

COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT

Annual Reports



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COTUIT FIRE DISTRICTS

Annual Reports for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1946

Organization

Moderator

Ira L. Campbell

Prudential Committee

Walter C. Scudder	Term expires 1947
Cecil B. Goodall	Term expires 1948
Frederick L. Harlow, Chairman	Term expires 1949

Clerk

F. Maynard Gifford

Treasurer

Herbert L. Snow

Board of Water Commissioners

E. Ormand Dottridge, Jr., Chairman	Term expires 1947
William H. Perry, Sr., Clerk	Term expires 1948
Kenneth Turner	Term expires 1949

BOARD OF ENGINEERS

Chief

Ira L. Campbell

First Assistant Engineer	Franklin Childs
Second Assistant Engineer	John R. Souza

Auditors

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

ANNUAL MEETING—COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT

February 11, 1946

In accordance with the foregoing notice and the by-laws of the District, the annual meeting of the Cotuit Fire District was held in Freedom Hall on Monday, February 11, 1946, at 8 o'clock P. M., and the clerk called the meeting to order.

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

Article 2. Messrs. William Adams, Harry Coutts, and Chatfield Churbuck were chosen tellers by the Moderator and were sworn into office by the clerk.

The following were nominated and the result of the voting follows:

Frederick L. Harlow, member of Prudential Committee, 3 years. 1 vote.*

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

Herbert L. Snow, Treasurer, 1 year. 1 vote*.

F. Maynard Gifford, Jr., Clerk, 1 year. 1 vote.*

I. Louis Campbell, 81*; John E. Frazier, 35; Franklin Childs, 21, Chief Engineer.

Franklin Childs, 75*; John R. Souza, 51, First Assistant, 1 year.

John R. Souza, 101*; Peter Cabral, 26, Second Assistant, 1 year.

Bertram Ryder, Udell Perry, Edward J. Meacham, 1 vote* each, Auditors.

*Elected.

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 authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1947, 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 authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1946, 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 District for the fiscal years of 1945 and 1946.

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

Article 8. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted: that the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for salaries and expenses of the financial department for the ensuing year.

Article 9. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted: that the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the expenses of the fire 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 \$2,008.80 for the purpose of lighting the streets of the District for the ensuing year.

Article 11. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted: that the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for the expenses of Freedom Hall for the ensuing year.

Article 12. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted: that the District raise and appropriate to the water department the sum of \$3,350.00 for hydrant rental for the ensuing year.

Article 13. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted: that the District appropriate from the receipts and revenues of the water department: (a) \$1,900.00 for interest on the water bonds; (b) \$9,955.00 for the operating and maintenance expenses; (c) \$1,000.00 for the water department for new services; (d) \$1,000.00 for the water department for extensions, and (e) \$3,500.00 for the payment of the water bond maturing the current 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 the sum of \$34.24 for overdraft in the account of new services for 1945.

Article 15. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted: that the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$350.00 for the purpose of installing a new primer on the Diamond T and for the renewing of 400 ft. of 1½ inch hose.

Article 16. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted: that the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$19.71 for the purpose of paying the overdraft of Freedom Hall 1944 account.

Article 17. Motion was made to pay the moderator for his services but at the request of the moderator the motion was withdrawn.

Mr. Crawford was asked to explain what steps had been taken regarding a proposed park at the village center. He explained that the Park Department of the Town of Barnstable had been asked to sponsor a park at the village center and told of tentative plans.

Mr. A. S. Childs spoke of a vote taken last year regarding the putting of original fire truck in same condition as possible and reminded the meeting that same had not been done. Mr. A. S. Childs, Mr. Turner and Mrs. Franklin Childs were chosen to put the truck in as near as possible to its original condition.

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

Signed

F. MAYNARD GIFFORD, JR.

Clerk, Cotuit Fire District

Appropriations this meeting:

Voted to raise by taxation	\$8,828.51
Other appropriations	17,389.24
Total appropriations	<hr/> \$26,217.75

SPECIAL MEETING — COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT

In accordance with the foregoing notice and the by-laws of the District, the "Special Meeting" of the Cotuit Fire District, was held in Freedom Hall on Monday, May 20, 1946, at 8 o'clock P. M., and the moderator called the meeting to order.

Article 1. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that the District accept the sum of \$225.00 from the Recreational Committee of the Town of Barnstable towards the redecorating of the interior of Freedom Hall.

Article 2. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that the District appropriate the sum of \$425.00 for the purpose of redecorating the interior of Freedom Hall.

Article 3. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that the District appropriate the sum of \$275.00 for the purpose of reshingling north side of Freedom Hall.

Article 4. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that the District appropriate the sum of \$175.00 for the purposing of installing emergency lighting units for Freedom Hall to comply with the regulations of the Department of Public Safety of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Article 5. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn.

Signed

F. MAYNARD GIFFORD, JR.

Clerk, Cotuit Fire District

Appropriations this meeting:

To be raised by taxation:	None
Other	\$1100.00

Report of Treasurer

Year Ending December 31, 1946

Receipts

Cash balance Jan. 1, 1946	\$11,968.42
Tax Collector	9,262.39
Taxes redeemed	99.55
Water Department	13,464.26
Freedom Hall	381.00
Recharging extinguishers	19.00
Total receipts	<u>\$35,194.62</u>

Expenditures

Water Department	\$15,673.78
Hydrant Rental	3,350.00
Freedom Hall	554.49
Financial Department	385.47
Fire Department	1,853.32
Street Lights	1,998.78
Primer and hose	335.00
Shingling Freedom Hall	270.00
Painting interior Freedom Hall	425.00
Emergency Lights—Freedom Hall	165.00
Total expenditures	<u>\$25,010.84</u>
Cash balance, Dec. 31, 1946	<u>\$10,183.78</u>

Financial Condition of District

Cash balance in Hyannis Trust Co.	\$10,183.78
Due from Tax Collector 1946 levy	362.34
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Total	\$10,546.12
Water Board	64,000.00
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Valuation of District

Real Estate	\$2,633,750.00
Personal	290,090.00
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Total Valuation	\$2,923,840.00
Tax rate, 1946—\$3.10 per \$1,000.00.	
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Financial Department Expense in Detail

Appropriation		\$500.00
Printing and advertising	\$109.83	
Postage	6.41	
Taxes refunded	6.96	
Treasurer's Bond	30.00	
Auditors	32.27	
Clerk's salary	50.00	
Treasurer's Salary	150.00	
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Total	\$385.47	
Balance to revenue	114.53	
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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

February 8, 1946

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 year ending December 31, 1945, 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:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the Cotuit Fire District for the year ending December 31, 1945, and submit the following report thereon:

The books and accounts of the district treasurer were examined and checked. The receipts, as recorded, were analyzed and the payments were compared with the approved warrants on file. The cash book additions were proved, and the cash balance on January 15, 1946 was verified by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank in which district funds are deposited.

Ledger accounts were compiled and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the district on December 31, 1945.

The payments made on account of debt and interest were compared with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities on file.

The taxes and charges for water rates and services outstanding according to the previous examination as well as all subsequent commitments and charges were proved. The payments to the treasurer were compared with the treasurer's record of receipts, the abatements were checked to the records of the departments authorized to grant such credits, and the outstanding accounts were listed.

The outstanding accounts were verified 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 outstanding accounts, as listed, are correct.

The surety bonds furnished by the district officials 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 schedules showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax, tax title, and water accounts, together with a classified statement of receipts and payments.

For the co-operation of 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,

Asst. 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 1946.

The tax rate for 1946 was \$3.10 per thousand. The warrant for the annual meeting for 1947 provides for the raising of \$8,566.80. If this amount is raised the tax rate for 1947, it is estimated, will be \$3.00. The tax levied in 1946 amounted to \$8,828.51.

This committee has held monthly meetings throughout the year. We wish to commend the various departments for their splendid co-operation. The Fire department seems to be functioning very smoothly and has an admirable record for efficiency during the year.

Freedom Hall was used 59 times during the year, compared with 93 times used in 1945. This decrease was largely due to the failure of the Town Recreation Committee to use it during the entire year. They used the hall continually until operations were suspended on May 24. During the remainder of the year, they used the hall only once, for a community dance. Recently, the Arts & Crafts Department has opened again, and it is to be hoped that they will be able to continue throughout the year.

The north roof of Freedom Hall was resingled and the interior of the hall was redecorated during the year. The Town Recreation Committee contributed \$225.00 towards the cost of redecorating. Emergency lights were installed to comply with a new Massachusetts State Law.

The hall is now in exceptionally good condition with the exception of the outside paint. This work should be done when materials get better and more plentiful.

Freedom Hall

The expenditures were as follows:

Water Department, water		\$25.50
Cape & Vineyard, electricity		64.18
Stuart Scudder Estate, fuel oil		73.67
Ellery Jones, services		195.15
Hamlin & Fish, supplies and services		41.20
Cotuit Grocery Co., supplies		3.51
Dyer Electric Co., supplies and services		27.87
Suburban Gas Co., demurrage		8.50
I. Louis Campbell, trucking rubbish		3.00
Wallace Ryder, supplies and services		3.00
Leonard Insurance Agency, insurance		96.91
F. M. Gifford, clerical services		12.00
Total		\$554.49
Appropriated	\$600.00	Balance 45.51
\$600.00		\$600.00

Special Appropriations

Appropriation for reshingling north side Freedom Hall

Hamlin & Fish,		Appropriated	\$275.00
reshingling	\$250.00		
I. Louis Campbell			
trucking rubbish	20.00		
\$270.00			
Balance	5.00		
\$275.00			\$275.00

Appropriation for redecorating Freedom Hall

Wallace Ryder,		Appropriated	\$125.00
Painting	\$425.00		

Appropriation for Emergency Lights, Freedom Hall

Goodall Electric Co.	\$165.00	Appropriated	\$175.00
Balance	10.00		
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	\$175.00		\$175.00

Street Lights

Cape & Vineyard		Appropriated	\$2,008.80
Electric Co.	\$1,998.78		
Balance	10.02		
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	\$2,008.80		\$2,008.80

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK L. HARLOW

WALTER C. SCUDDER

CECIL B. GOODALL

Annual Report of Board of Engineers

The board of Engineers herewith submits its annual report for year 1946:

Apparatus and Equipment

One 500 gallon Maxim Pumper

One Dodge 1940 1½ ton truck equipped with 500 gallon Maxim pump and a 170 gallon booster tank, etc.

One Dodge 1937 ¾ ton truck equipped with two-way radio, small pump, booster tank, etc.

2,200 feet of 2½ inch hose

1,000 feet of 1½ inch hose

400 feet of chemical hose

300 feet of 1⅛ inch hose

One Davis Inhalator, two smoke masks, 2 foam type extinguishers, one CO₂ extinguisher, Oxygen and first aid equipment and other miscellaneous equipment.

Two hospital beds and one folding wheelchair. This equipment is available for public use through the Chief Engineer.

The Fire Department now has a membership of 42 active men. It has been divided into two groups. First call men answering single alarms for out of town, grass, brush, chimney fires, etc. Second call men answering two alarms which are sounded for building and all other major fires.

During the past year the firemen have been paid a straight dollar per hour for work at fires.

The department responded to seventeen fires in the district. The total fire loss for the year was \$3,756.00. Of this, \$2,556.00 was covered by insurance.

Fire Department Expenditures

Labor at fires		\$237.50
Cape & Vineyard, electricity		42.52
Water Department, water		25.50
New England Telephone, telephones		139.34
Estate of S. F. Scudder, fuel		171.59
Leonard Insurance Co., insurance		31.05
Esther Pierce, care of whistle		300.00
Edward Bearse, Jr., services		1.75
Walter Dottridge, services		2.50
William Cash, supplies and services		9.16
William Cash, salary as Chief		45.78
Robert Dottridge, services		8.50
I. L. Campbell, supplies		12.40
I. L. Campbell, salary as Chief		354.22
Peter Cabral, services		9.75
Frank G. Thacher, insurance		322.01
Santuit, Service Station, gasoline, etc.		37.62
Goodspeed's Garage, labor and services		17.20
Maynard Gifford, services		18.00
Antone Souza, services		5.25
Scudder's Service Station, express		.90
Edward H. Rugg, Kingston, Mass., supplies		16.92
Cotuit Grocery Co., supplies		.64
Maxim Motor Company, supplies		7.65
Lux Fire Equipment Co., recharging CO ₂ extinguisher		4.33
MacQuade Bros, Inc., battery		24.60
V. H. Nickerson Co., supplies		6.64
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		\$1,853.32
Balance		146.68
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Appropriated	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

Special Appropriation

Maxim Motor Company,		
Installing new primer on Diamond T		\$50.00
Antone Souza, services		5.00
Justin A. McCarthy Co., 400 feet 1½ in. hose		280.00
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		\$335.00
Appropriation	\$350.00	Balance
		\$15.00

Receipts

Recharging extinguishers	\$19.00
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Respectfully submitted,

I. LOUIS CAMPBELL,
Chief.

FRANKLIN H. CHILDS,
First Asst.

JOHN R. SOUZA,
Second Asst.

Report of Board of Water Commissioners

To the Citizens of the Cotuit Fire District:

We wish to submit our tenth annual report for the year ending December 31, 1946.

At the annual Fire District meeting, Kenneth Turner was reelected Water Commissioner for three years.

The water system continues to be in good condition, no unusual repairs being made. The elevated tank and structure has been thoroughly sand blasted and painted this year.

We are investigating the possibility of reducing the amount of rusty water in our system.

Twenty-two new services were installed, and one of the original construction services were turned on, making a total of 293 active services. We have 16 inactive services at this time.

Record of Water Pumped

Total pumped with diesel Motor	32,331,000 gals.
Total pumped with Gasoline Motor	78,000 gals.
Total pumped with Gasoline and Diesel	32,409,000 gals.
Largest Week July 14th to July 20th	1,737,000 gals.
Largest Day July 29th	360,000 gals.

All above from Venturi readings.

Financial		
	Expended	Appropriated
Interest	\$ 1,808.13	\$ 1,900.00
Services	943.47	1,000.00
Maintenance	9,204.00	9,955.00
Bond Payment	3,500.00	3,500.00
Extensions	218.18	1,000.00
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	\$15,673.78	\$17,355.00
Balance	1,681.22	
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	\$17,355.00	\$17,355.00

Receipts	
Water Rates	\$ 8,546.25
Meter Rental	359.50
Sale of Material	22.88
Service Connections	1,171.97
Refunds (Gasoline Tax)	6.00
Telephone	7.66
Hydrant Rental (1946)	3,350.00
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	\$13,464.26

Accounts Receivable 1946

Water Rates	\$145.50
Meter Rental	5.00
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	\$150.50

Expenditures		
Interest paid on	Appropriated	\$1,900.00
bond	\$1,808.13	
Balance	91.87	
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	\$1,900.00	\$1,900.00

Services			
Pipe, fittings and meters	\$ 787.91	Appropriated	\$1,000.00
Labor	155.56		
	<hr/> 943.47		
Balance	56.53		
	<hr/> \$1,000.00		<hr/> \$1,000.00

Extensions			
Pipe and fittings	\$152.72	Appropriated	\$1,000.00
Labor	65.46		
	<hr/> 218.18		
Balance	781.82		
	<hr/> \$1,000.00		<hr/> \$1,000.00

Maintenance			
Supt. Salary	\$2,785.00	Appropriated	\$9,955.00
Asst. Supt., salary	1,610.00		
Stationery & Postage	70.56		
Telephones	123.84		
New England			
Water Works	31.00		
Repair of System			
(Labor)	19.00		
Truck (Fuel, Ins. repair)	282.49		
Gas & Oil (Station)	465.95		
Freight & Express	8.70		
Electric Light and Power	122.30		
Tools & Hardware	165.82		
Unclassified	14.33		

Fuel Oil (Station Burner)	105.51	
Building & Equipment	34.67	
Insurance	560.07	
Office Supplies	21.02	
Supt., Bond	5.00	
Asst. Supt., Bond	5.00	
Pipe & fittings	31.74	
Rustop System	42.00	
Painting of Elevated Tank	2,700.00	
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	9,204.00	
Balance	751.00	
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	\$9,955.00	\$9,955.00

Financial Condition of Water Department

Water Department Expenditures 1946	\$15,673.78
Water Department Receipts 1946	13,464.26
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Water Department Deficit 1946	\$2,209.52
Water Department Reserve Fund	
December 31, 1945	\$8,665.33
Water Department Deficit 1946	2,209.52
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Water Department Reserve Fund	
December 31, 1946	\$6,455.81

Inventory

Stock on hand December 31, 1946	\$1,436.97
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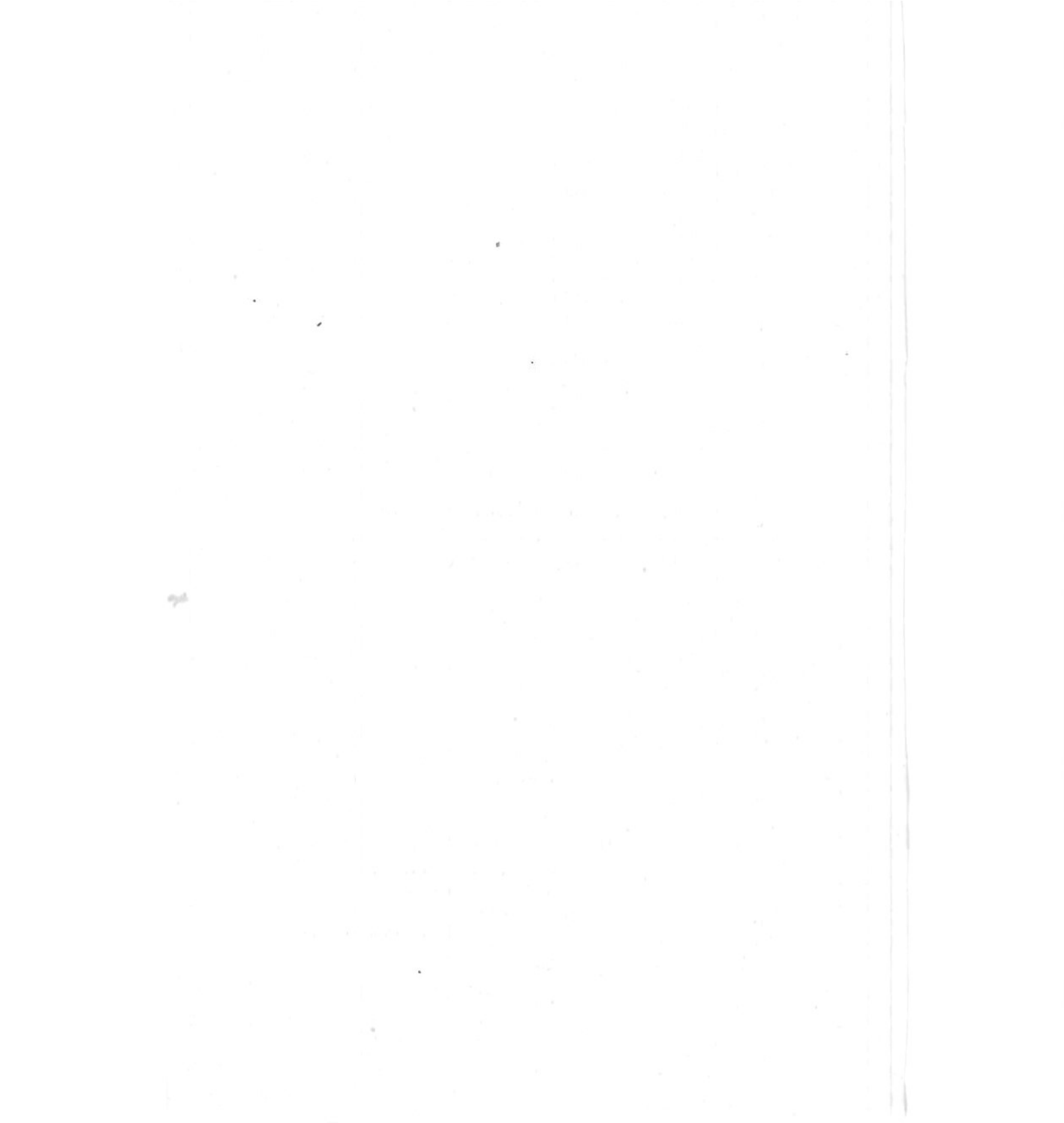
Respectfully submitted,

E. O. DOTTRIDGE, JR.

KENNETH TURNER

W. H. PERRY, SR.

Water Commissioners



COTUIT FIRE
DISTRICT

WARRANT

Annual Meeting, February 10th

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Warrant --- Annual Meeting 1947

To the Voters of the Cotuit Fire District:

You are hereby notified to meet in Freedom Hall, Cotuit on Monday, February 10, 1947, 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 assistant engineer, second assistant engineer, three auditors all for one year, and to elect any other legal officials not mentioned.

Article 3. To see if the District will authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the Prudential Committee, to borrow money on or after January 1, 1948 in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1948.

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, 1947 in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1947.

Article 5. To hear and act upon the reports of the District officers and committees.

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 years of 1947 and 1948.

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 \$2,000.00 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 \$2,050.00 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 \$500.00 for the expenses of Freedom Hall for the ensuing year.

Article 12. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,350.00 for the Water Department 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) \$1,800.00 for interest on the water bonds; (b) \$10,310.00 for operating and maintenance expenses of the Water Department; (c) \$2,500.00 for the Water Department for new services; (d) \$1,000.00 for the Water Department for extensions and (e) \$3,500.00 for the payment of the water bond maturing the current year.

Article 14. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16.80 for the purpose of furnishing a street light at Margaret Lander's Corner.

Article 15. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 for the purpose of repairing the $\frac{3}{4}$ -ton Dodge Truck of the Fire Department.

Article 16. To see if the District will vote to amend the By-Laws changing the term of office of the Chief Engineer from one year to "three years," same to become effective at the next annual meeting.

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

Per order of Prudential Committee,

FREDERICK L. HARLOW

WALTER C. SCUDDER

CECIL B. GOODALL

F. MAYNARD GIFFORD, JR.,

Clerk.

— NOTES —