district funds are deposited.

The recorded payments on account of debt and interest were checked with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled bonds 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 receipts, the abatements were checked to the records of the departments authorized to grant them, and the outstanding accounts were listed.

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, and from the replies received it appears that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The surety bonds of the district officials required to furnish them were found to be in proper form.

In addition to the balance sheet, there are appended to this report, tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax, tax title, and water accounts, as well as a classified statement of receipts and expenditures.

For the cooperation 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

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To the Voters of the Cotuit Fire District:

Your Prudential Committee submits herewith its annual report for the year 1943.

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

Personal Property	\$ 272,850
Real Estate	2,366,270
Total	<hr/> \$2,639,120

This figure is a decrease of \$69,580.00 from the valuation of a year ago. This is due to the fact that valuations have been reduced on a number of the very large houses in the district.

The tax rate for 1943 was \$3.40 per thousand. The warrant for the annual meeting for 1943 provides for the raising of \$8,683.80. If this amount is raised the tax rate for 1944 it is estimated will be \$3.40. The tax levied in 1943 amounted to \$8,973.02.

This committee has held monthly meetings throughout the year. These have been attended for the most part by the Board of Fire Engineers. The manpower problem is causing the committee and the Board of Engineers considerable concern. With many members of the Fire Department in the Armed Services and many others working outside the district, the problem of manning the department, particularly during the day time, is a serious one.

### Street Lights

There are now in use 127 street lights as follows:

111 year round lights each costing \$16.80 per year  
16 summer lights each costing \$9.00 per year

Appropriation		\$2,008.80
Paid Cape & Vineyard Electric Co.	\$2,008.80	
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	\$2,008.80	\$2,008.80

### Freedom Hall

Freedom Hall was used considerably more in 1943 than in 1942 for community meetings. There were six 4-II dancing classes, four meetings of the committee on Public Safety, thirty-two meetings of the Boy Scout Troop as well as a number of other village affairs. During September the General Alliance of Unitarian and other Liberal Christian Women held a five-day conference in Cotuit attended by about 150 people. The Hall provided them with a suitable meeting place. The Hall was used 63 times during 1943, a total income of \$97.50.

The expenditures were as follows:

Edward Bearse, trucking	\$ 3.00
Cape & Vineyard Electric Co., lights	35.22
C. A. Cottrell, tuning piano	4.00
Cotuit Grocery Co., supplies	.90
Cotuit Water Department	25.50
Dyer Electric Co., servicing heater	4.50
F. M. Gifford, Jr., services	6.75
Hamlin & Fish, repairs	1.35
Ellery Jones, services as custodian	124.00
Leonard Goodspeed Co., insurance	90.00

V. H. Nickerson & Co., services	9.25
Charles Reid, services	3.00
Stuart F. Seudder, fuel oil	36.80
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	\$344.27

#### Summary of Appropriations and Expenditures

Appropriation		\$400.00
Expended as above	\$344.27	
Balance	55.73	
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	\$400.00	\$400.00

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. CRAWFORD

M. H. CROCKER

F. L. HARLOW

Prudential Committee.

# Annual Fire Report of Board of Engineers

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The Board of Engineers submit its eighteenth annual report covering the year 1943.

## APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT

1. One 500 gallon Maxim pumper
2. One Dodge 1937,  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton truck
3. One Dodge 1940,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ton truck, equipped with 500 gal. Maxim pump, a 170 gal. booster tank, etc.
4. 2,200 ft. of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  in. hose
5. 1,350 ft. of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in. hose
6. 400 ft. of chemical hose
7. 300 ft. of  $1\frac{1}{8}$  in. hose
8. One two-way Transceiver Radio Set
9. One Davis Inhalator, two smoke masks, five pump cans, three chemicals, three foam type extinguishers, one 15 lb. size  $\text{CO}_2$  extinguishers, Oxygen and first aid equipment and other miscellaneous equipment.

The personnel consists of one Chief Engineer, one First Assistant, one Second Assistant, one Captain, one Lieutenant and 30 firemen. The men are paid \$1.00 for the first hour and 50c for each succeeding hour.

Doors, windows and trimmings of the fire station were painted during the year at the cost of \$134.00. A special appropriation of \$125.00 was used for this purpose together with \$9.00 from the regular appropriation.

The department responded to twelve calls during the year. Additional calls were made for minor chimney fires.



Property loss occurred in two houses; \$300.00 in one case and \$100.00 in the other.

The Chief Engineer has issued fifty-five permits; none for fireworks; and three for oil burners and containers during the year.

An itemized account of the expenditures of the fire department follows:

E. F. Baker Fire		Route #28 Fire	
Harry West	\$1.00	Roger Burlingame	\$1.50
John Souza	1.00	Robert Dottridge	1.50
Edward Bearse	1.00		
John Frazier	1.00	Santuit P. O. Grass Fire	
Antone Souza	1.00	Wallace Ryder, Jr.	\$1.00
Gilbert Newton	1.00	Robert Dottridge	1.00
Edward Condinhio	1.00	Hubert Baker	.50
Herbert Snow	1.00	John Souza	1.00
Arthur Belhman, Jr.	1.00	Harry West	1.00
Guy Nickerson	1.00	John Frazier	1.00
		E. L. Hoxie	1.00
Putnam Corner Fire		Edward Bearse	1.00
Merton Dottridge	\$1.00	Antone Souza	1.00
Herbert Gifford	1.00	Christie Rennie	1.00
Arthur Belhman, Jr.	1.00	Kenneth Turner	1.00
Henry Churbuck	1.00	Louis Campbell	1.00
Myron Ryder	1.00		
Wallace Ryder, Jr.	1.00	John Souza Fire	
Harry Coutts	1.00	John Newton	\$1.00
Walter Dottridge	1.00	Arthur Belhman, Jr.	1.00
John Souza	1.00	William Condinhio	1.00
Almy Fire		Besse Farm Fire	
Antone Souza	\$1.00	Christie Rennie	\$1.00
Franklin Childs	1.00	Herbert Gifford	1.00

Besse Farm Fire (Cont.)		Mary Cabral Fire (Cont.)	
Kenneth Turner	1.00	John Frazier	1.50
Antone Souza	1.00	Roger Burlingame	1.50
Roger Burlingame	1.00	John Souza	1.50
Wallace Ryder, Jr.	1.00	Cecil Goodall	1.50
John Newton	1.00	William Condinhio	1.50
Gilbert Newton	1.00	Gilbert Newton	2.00
Bearse Parker	1.00	Walter Dottridge	2.00
John Souza	1.00	Merton Dottridge	2.00
George Nickerson	1.00	Antone Souza	1.50
Robert Dottridge	1.00	Henry Churbuck	1.50
Maynard Gifford	1.00	Edward Bearse, Jr.	1.50
Harry West	1.00		
Merton Dottridge	1.00	Mashpee Forest Fire	
John Frazier	1.00	John Souza	\$4.50
Edward Bearse	1.00	Harry West	4.50
Edward Bearse, Jr.	.50	John Frazier	2.50
Henry Churbuck	1.00	Merton Dottridge	3.00
McNutt Fire Mashpee		Edward Condinhio	4.50
Roger Burlingame	\$1.50	Herbert Gifford	4.50
Kenneth Turner	1.50	Cecil Goodall	4.50
Merton Dottridge	1.50	Louis Campbell	2.50
Walter Dottridge	1.50	Seaver Harlow	2.50
Gilbert Newton	1.50	Christie Rennie	3.00
John Souza	1.50	Henry Churbuck	5.00
Antone Souza	1.50	Edward Ashley	5.00
Cecil Goodall	1.50	George Nickerson	4.00
Christie Rennie	1.50	Bearse Parker	4.00
Herbert Gifford	1.50	Robert Doane	4.00
Bearse Parker	1.50	Roger Burlingame	5.00
Edward Bearse	1.50	Antone Souza	4.00
Mary Cabral Fire		Albert Smith	2.00
Harry West	\$1.50	William Condinhio	2.00
Harry Coutts	1.50	Kenneth Turner	2.00
		Gilbert Newton	4.50

Total cost at fires—\$173.50

# **Other Expenses:**

Cotuit Fire District—Water Dept. (water)	\$ 25.50
Stuart F. Seudder (fuel oil)	218.19
Cape & Vineyard Electric Co.	39.62
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	115.99
A. S. Childs (care of whistle—Jan.)	10.00
George Campbell (clerical services)	5.60
Warren Campbell (services as chief)	41.66
Leonard Goodspeed (insurance)	58.70
Seudder's Service Station (express and supplies)	12.71
Ames Electric Co. (supplies and labor for whistle)	99.50
Gilbert Newton (labor)	1.50
Maxim Motors (supplies)	21.42
Frank Thacher (insurance)	252.75
Justin A. McCarthy (supplies)	26.41
Bill Cash's Garage (supplies)	36.25
Bradford Hardware (supplies)	2.40
William Cash (services as chief)	358.34
V. H. Nickerson Co. (supplies and labor)	23.98
Maynard Gifford (clerical services)	6.00
E. L. Hoxie (insurance)	24.64
Cotuit Grocery (supplies)	.69
Antone Souza (services)	16.00
Wallace Ryder (painting)	9.00
Walter Dottridge (labor)	1.50
Carpenter Mfg. Co. (supplies)	7.70

Total cost other expenses	\$1,416.05
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Appropriated	\$2000.00	Expended	\$1589.55
		Balance	410.45
	<hr/> \$2000.00		<hr/> \$2000.00

## **Special Painting Appropriation**

Appropriated	\$125.00	Expended	\$125.00
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Special Forest Fire Prevention Appropriation

Appropriated	\$200.00	Expended	\$ 9.00
		Balance	191.00
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	\$200.00		\$200.00

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM L. CASH, Chief Engineer

ROGER BURLINGAME, First Assistant

JOHN SOUZA, Second Assistant

## Report of Board of Water Commissioners

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To the Citizens of the Cotuit Fire District:

We wish to submit herewith our seventh annual report for the year ending December 31, 1943.

### Review of the Year's Work

At the annual Fire District's meeting, Kenneth Turner was re-elected Water Commissioner for three years.

The water system continues to be in good condition, no unusual repairs being made this year.

The Diesel motor in the pumping station has had a general overhaul and check up and is in good condition.

The Gravel Packed Wells have been washed with a result that the delivery of water is much improved.

A substantial increase in revenue from water rates was due to the large amount of water used at Camp Candoit. There is no assurance that this source of revenue will continue.

Plans have been made to install a "Rustop" system for protection of the interior of the elevated tank.

The exterior of the elevated tank should be painted this year.

The Mederios house was sold for \$650.00 as authorized by vote of the District, February 12, 1940.

Thirteen new services were installed, and one of the original construction services was turned on, making a total of 232 active services. We have 22 inactive services at this time.

#### Record of Water Pumped

Total pumped with Diesel Motor	41,535,600 gals.
Total pumped with Gasoline Motor	420,000 gals.
Total pumped with Diesel and Gasoline	41,955,600 gals.
Largest week July 16th. to 21st.	1,755,000 gals.
Largest day July 21st.	390,000 gals.

All above figures from Venturi readings.

#### Financial

	Expended	Appropriated
Interest	\$2,096.88	\$2,250.00
Services	606.23	1,000.00
Maintenance	4,184.26	4,300.00
Bond Payment	3,500.00	3,500.00
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	10,387.37	
	662.63	
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	\$11,050.00	\$11,050.00

#### Receipts

Water rates	\$10,135.93	
Meter rental	288.00	
Service connections	507.10	
Refunds (Ins. etc.)	57.55	
Telephone	10.39	
Sale of Mederios House	650.00	
Hydrant rental (1943)	3,350.00	
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Total Water Dept. receipts	\$14,998.97	\$14,998.97

### Accounts Receivable 1943

Water rates	\$614.64	
Service charge	9.00	
Meter rental and repair	32.50	
Service connection	38.70	
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	\$694.84	\$694.84

### Expenditures

Interest paid on bonds	\$2,096.88	Appropriated	\$2,250.00
Balance	153.12		
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	\$2,250.00		\$2,250.00

### Services

Pipe fittings and meters	\$462.83	Appropriated	\$1,000.00
Labor	143.40		
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	\$606.23		
Balance	393.77		
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	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00

### Maintenance

Insurance	\$198.40	Appropriated	\$4,300.00
Office Supplies	82.22		
Stationery & Postage	25.50		
Legal Service	26.00		
Telephones	125.93		
Repair of System	167.23		
Truck (fuel-ins. etc.)	268.35		
Gas & Oil (Station)	445.94		
Freight & Express	11.21		

Supt. Salary	1,927.15	
Assist. Supt.	117.20	
New England		
Water Works	10.50	
Fuel Oil (Burner)	88.13	
Electric Light &		
Power	133.94	
Tools & Hardware	40.20	
Unclassified	21.87	
Supt's. Bond	10.00	
Building &		
Equipment	481.75	
Printing &		
Advertising	2.74	
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	\$4,184.26	
Balance	115.74	
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	\$4,300.00	\$4,300.00

**Financial Condition of Water Department**  
December 31st, 1943

Water Department Receipts 1943	\$14,998.97
Water Department Expenditures 1943	10,387.37
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Balance 1943	\$4,611.60
Water Department Reserve Fund Dec. 31, 1942	\$2,056.49
Water Department Balance 1943	4,611.60
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Water Department Reserve Fund Dec. 31, 1943	\$6,668.09
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<b>Inventory</b>	
Stock on hand	\$1,380.71

Respectfully submitted,

E. O. DOTTRIDGE, JR.  
KENNETH TURNER  
W. H. PERRY, SR.



COTUIT FIRE  
DISTRICT

WARRANT  
Annual Meeting, February 14th  
- 1944 -

## Warrant---Annual Meeting, 1944

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

You are hereby notified to meet in Freedom Hall, Cotuit, Monday, February 14, 1944, 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 Clerk, 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 1, 1945, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1945.

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 1, 1944, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1944.

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, 1943.

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. 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 \$2,000. 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 \$2,008.80 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 \$400. for the expenses of Freedom Hall for the ensuing year.

Article 12. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate for the Water Department, the sum of \$3,350. for hydrant rental for the current year, or take any action in relation thereto and to act fully thereon.

Article 13. To see if the District will appropriate from the receipts and revenues of the Water Department: (a) \$2,150. for interest on the Water Bonds; (b) \$6,900. for the operating and maintenance expenses of the Water Department; (c) \$1000. for the Water Department for new services, and (d) \$3500. for the payment of the water bond maturing the current year.

Article 14. To see if the District will raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$125. for the purpose of providing appropriate furniture for Freedom Hall platform.

Article 15. To see if the District will raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$200.00 for the purpose of preventing forest fires.

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

Per order of Prudential Committee,

CALVIN D. CRAWFORD

MILTON H. CROCKER

FREDERICK L. HARLOW

F. M. GIFFORD JR.

Clerk.