

COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT
ANNUAL ELECTION AND DISTRICT MEETING
MAY 28 AND 29, 2019

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 28, 2019, 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

Moderator, for three year

Warning shall also be given to said inhabitants to meet on Wednesday, May 29, 2019, 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.

(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

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**.

(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

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:

\$99,900.00 for the labor and salaries for District's Finance Department; and

\$260,740.00 for the remaining expenses of the Prudential Committee, to be apportioned approximately as follows:

Operating expenses, **\$260,740.00**, and
Miscellaneous, **\$0.00**

for a total appropriation of **\$360,640.00**.

(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 5: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate the sum of **\$24,600.00** to continue the District's Space Needs Study.

(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 6: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate:

\$1,683,539.00 for the labor and salaries of District's Fire Department; and

\$337,650.00 for the remaining expenses of the Fire Department, to be apportioned approximately as follows:

Maintenance, **\$77,500.00**,
Operating expenses, **\$259,150.00**, and
Miscellaneous, **\$1,000.00**

for a total appropriation of **\$2,021,189.00.**

(By the request of the Board of Fire Commissioners)

(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 7: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate from available funds and/or borrow and appropriate the sum of **\$100,000.00** to make repairs to the Fire Station as required by the Massachusetts Department of Labor and Standards and other necessary repairs.

(By the request of 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 from available funds and/or borrow and appropriate the sum of **\$60,000.00** to purchase 7 Airpacks and 13 air tanks.

(By the request of the Board of Fire Commissioners)

(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 9: 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

\$362,410.00 for labor and salaries of the Water Department; and

\$302,499.00 for the remaining expenses of the Water Department, to be apportioned approximately as follows:

\$75,500.00 for maintenance;

\$225,499.00 for operations; and

\$1,500.00 for miscellaneous expenses

for a total appropriation of **\$690,909.00.**

(By the request of the Board of Water Commissioners)

(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 10: To see if the District will vote to amend the District By-laws by deleting Article IX, Section 5 as written and replace it with the following:

Section 5: A Stabilization Fund is hereby established for the sole use of the Water Department in accordance with MGL Ch. 40, Section 5B, as amended 2016. The Water Department Stabilization Fund will be funded annually in an amount equal to the aggregate of **\$20.00** per meter for every active meter listed in the preceding December's Water Department census of accounts. The fund will be accounted as a

separate stabilization fund by the Treasurer. The Water Department Stabilization Fund is to be used to fund any properly approved lawful expenditure of the Cotuit Water Department. As per statute, any expenditure to be funded by the Water Department Stabilization Fund will require a 2/3's majority of those present and voting at a District Meeting.

(By the request of the Board of Water Commissioners)

(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 11: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate:

\$4,963.00 for the labor and salaries for District Buildings Maintenance Department; and

\$19,196.00 for the remaining expenses of the Prudential Committee, to be apportioned approximately as follows:

Maintenance, **\$12,157.00**,

Operating expenses, **\$6,859.00**, and

Miscellaneous, **\$180.00**

for a total appropriation of **\$24,159.00**.

(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 12: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate **\$6,000.00** to maintain the street lights of the District.

(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 13: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate **\$21,690.00** to support the Maintenance of the Cotuit Library.

(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 14: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate **\$475,024.00** for payment of principal and interest.

(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 15: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate and /or borrow and appropriate the sum of **\$961,955.00** for the purpose of paying employee/other post-employment benefits.

(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 16: 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 17: To see if the District will accept and adopt Massachusetts General Law Chapter 53, Section 18B relating to Questions on the District Ballot.

(By the request of a Citizen Petition)

(The Prudential Committee does not recommend this Article)

Article 18: To see if the District will amend Article II, Section 5a of the By-laws by inserting "**and Questions**" after the words nomination papers. So that it would read...Upon receipt of valid nomination papers **and Questions**, the Clerk shall have prepared printed ballots, including absentee ballots, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws.

(By the request of a Citizen Petition)

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

Given under our hands this twenty-ninth day of April 2019.

Frances S. Parks
Lisa Mycock-Kelly
Silvio Genao
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

A True Copy, attest:

Charles W. Eager, Clerk
Cotuit Fire District