

COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT
ANNUAL ELECTION AND DISTRICT MEETING
May 30 AND 31, 2023

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 May 30, 2023, 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, 2023, 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; and Moderator: **\$250.00**
(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 **\$45,000.00** 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:
\$115,792.00 for the labor and salaries for District's Finance Department; and
\$289,680.00 for the remaining expenses of the Prudential Committee, to be apportioned approximately as follows:
Operating expenses, **\$288,680.00**, and
Miscellaneous, **\$1,000.00**
for a total appropriation of **\$405,472.00**.
(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 5: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate:
\$2,083,340.00 for the labor and salaries of District's Fire Department; and
\$376,304.00 for the remaining expenses of the Fire Department, to be apportioned approximately as follows:
Maintenance, **\$81,070.00**,
Operating expenses, **\$294,234.00**, and
Miscellaneous, **\$1,000.00**
for a total appropriation of **\$2,459,644.00**.
(By the request of the Board of Fire Commissioners)
(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 6: 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 **\$65,000.00** for additional funds to purchase a replacement ambulance.
(By the request of the Board of Fire Commissioners)
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(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 **\$10,000.00** for the performance of a cyber security review.

(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 **\$51,000.00** for the purchase of a cardiac monitor.

(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:

\$35,000.00 for the Water Department for service connections

\$456,551.00 for labor and salaries of the Water Department; and

\$361,475.00 for the remaining expenses of the Water Department, to be apportioned approximately as follows:

\$97,700.00 for maintenance;

\$262,275.00 for operations; and

\$1,500.00 for miscellaneous expenses

for a total appropriation of **\$853,026.00**

(By the request of the Board of Water Commissioners)

(The Prudential Committee does not recommend this Article)

Article 10: 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 **\$200,000.00** for the repair and upgrading on certain water Mains.

(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:

\$5,999.00 for the labor and salaries for District Buildings Maintenance; and

\$20,531.00 for the remaining expenses of the Prudential Committee, to be apportioned approximately as follows:

Maintenance, **\$12,525.00**,

Operating expenses, **\$7,906.00**, and

Miscellaneous, \$100.00
for a total appropriation of \$26,530.00.
(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 12: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate from available funds the sum of \$7,410.00 to maintain the streetlights 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 from available funds the sum of \$26,000.00 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 from available funds and/or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$406,602.00 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 from available funds and/or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$913,322.00 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 from available funds the sum of \$35,000.00 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 vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate from available funds the sum of \$46,080.00 for the Water Department Stabilization Fund as provided under Article IX, Section 5 of the District By-Laws
(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 18: To see if the District will vote to authorize the Prudential Committee to complete the acceptance of intergovernmental transfer from the Town of Barnstable of 8.5+ acres of the so-called Cotuit Elementary School property at 140 Old Oyster Road, which will also include the acquisition of a Conservation Restriction in an adjacent 5+ acre parcel.

(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 19: To see if the District will vote to revise the District By-laws, Article XI, Section 11 by deleting "citizens of the District" and replacing it with "individuals".

The Section now reads: The Prudential Committee, The Board of Fire Commissioners, and the Board of Water Commissioners may from time to time appoint a panel of citizens of the District to act as an ad hoc committee to study and advise on subjects of interest to the District.

After the change the Section shall read: The Prudential Committee, The Board of Fire Commissioners, and the Board of Water Commissioners may from time to time appoint a panel of "individuals" to act as an ad hoc committee to study and advise on subjects of interest to the District.
(By request of the By-law Committee)

(The Prudential Committee recommends this Article)

Article 20: To allow the Prudential Committee to petition to the state legislature for enabling legislation which would allow the Cotuit Fire District to raise and appropriate monies for the operational needs of the Historical Society of Santuit and Cotuit, in the Town of Barnstable. This is a non-binding referendum.

(By request of a Citizen Petition)

(The Prudential Committee does not recommend this Article)

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

Given under our hands this second day of May 2023.

Frances S. Parks
Seth Burdick
Mark W. Lynch
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

A True Copy, attest:

Charles W. Eager, Clerk
Cotuit Fire District