

COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT
ANNUAL ELECTION AND DISTRICT MEETING
MAY 30 AND 31, 2017

TO THE CLERK OF THE COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT, GREETING:

You are hereby required and directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Barnstable residing within the territory comprising the Cotuit Fire District qualified to vote in District elections and affairs to meet at the Freedom Hall Main Street, Cotuit, on Tuesday, May 30, 2017, between the hours of four o'clock and eight o'clock PM, then and there to vote for the following officers:

One member of the Prudential Committee, for three years

One member of the Board of Fire Commissioners, for three years

One member of the Board of Water Commissioners, for three years

Warning shall also be given to said inhabitants to meet on Wednesday, May 31, 2017, at Freedom Hall, Main Street, Cotuit, at seven-thirty o'clock PM, when action will be taken on the following articles:

(All articles which are not followed by the words "by request of . . ." are inserted by the Prudential Committee.)

Article 1: To see if the District will vote to accept the reports of the officers and committees of the District as printed.

Article 2: To see if the District will vote to set the annual salaries of the elected officials as follows:
Prudential Committee Members, Members of the Board of Fire Commissioners and Members of the Board of Water Commissioners: **\$1,250.00** each; Moderator: **\$250.00** and Town Collector: **\$1,000.00**.

Article 3: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate the sum of **\$30,000.00** to establish the reserve fund as provided under Section 5C, Chapter 40 of the General Laws.

(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 4: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate:

\$74,870.00 for the labor and salaries for District's Finance Department; and

\$254,500.00 for the remaining expenses of the Prudential Committee, to be apportioned approximately as follows:

Maintenance, **\$0.00**,

Operating expenses, **\$254,500.00**, and

Miscellaneous, **\$0.00**

for a total appropriation of **\$329,370.00**.

(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 5: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/ or transfer and appropriate the sum of **\$3,000.00** to fund Health Insurance Negotiation Mitigation.

(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 6: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/ or transfer and appropriate the sum of **\$25,000.00** to fund a water system cost of service study.

(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 7: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate:

\$1,541,988.00 for the labor and salaries of District's Fire Department; and

\$320,450.00 for the remaining expenses of the Fire Department, to be apportioned approximately as follows:

Maintenance, \$83,500.00,
Operating expenses, \$235,950.00, and
Miscellaneous, \$1,000.00
for a total appropriation of \$1,862,438.00.
(Requested by the Board of Fire Commissioners)
(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 8: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate the sum of \$55,000.00 to replace the Fire Station's Septic System.
(Requested by the Board of Fire Commissioners)
(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 9: To see if the District will vote to modify Article 7 of the May 27, 2015 Annual District Meeting as voted regarding the disposal of a 1990 Pierce Lance fire apparatus, VIN# 4P1CT02D3LA000360 to allow the Board of Fire Commissioners to dispose of the fire apparatus by donation to the Barnstable Fire Academy.
(Requested by the Board of Fire Commissioners)
(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 10: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate:
\$26,000.00 for the Water Department for service connections
\$314,942.00 for labor and salaries of the Water Department; and
\$280,500.00 for the remaining expenses of the Water Department, to be apportioned approximately as follows:

\$78,000.00 for maintenance;
\$198,500.00 for operations; and
\$4,000.00 for miscellaneous expenses

for a total appropriation of \$621,442.00 and that the receipts and revenues of the Water Department be applied to these amounts.

(Requested by the Board of Water Commissioners)

Article 11: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$500,000.00 for Water Systems Upgrades; or take any action relative thereto.
(Requested by the Board of Water Commissioners)
(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 12: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate:

\$4,700.00 for the labor and salaries for District Buildings Maintenance Department; and

\$17,460.00 for the remaining expenses of the Prudential Committee, to be apportioned approximately as follows:

Maintenance, **\$11,850.00,**

Operating expenses, **\$5,510.00,** and

Miscellaneous, **\$100.00**

for a total appropriation of **\$22,160.00.**

(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 13: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate **\$25,000.00** for a space needs review for the Cotuit Fire District.

(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 14: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate **\$25,000.00** for the demolition of the District's building located at 56 High Street.

(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 15: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate **\$10,400.00** to maintain the street lights of the District.

(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 16: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate **\$20,225.00** to support the Maintenance of the Cotuit Library.

(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 17: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate **\$421,182.00** for payment of principal and interest.

(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 18: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate the sum of **\$1,058,960.00** for the purpose of paying employee/other post-employment benefits.

(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 19: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate the sum of **\$25,000.00** for the Stabilization Fund as provided under Section 5B, Chapter 40, of the General Laws.

(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 20: To see if the District will vote to amend Article 4 of the May 25, 2016 Annual District Meeting to incorporate a reallocation of expenditures and to further transfer **\$20,000.00** from available funds to said article.

(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 21: To see if the District will vote to amend Article II, Section 3, District Meetings and Elections, of the Cotuit Fire District's Bylaws to read "The Clerk shall give notice of the Annual District Meetings by publishing the same in a newspaper printed within the Town of Barnstable, and shall post such notice on the Town of Barnstable and Cotuit Fire District's web sites, said publishing and posting to be completed not less than seven days prior to the meeting. Special District meetings shall be published in the same manner but not less than fourteen days prior to the meeting."

(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 22: To see if the District will vote to amend Article III, Finances, of the Cotuit Fire District's Bylaws by adding a Section 4 to read " All boards, departments and committees of the Cotuit Fire District must first secure voter authorization at the annual or duly called special meeting of the Cotuit Fire District, prior to disposing of any District owned lands, or prior to entering into any contract(s) that have a duration of time that extends for two years or more, or has consideration or the monetary equivalent of same equal to ten thousand dollars or more.

(Requested by Citizen Petition)

Hereof fail not to make due return of this warrant and your doings thereon at said meeting.

Given under our hands this First day of May 2017.

Frances S. Parks
Laurie C. Hadley
Stanley Goldstein
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

A True Copy, attest:

Charles W. Eager, Clerk
Cotuit Fire District