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In Memoriam

A. SEABURY CHILDS

1863 - 1948

25 Years Fire Chief

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COTUIT FIRE DISTRICTS Annual Reports for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1948

Organization

Moderator Ira L. Campbell

Prudential Committee

Walter C. Scudder
Cecil B. Goodall
Frederick L. Harlow, Chairman

Term expires 1950
Term expires 1951
Term expires 1949

Clerk

F. Maynard Gifford

Treasurer

Herbert L. Snow

Board of Water Commissioners

E. Ormand Dottridge, Jr., Chairman William H. Perry, Sr., Clerk
Kenneth Turner

Term expires 1950
Term expires 1951
Term expires 1949

BOARD OF ENGINEERS

Chief

Ira L. Campbell

First Assistant Engineer John E. Frazier Second Assistant Engineer John R. Souza

Auditors

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

Annual Report of the Clerk

ANNUAL MEETING — COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT FEBRUARY 9, 1948

In accordance with the foregoing notice and the bylaws of the District, the annual meeting of the Cotuit Fire District was held in Freedom Hall on Monday, February 9, 1948 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. Charles Savery, Roger Burlingame, and Robert Dottridge 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:

Cecil B. Goodall, member of Prudential Committee for 3 years, 64*

John Newton 53, blanks 1 total 118.

William H. Perry, Sr., member of water commissioners for 3 years, 77*; Charles Savery 45, total 122.

F. Maynard Gifford, Jr., clerk 1 vote*

Herbert L. Snow, treasurer 1 vote*

L. Louis Campbell, chief engineer 77*, John E. Frazier 56, blanks 1, total 134

John E. Frazier, First Ass't. Eng. 1 vote*

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 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, 1949, 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, Chapteer 44, General Laws.

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Article 5. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted: That the reports of the officers of the District be accepted as printed.

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 1948 and 1949.

Article 7. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted: That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$27.10 to pay an unpaid bill.

Article 8. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted: That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$500. 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 \$2000. 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 \$2300. 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. 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 \$3350. 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) \$1650 for interest on water bonds.
- (b) \$12100. for operating and maintenance of the water dept.
- (c) \$2500. for the water dept. for new services.
- (d) \$1000. for the water dept. for extensions.
- (e) \$3500. 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 raise and appropriate the sum of \$200. for needed repairs at the fire station.

Article 15. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted: That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$32.88 for the purpose of paying the overdraft of Freedom Hall account.

Article 16. A motion duly made and seconded was lost "That the subject of zoning be discussed".

A rising vote of thanks was given the Water Commissioner.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted: That the Prudential Committee be asked to allow basketball in Freedom Hall.

Yes-65 No-35 Blanks-2

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted: That the District pay the moderator \$15. for his services.

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

Signed

F. MAYNARD GIFFORD JR.

Clerk, Coutit Fire District.

Appropriations this meeting:

| Voted to raise by taxation | \$ 9,009.98 |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Other appropriations | 20,765.00 |
| Total appropriations | \$29,774.98 |

Report of Treasurer

Year Ending December 31, 1948

Receipts

| Cash balance Jan. 1, 1948 | \$9,038.54 |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Tax Collector | 8,735.63 |
| Water Department | 18,215.64 |
| Freedom Hall | 150.00 |
| Town of Mashpee, oxygen | 15.86 |
| Recharging extinguisher | 2.00 |
| Fire Taxes redeemed | 1.02 |
| Insurance rebates | 22.96 |

Total receipts

\$36,190.65

Expenditures

| Water Department | \$16,063.32 |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Hydrant Rental | 3,350.00 |
| Freedom Hall | 524.79 |
| Financial Department | 435.36 |
| Fire Department | 1,908.11 |
| Street Lights | 2,217.89 |
| Fire House erpairs | 100.00 |
| Unpaid bills of 1947 | 27.10 |

Total expenditures

\$24,725.57

Cash balance Dec. 31, 1948

\$11,465.08

Financial Condition of District

Cash balance in Hyannis Trust Co. \$11,465.08 Due from Tax Collector 1948 levy 846.62

| Total | |
|-------|------|
| Water | Bond |

\$12,311.70 57,000.00

Valuation of District

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|------|--------|
| Keal | Estate |

\$2,762,310.00

Personal

326,430.00

Total valuation

\$3,088,740.10

Tax rate, 1948—\$3.00 per \$1000.00

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Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT L. SNOW,

Treasurer

Auditor's Report

To the Voters of the Cotuit 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

Mr. Francis X. Lang
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 period from January 1, 1947, the date of the previous examination, to May 11, 1948, 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 balance on May 11, 1948 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 May 11, 1948.

The payments 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.

All charges for water rates and services should be committed to the water collector with warrants issued by the water commissioners.

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 cooperation 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
Assistant Director of Accounts

Annual Report of the Prudential Committee

To the Citizens of the Cotuit Fire District:

Your Prudential Committee submits herewith its annual report for the year 1948.

At the annual Fire District meeting, Cecil B. Goodall was re-elected a member of the Prudential Committee for three years.

The tax rate for 1948 was \$3.00 per thousand. The warrant for the annual meeting for 1949 provides for the raising of \$9,700. If this amount is raised the tax rate for 1949, it is estimated, will be \$3.15. The tax levied in 1948 amounted to \$9729.40.

Freedom Hall was used 90 times during the year compared with 116 times in 1947. The Town of Barnstable, Recreation Committee, installed baskets, backboards, window guards, guard netting, treated the floor and opened the Hall for basket ball in November. They are now using the Hall three times weekly. our Ycommittee wishes to commend the Town Recreation Committee for their splendid cooperation in all matters pertaining to the Hall.

The interior of the Hall already shows evidences of the rough treatment it receives from the playing of basketball. The walls and ceiling have become considerably discolored and should be redecorated, but due to the fact that your committee recommends the outside painting of the Hall this year, they feel that the interior work can be postponed until next year.

The partition which enclosed the room used by the Arts & Crafts Dept. in the basement of the Hall, was removed, which adds considerably to the area available for the playing of games by the juniors. The Freedom Hall budget for 1949 calls for a considerable increase due to the additional heat, light and especially janitorial services required by the playing of basketball.

The Street Light budget for 1949 shows no change as your committee has had no requests for additional lights and recommends none.

| Freed | om Hal | l | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------|
| The expenditures were | | | |
| Water Dept. water | \$25.50 | | |
| Cape & Vineyard Co. | 1 1-20 1-100-6 | | |
| electricity | 73.64 | | |
| Stuart Scudder Est. fuel oil | 133.07 | | |
| Ellery Jones, janitor | 222.81 | | |
| Lawrence Stein, services | 1.50 | | |
| Edward Bearse, services | 4.00 | | |
| Cotuit Grocery Co. supplies | 9.43 | | |
| Hamlin & Fish, services & | | | |
| supplies | 17.16 | | |
| Home & Garden Shop, suppl | ies 1.18 | | |
| Robert F. Cross, supplies | 8.00 | | |
| Dyer Electric Co. services | 4.50 | | |
| W. C. Rennie, gravel & | | | |
| truckikng | 12.00 | | |
| F. M. Gifford, clerical service | es 12.00 | | |
| Total expenditures | \$524.79 | | |
| Balance | 75.21 | | |
| - | \$600.00 | Appropriated | \$600.00 |
| Street | Lights | | φοσο.σο |
| Cape & Vineyard Electric | 863 | | |
| | 2217.89 | | |
| Balance | 82.11 | | |

\$2300.00 Appropriated \$2300.00

Respectfully submitted

FREDERICK L. HARLOW WALTER C. SCUDDER CECIL B. GOODALL

Prudential Committee.

Annual Report of the Chief Engineer

Your Chief Engineer submits herewith his annual report:

Apparatus and Equipment

One 500 gallon Maxim pumper

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

One Dodge 1947 3/4 ton truck equipped with two way radio, small pump booster tank, etc.

2,200 feet of 2½ inch hose 900 feet of ½ inch hose 400 feet of ¾ inch booster hose

One Davis inhalator, two smoke masks, two foam type extinguishers, one C 02 extinguisher, oxygen and first aid equipment, and other miscellaneous equipment.

The Fire Department responded to ten calls, seven fires in the district, one fire and one drowning out of town, and joined in a search for a lost child in Cotuit.

The total loss by fire for the year was \$5.00, this being covered by insurance.

I have issued 311 permits for open fires and 39 permits for oil burner, fuel oil, and liquid gas installations.

Respectfully submitted

IRA L. CAMPBELL

Chief Engineer

January 1, 1949

| Fire Department Expenditures for | 1948 | |
|---|-------|------------|
| I. L. Campbell, salary as Chief | | \$400.00 |
| Frank G. Thatcher, insurance | | 37142 |
| Hazel Gifford, care of whistle | | 300.00 |
| New England Telephone Co. | | 130.04 |
| Cape & Vineyard Electric Co. | | 40.30 |
| Scudder Oil Co. | | 195.91 |
| Labor at fires | | 60.00 |
| Santuit Service Station, gasoline, oil, etc. | | 74.94 |
| Scudders Service Station, gasoline, oil, etc. | | 21.15 |
| Cotuit Water Department | | 25.50 |
| Ralph H. Patterson, insurance | | 111.20 |
| I. Louis Campbell, supplies | | 7.00 |
| Leslie Nute, servicing oil burner | | 9.50 |
| Corp Brothers, I tank of oxygen | | 15.86 |
| Goodspeed's Garage, services and supplies | | 18.05 |
| F. Maynard Gifford, clerical services | | 18.00 |
| Justin A. McCarthy, badges | | 40.24 |
| Edward Bearse, Jr., work on apparatus and | | |
| fire house . | | 45.00 |
| Richard Pierce, work on apparatus and fire | house | 24.00 |
| | - | \$1908.11 |
| Balance | | 91.89 |
| Appropriated \$2.000.00 | - | \$2,000.00 |
| Special Appropriation | | |
| Hamlin & Fish, repairing at fire house | | \$199.00 |
| Balance | | 1.00 |
| Appropriated \$200.00 | - | \$200.00 |
| Receipts | | |
| Town of Mashpee, 1 tank of oxygen | | \$15.86 |
| Insurance rebate | | 22.96 |
| | Total | \$ 38.82 |

Report of Board of Water Commissioners

To the Citizens of the Cotuit Fire District:

We wish to submit our twelfe annual report for the year ending December 31, 1948.

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

The demand for more water during dry periods at the height of the summer seasons, has steadily increased which has caused us much concern. After considerable study and work, together with the advice of our engineers a method has been found which has improved the flow from the wells. It is necessary that we now take steps to increase the capacity of our pumps. We have requested plans and estimates of costs be prepared by Whitman and Howard who were the original construction engineers. We feel that a larger pump and motor should be installed this year. It will be necessary to call a special District meeting when plans and estimates have been procured. If the demand for water continues to increase, additional expansion of the well system will be needed.

A number of inquiries for extensions of the water mains have been received. Labor and material costs have risen to a point which has made it difficult to meet the requirements regarding guarantees. We hope after further study that a means may be found to reduce the annual guarantee cost.

A review of previous reports indicates that the Water Department has developed much more rapidly than was originally anticipated. The number of takers, water use and consequent expense is considerably greater than estimated. On the other hand our receipts have been greater in the same proportion, to the end that water rates have not been effected and the tax rate for the support of the Water Department has steadily decreased.

Twenty new services were installed this year. We have 341 active services, and 10 inactive services at this time, making a total of 351 services installed.

Record of Water Pumped

| Total pumped with diesel motor | 37,362,000 | gals. |
|--|------------|-------|
| Total pumped with gasoline motor | 1,584,000 | |
| Total pumped with diesel and gasoline | 38,946,000 | |
| Largest week, August 22nd to August 28th | 2,769,000 | gals. |
| Largest Day, August 26th | 540,000 | |
| All above from Venturi readings | • | |

Financial

| | Expended | Appropriated |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Interest | \$ 1,615.63 | \$ 1,650.00 |
| Services | 2,426.37 | 2,500.00 |
| Maintenance | 7,882.86 | 12,100.00 |
| Extensions | 638.46 | 1,000.00 |
| Bond payment | 3,500.00 | 3,500.00 |
| | \$16,063.32 | \$20,750.00 |
| Balance | 4,686.68 | |
| | \$20,750.00 | \$20,750.00 |

Receipts

\$10,227.20

Water

| Hydrant Renlat | 3,350.00 |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Meter Rental | 428.50 |
| Service Connections | 4,171.42 |
| Refunds | 11.85 |
| Telephone | 17.57 |
| Meter Depairs | 9.10 |
| Total | \$18,215.64 |

Accounts Receivable 1948

| Accounts | s Receivable 1948 | |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Water | | \$ 885.90 |
| Meter Rental | | 10.50 |
| Meter Repairs | | 3.33 |
| Service Connections | | 211.80 |
| | | * 1,111.53 |
| Ex | penditures | |
| | Expended | Appropriated |
| Interest paid on bond | \$ 1,615.63 | \$ 1,650.00 |
| Balance | 34.37 | |
| e garage de la companya de la compan | \$ 1,650.00 | \$ 1,650.00 |
| | Services | |
| | Expended | Appropriated |
| Pipe, Fittings, and meter | rs \$ 2,047.43 | \$ 2,500.00 |
| Labor | 378.94 | |
| Balance | 73.63 | |
| - | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 2,500.00 |
| F | Extensions | |
| - | Expended | Appropriated |
| Pipe and Fittings | \$ 638.46 | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Balance | 361.54 | |
| - | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 |
| M | aintenance | |
| | Expended | Appropriated |
| Superintendent Salary | \$ 2,647.50 | \$12,100.00 |
| Ass't. Superintendent Sal | ary 2,382.50 | 6 5 5 C |
| Office supplies and postag | | |
| Telephones | 166.29 | |
| New England Watter Wo | rks 44.34 | |
| Maintenance of System | 75.06 | |
| Truck, (Gas, Oil, Insurane | ce) 326.60 | |

| Fuel (Station engines) | 797.89 | |
|--|--|-------------|
| Freight and Express | 25.09 | |
| Light and Power | 161.96 | |
| Station heating | 217.76 | |
| Tools and hardware | 139.12 | |
| Insurance | 175.99 | |
| Superintendent's Bond | 5.00 | |
| Ass't. Superintendent's Bond | 5.00 | |
| Rustop System | 84.00 | |
| Chemicals | 161.36 | |
| New Equipment | 35.50 | |
| Improvement on Wells | 31.00 | |
| Unclassified | 4.86 | |
| Refunds | 7.00 | |
| Motors & Pumps | | |
| (Maintenance & Repairs) | 275.59 | |
| Balance | 4,217.14 | |
| \$: | 12,100.00 | \$12,100.00 |
| Financial Condition | of Water Departme | ent |
| Water Department Receipts | 1948 | \$18,215.64 |
| Water Department Expenditures | | 16,063.32 |
| Balance Water Department Reserve | | \$ 2,152.32 |
| December 31, 1947 | runa | A 4000 == |
| Water Department Balance December 31, 1948 | | \$ 4,966.77 |
| water Department Dalance 1 | December 31, 1948 | 2,152.32 |
| Water Department Reserve I | Fund | |
| December 31, 1948 | | \$ 7,119.09 |
| | ntory | |
| Stock on hand December 31, | 1948 | \$ 1,685.77 |
| E. K | etfully submitted, . O. DOTTRIDGE, ENNETH TURNEI V. H. PERRY, SR. | |

COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT

WARRANT

Annual Meeting, February 14,

-1949 -

Warrant --- Annual Meeting 1949

To the Voters of the Cotuit Fire District:

You are hereby notified to meet in Freedom Hall, Cotuit on Monday, February 14, 1949 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, 1950, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1950.

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, 1949, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1949.

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

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 1949 and 1950.

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 \$2000. 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 \$2300. 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 \$950. 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) \$1,600.00 for interest on water bonds; (b) \$13,815.00 for operating and maintenance of the Water Department; (c) \$3,500.00 for the water department for new services; (d) \$1,000.00 for the water department for extensions; (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 a sum not to exceed \$350. for the purpose of painting the exterior surface of Freedom Hall.

Article 15. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$250. for the purpose of painting the exterior surface of the fire station.

Article 16. To see if the District will vote to instruct the Prudential Committee of the Cotuit Fire District to appeal to the Massachusetts State Legislature for an enabling act to permit the District to purchase and maintain war memorials.

Article 17. To see if the District will vote to instruct the Prudential Committee of the Cotuit Fire District to appeal to the Massachusetts State Legislature for an enabling act to permit the District to raise and appropriate funds for the assistance of the Cotuit Public Library.

Article 18. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Per order of Prudential Committee,

FREDERICK L. HARLOW
CECIL B. GOODALL
WALTER C. SCUDDER

F. MAYNARD GIFFORD, JR., Clerk.