

COTUIT
FIRE DISTRICT

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Annual Reports
of
1938

COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT

Annual Reports for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1938

Organization

Moderator

Peter Campbell

Prudential Committee

Milton H. Crocker	Term expires in 1939
Theron Apollonio	Term expires in 1940
Calvin D. Crawford	Term expires in 1941

Clerk

F. Maynard Gifford

Treasurer

Herbert L. Snow

Board of Water Commissioners

William H. Perry, Sr.	Term expires in 1939
Kenneth Turner	Term expires in 1940
E. Ormand Dottridge, Jr.	Term expires in 1941

BOARD OF ENGINEERS

Chief

Alexander S. Childs

First Assistant Engineer	Warren Campbell
Second Assistant Engineer	Herbert Gifford

Auditors

Bertram F. Ryder	Udell Perry	Edward Bearse
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Annual Report of The Clerk

To the Voters of the Cotuit Fire District :

I submit herewith my report for the year 1938. The District held three meetings as follows:

Annual Meeting January 10th, 1938

Special Meeting May 3rd, 1938

Special Meeting August 29th, 1938

The detailed records of the meetings are on file at my office.

The sum of \$10,900.12 was raised by taxation in 1938 making a tax rate of \$4.10.

Respectfully submitted,

F. MAYNARD GIFFORD, JR.

Clerk.

Report of Treasurer

Year ending December 31, 1938

Receipts

Cash balance January 1, 1938	\$2,958 10
Tax Collector	10,655 73
Water Department	10,917 86
Freedom Hall	343 05
Outside fires	50 00
Tax refunds	106 34
Sale of old engine house and stock	208 56
Freight rebate	3 00
Temporary loans	8,000 00
Total receipts	<u>\$33,242 64</u>

Expenditures

Water Department	\$5,906 22
Fire Department	2,095 60
Financial department	499 33
Freedom hall	605 20
Street lights	1,853 77
Engine house project	4,020 35
Chairs (Freedom Hall)	501 50
Overdraft (Fire department 1937)	47 00
Hose and equipment	254 03
Special appropriation Town of Barnstable	54 00
Apparatus note	1,000 00
Moderator	15 00
Oil burner (Engine house)	499 21
Balance 1937 hydrant rental	3,015 27
1938 hydrant rental	3,300 00
Temporary loans	6,000 00
Total expenditures	<u>29,666 48</u>
Cash balance December 31, 1938	<u>\$3,576 16</u>

Financial Condition of District

Cash balance in Hyannis Trust Company		
General account	\$3,576	16
Special account (bond premium, etc.)	2,203	39
Due from Tax Collector 1937 levy	368	52
Due from Tax Collector 1938 levy	2,391	96
Total		\$8,540 03
Outstanding note on apparatus	\$1,000	00
Temporary loan note	2,000	00
Water bonds	92,000	00
Unpaid bills	302	79
Due district from outside fires	463	00

Valuation of District

Real estate	\$2,398,180	00
Personal	255,330	00
Total valuation		\$2,653,510 00

Tax rate, 1938—\$4.10 per \$1,000.00

Financial Department Expenses in Detail

Appropriation		\$500 00
Printing	\$145	75
Certification of notes	4	00
Interest on temporary loans	38	09
Interest on apparatus note	37	50
Postage and books	12	63
Taxes refunded	2	46

Treasurer's bond	30 00	
Safe in Fire House	78 00	
Office supplies	90	
Legal services	25 00	
Clerk's salary	25 00	
Treasurer's salary	100 00	
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Total	\$499 33	
Balance to revenue	67	
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	\$500 00	\$500 00

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT L. SNOW,
Treasurer.

Annual Report of the Prudential Committee

To the Voters of Cotuit Fire District :

Your Prudential Committee submits herewith its report for the year ending December 31, 1938.

The assessed value of the district on December 31, 1938 is as follows :

Personal estate	\$255,330 00
Real estate	2,398,180 00
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Total valuation	\$2,653,510 00

The increase in total valuation over 1937 is \$32,820.00.

The tax rate for 1938 was \$4.10. The total amount raised by the District by taxation during 1938 was \$10,900.12. The total amount called for on the warrant for the 1939 annual meeting is \$11,177.19. This amount requires a tax rate of about \$4.22.

The regular monthly meeting of the Prudential Committee is held on the Monday following the second Friday in each month. The meeting is usually held at the fire chief's office at the fire house at 8:00 p.m.

In accordance with the vote of the District at the last annual meeting, arrangements have been made with the Director of Accounts, Massachusetts Department of Corporations and Taxation, to set up the books of the District in approved form and audit them each year. The audit will be made at the same time that this work is done for the Town of Barnstable. Your officers have consulted the Director of Accounts relative to the financial affairs of the District on several occasions.

It will be noted that the expenditures in all departments with the exception of the Water Department cover approximately thirteen months. Consequently some unpaid bills appear. Prior to 1939 when the annual meeting was held early in January the books were closed at the December meeting of the Prudential Committee in order to permit the printing of the reports prior to the annual District meeting. As, however, the Massachusetts Department of Taxation will undoubtedly require that the books be kept open until December 31st it was deemed best to do so this year. Thus expense incurred covered more than a twelve-month period.

During the year the new fire house was completed and turned over to the Fire Company which is now for the first time adequately housed. With the payment of the last fire truck note of \$1,000.00 in 1939, all special expenditures, with the exception of the water bonds, required to bring about a low insurance rate will have been met.

In the preface of a pamphlet printed in 1839 and entitled "The Cape Cod Centennial Celebration at Barnstable" we quote these words referring to the third Centennial: "In no case let that day pass without solemnity but celebrate the third day of that ninth month called September." We quote further from this pamphlet regarding the celebration in 1839: "It was indeed a proud day for Cape Cod and its moral influences will long be felt in the increased estimation abroad of the persevering industry and substantial worth of her sons and daughters which had before been formed rather from the barrenness of her soil than the development of her social virtues May another hundred years find her a hundred fold advanced in frugal prosperity, substantial virtue and social happiness." It would appear altogether fitting that the District do its part toward making the third Centennial of the founding

of the town a memorable affair. The Town Committee has decided to centralize the celebration in each village for one week and has requested the appointment of a local committee in each village. Cotuit's week is the second week in July. Your committee is already active. We believe it is proper to provide means for carrying on this celebration in Cotuit in a fitting manner.

The use of Freedom Hall has increased almost 20% over 1937. During the past year this use has been for groups of local residents and for affairs without admission charge. There is considerable complaint that the charges made are too high for some groups to pay. There have been some demands that the banquet hall be provided with furnishings and equipment. Inquiries have been made as to the possibility of using the hall as a community center.

At present charges to village people for community use are based on the cost of heat, light and janitor service. For commercial or use by other than District residents charges are comparable to privately owned halls in the vicinity. The Prudential Committee recommends that the District permit that charges for community use of the hall be based on the cost of light and heat, the District carrying the cost of janitor service.

The banquet room will require an expenditure of about \$1,000.00 to provide china, silver, tables and chairs for 200 people. If the District decides to provide this equipment, the expenditures might well be spread over four years. Had such equipment been available in 1938 it is believed that it would have been used from six to eight times.

The community center movement is gaining ground all over Cape Cod. The expense of heat, light and equipment is not great. A competent director on duty at all times when a center is open is absolutely essential. Most neighboring

projects today are depending upon WPA directors. Most successful community centers are being operated by incorporated bodies of interested citizens. It appears to your committee that while the District might well provide the equipment for such a center it will be necessary for a group of interested citizens to form a responsible operating body and to provide an adequate director.

Street Lights

There are 118 street lights in use as follows:
 103 year-round lights and 16 summer (6 mos.) lights
 Each year round light costs \$16.80 a year.
 Each summer light costs \$9.00 a year.

During the year two new year-round lights were added on Town Landing Road. Below is given an accounting of the 1938 appropriation.

Appropriation		\$1,874 40
Paid Cape & Vineyard		
(12 months)	\$1,853 77	
Due for December (1 month)	144 20	
Expense incurred beyond appropriation		123 57
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	\$1,997 97	\$1,997 97

Freedom Hall

Freedom hall was used 103 times during the year 1938, an increase over 1937 of 21 times. In March it was used 19 times. The hall was used without charge six times as follows: District meetings three times, primary school show, Terecentenary Committee meeting and Christmas party. Cash receipts for the use of the hall for 1938 were \$341.05. Twenty more chairs were purchased, bringing the total owned by the District up to 160. Expenses incurred are as follows and cover a period of approximately thirteen months:

E. F. Baker, trucking	\$6 00
Cape & Vineyard Electric Co., light	70 48
Cotuit Grocery Co., supplies	16 79
Cotuit Water Dept.	31 50
Dyer Electric Co., servicing heater	6 25
F. M. Gifford, clerical work	4 75
Goodall Electric Co., supplies	3 70
John Hineckley & Sons Co., posts	5 12
E. L. Hoxie, insurance	30 00
Byron Jackson, tables	26 47
E. L. Jones, services	277 00
Fred Nickerson, painting shuffle board court	15 00
Fred Nickerson, painting floor stripes	6 50
Horace Nickerson, insurance	33 30
Norfolk Stores, wax	1 56
Stuart Scudder, fuel oil	44 00
Scudder's Service Station, express	5 08
Henry S. Wolkins Co., chairs	71 00
Henry S. Wolkins Co., thresholds (portable)	25 00

Total expense incurred	\$679 50
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Summary of Expenditures:

Appropriated	\$600 00
Cash Expenditures	\$605 20
Unpaid bills	74 30
Expense incurred beyond appropriation	79 50
	<u>\$679 50</u>
	<u>\$679 50</u>

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. CRAWFORD,
M. H. CROCKER,
THERON APOLLONIO,
Prudential Committee.

Annual Fire Report of Board of Engineers

The Board of Engineers submits herewith its thirteenth annual report covering the year ending December 31, 1938.

APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT

1. A 500-gallon Maxim pump put into commission in 1937.
2. One Dodge $\frac{3}{4}$ ton truck with a 100-gallon pump put into commission in 1927. This truck has been completely rebuilt and a new Ames and Leonard pump has been installed, the body taken off and the tank set down on the chassis. A reel has been put on for coiling the hose instead of using the basket. A step has also been added on the back. These with some other changes have made this a very good piece of apparatus for forest fire work. We carry 750 feet of chemical and forest fire hose on this piece. It has been newly painted so it is in good condition except that there may have to be some new tires purchased for it in the near future. The cost of rebuilding this piece was \$616.95. A balance of \$254.03 remaining in the special appropriation for equipment was used. The remainder of the cost was absorbed in the annual appropriation.
3. One Ford, model T, purchased prior to the organization of the District which we use to carry hose, shovels, brooms, etc., for forest fire work as well as extra $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch hose to supply the Dodge piece.
4. 1,000 feet of $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch hose in good condition.
5. 1,150 feet of $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch hose in fair condition.

6. 750 feet of chemical hose in good condition, 200 feet of which was purchased this year to replace 200 feet in poor condition.
7. One inhalator, two smoke masks, six pump cans, four hand chemicals besides other miscellaneous equipment.

The personnel consists of one chief engineer, one first assistant, one second assistant, one captain, one lieutenant and twenty-three men. The men are paid as follows: \$1.00 for the first hour's service and 50 cents for each succeeding hour.

FIRES

The Department has responded to 15 calls during the year. [REDACTED] of these five were outside the District. Property losses amounted to but \$100.00. The chief engineer has issued 96 fire permits, two for fireworks, and has inspected nine oil burners and containers during the year.

In the short time the Fire Company has occupied the new fire house the company has shown renewed interest. We have started a fire school with a ten-lesson course in the science of fire fighting conducted by authorized State instructors.

In our annual report last year we recommended purchasing some rubber coats and boots, but owing to the extra expense on the Dodge piece we did not purchase them but we do feel that we should have some this year.

Charges made for services of the fire department outside the District amount to \$463. Attention of the voters is directed to the fact that the expense incurred in making these out-of-the-District runs is paid for out of the regular appropriation.

In behalf of the Fire Company the Board of Engineers wishes to thank Mr. Carter and Mr. Pemberton Whitecomb for the office furniture presented the new building; Mrs. Charles Riley and Miss Mabel Riley for the gift of chairs for the assembly room; Mr. Robert Wesson for the gift of a piano and Mr. C. A. Cottrell for putting the piano in condition.

An itemized account of the expenditures of the Department which cover approximately thirteen months is given below.

Detail of expense incurred:

1. Labor at Fires—

Fire at Mashpee, Jan. 26, 1938

Herbert Gifford	\$1 50
Herbert Snow	1 50
Warren Campbell	1 50
Louis Campbell	1 50
Ormand Dottridge	1 50
Fred Savery	1 50
Harry Crocker	1 50
Franklin Childs	1 50
Myron Ryder	1 50
John Souza	1 50
E. L. Hoxie	1 50
Robert Doane	1 50
Sturgis Behlman	1 50
Edward Bearse	1 50
Kenneth Turner	1 50
Albert Smith	1 50
Harry West	1 50
Merton Dottridge	1 50
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Fire at Garcia's, Santuit, Mar. 21, 1938

Robert Doane	\$1 00	
Harry West	1 00	
Louis Campbell	1 00	
Warren Campbell	1 00	
Herbert Gifford	1 00	
Myron Ryder	1 00	
John Souza	1 00	
Merton Dottridge	1 00	
Fred Savery	1 00	
Harry Crocker	1 00	
Kenneth Turner	1 00	
		————— \$11 00

Fire at Emil Rogers, Santuit, Mar. 21, 1938

Louis Campbell	\$1 00	
Warren Campbell	1 00	
Sturgis Behlman	1 00	
Franklin Childs	1 00	
Merton Dottridge	1 00	
Myron Ryder	1 00	
Ormand Dottridge	1 00	
Ernest Dottridge	1 00	
John Souza	1 00	
		————— \$9 00

Fire at Mary Crocker's, Mar. 22, 1938

Ormand Dottridge	\$1 00	
Herbert Gifford	1 00	
		————— \$2 00

Fire at Mashpee, Mar. 26, 1938

Myron Ryder	\$1 00	
Warren Campbell	1 00	
Louis Campbell	1 00	
Ormand Dottridge	1 00	

Merton Dottridge	1 00
Robert Doane	1 00
Harry West	1 00
Herbert Gifford	1 00
Kenneth Turner	1 00
John Souza	1 00
Albert Smith	1 00
Fred Savery	1 00
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	\$12 00

Fire at David Hamblin's, Mar. 28, 1938

Herbert Gifford	\$1 00
Franklin Childs	1 00
Sturgis Behlman	1 00
Myron Ryder	1 00
Warren Campbell	1 00
Harry West	1 00
Harry Crocker	1 00
Robert Doane	1 00
John Souza	1 00
Ormand Dottridge	1 00
Ernest Dottridge	1 00
Everett Hoxie	1 00
Herbert Snow	1 00
Edward Bearse	1 00
Albert Smith	1 00
Kenneth Turner	1 00
Merton Dottridge	1 00
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	\$17 00

Fire at Airport, Marstons Mills, Mar. 29, 1938

Ormand Dottridge	\$1 50
Louis Campbell	2 00
Robert Doane	1 50
Harry West	1 50

John Souza	1 50	
Warren Campbell	1 50	
Herbert Gifford	1 50	
Franklin Childs	1 50	
Merton Dottridge	1 50	
Sturgis Behlman	3 00	
		————— \$17 00

Fire at Howes', Little River, Apr. 7, 1938

Ormand Dottridge	\$1 00	
Harry West	1 00	
Sturgis Behlman	1 00	
Merton Dottridge	1 00	
Warren Campbell	1 00	
Louis Campbell	1 00	
Franklin Childs	1 00	
Robert Doane	1 00	
Fred Savery	1 00	
Henry Robbins	1 00	
Herbert Gifford	1 00	
Kenneth Turner	1 00	
		————— \$12 00

Fire at Ezra Gifford's Hen House, May 7, 1938

Harry Crocker	\$1 00	
Albert Smith	1 00	
Harry West	1 00	
George Campbell	1 00	
Warren Campbell	1 00	
Ernest Dottridge	2 00	
Ormand Dottridge	1 00	
Merton Dottridge	1 00	
John Souza	1 00	
Edward Bearse	1 00	
Kenneth Turner	1 00	
Louis Campbell	1 00	

Francis Rennie	1 00	
Myron Behlman	1 00	
Wallace Ryder, Jr.	1 00	
Sturgis Behlman	1 00	
Henry Robbins	1 00	
Edward Ashley	1 00	
E. L. Hoxie	1 00	
Robert Doane	1 00	
Franklin Childs	1 00	
Fred Savery	1 00	
Herbert Gifford	1 00	
Myron Ryder	1 00	
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		\$25 00

Fire at John's Pond, Mashpee, Apr. 27, 1938

Harry West	\$4 00	
Edward Bearse	4 00	
John Souza	4 00	
Louis Campbell	4 00	
George Campbell	4 00	
Sturgis Behlman	4 00	
Merton Dottridge	5 00	
Warren Campbell	4 00	
Kenneth Turner	4 00	
Ormand Dottridge	4 00	
Herbert Gifford	4 00	
Robert Doane	3 00	
Fred Savery	2 00	
Donald Grauer	1 50	
Robert Dottridge	1 50	
Weston Gifford	1 50	
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		\$54 50

Fire at Frank Wesson's, Apr. 12, 1938

Ormand Dottridge	\$1 00	
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		\$1 00

Patrolling April 24, 1938	
Ormand Dottridge	\$3 00
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Fire at McLeod's, Little River, Apr. 20, 1938	
Ormand Dottridge	\$1 00
Warren Campbell	1 00
Herbert Gifford	1 00
Henry Robbins	1 00
	<hr/> \$4 00
Fire at Santuit, Back of Post Office, Mar. 21, 1938	
Myron Ryder	\$1 00
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Night of July 4th, 1938	
Warren Campbell	\$4 00
Herbert Gifford	4 00
Robert Doane	4 00
Merton Dottridge	4 00
Kenneth Turner	4 00
Seaver Harlow	4 00
Franklin Childs	4 00
Sturgis Behlman	4 00
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Fire at Irving Brackett's Dump, July 5, 1938	
George Campbell	\$2 00
Herbert Gifford	2 00
Harry Crocker	2 00
Louis Campbell	2 00
Warren Campbell	2 00
Fred Savery	2 00
Myron Ryder	2 00

Wallace Ryder, Jr.	2 00	
Francis Rennie	2 00	
Edward Ashley	2 00	
Seaver Harlow	2 00	
Frank Frazier	2 00	
Merton Dottridge	2 00	
Ormand Dottridge	2 00	
Ernest Dottridge	2 00	
Everett Hoxie	2 00	
John Souza	2 00	
Edward Bearse	2 00	
Harry West	2 00	
Kenneth Turner	2 00	
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Fire on Addison Pell's Boat, July, 1938

Myron Behlman	\$1 00	
Harry Crocker	1 00	
George Campbell	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$3 00

Fire at Antone Botellio's, Dec. 25, 1938

Herbert Gifford	\$1 00	
Ormand Dottridge	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$2 00

Fire at Richard Peters', Mashpee, Dec. 29, 1938

Ernest Dottridge	\$1 50	
Herbert Gifford	3 00	
Fred Savery	1 50	
Kenneth Turner	3 00	
Louis Campbell	1 50	
Merton Nickerson	3 00	
Ormand Dottridge	3 00	

Myron Ryder	3 00
Francis Rennie	3 00
Wallace Ryder, Jr.	1 50
Edward Ashley	1 50
George Campbell	4 00
Merton Dottridge	4 00
Warren Campbell	1 50
John Souza	1 50
Harry Crocker	1 50
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	\$38 00
Total Labor at Fires	<hr/>
	\$310 50

2. Other Expense:

American Fire Equipment Co., badges	\$10 68
American Fire Equipment Co., hose	53 39
American Fire Equipment Co., repairs and supplies	12 33
E. F. Baker, trucking	4 00
William Cash, repairs	6 10
George Campbell, labor on apparatus	2 00
Warren Campbell, labor	6 00
Warren Campbell, taking apparatus to factory	4 50
Cape & Vineyard, electricity	59 29
A. S. Childs, salary	200 00
Cotuit Water Department	30 28
Cotuit Grocery Co., shovels, brooms and supplies	18 99
Ruth Crocker, typing	3 75
R. H. Doane, supplies	4 00
E. O. Dottridge, Jr., investigation	1 90
E. O. Dottridge, Jr., labor on hose	1 00
E. O. Dottridge, Jr., labor and material	16 68

Falmouth Ave. Service Station, inspection, etc.	17 50
H. Gifford, labor on engine	1 00
F. M. Gifford, clerical	12 50
Goodall Electric Co., repair whistle	45 80
Goodall Electric Co., services	7 71
E. L. Hoxie, insurance	52 69
E. L. Jones, labor	12 00
Leonard's Garage, rebuilding Dodge	312 92
Massachusetts State Firemen's Association	27 00
Massachusetts Driver's License	2 00
Maxim Motor Co., repairs	5 25
Maxim Motor Co., supplies	20 43
Midway Garage, repainting Dodge	50 00
V. H. Nickerson & Co., work on whistle	2 04
V. H. Nickerson & Co., work on heater	4 00
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co., phones	147 35
H. W. Nickerson, insurance	30 00
Scudder's Service Station, battery	22 45
Scudder's Service Station, express	25
Scudder's Service Station, supplies	67 01
Scudder Coal Co.	35 00
Stuart Scudder, fuel oil	71 10
Sewing Circle, rent of Bruce Hall	13 50
Frank G. Thacher, insurance on men	172 50
Frank G. Thacher, insurance on truck	116 00
Kenneth Turner, supplies	7 25
Kenneth Turner, supplies	4 71
Kenneth Turner, labor on hose	1 00
Kenneth Turner, labor on apparatus	1 00
Kenneth Turner, labor on hose	2 00
Wareham Savings Bank, garage rent	165 34
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Total Expense Incurred	\$2,174 69

SUMMARY:

Appropriations		\$2,100 00
Cash expendi- tures	\$2,095 60	
Unpaid bills	79 09	
Expense incurred (Beyond appropriation)		74 69
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	\$2,174 69	\$2,174 69

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. CHILDS

WARREN CAMPBELL

HERBERT GIFFORD

Board of Engineers.

Report of Water Commissioners

To the Citizens of the Cotuit Fire District:

We wish to submit herewith our second annual report for the year ending December 31, 1938.

Review of the Year's Work

At the annual Fire District meeting, E. O. Dottridge, Jr., was re-elected Water Commissioner for three years. The board organized at their regular meeting January 14th with E. O. Dottridge, Jr., as chairman, W. H. Perry, Sr., as clerk and Kenneth Turner. W. H. Perry, 2nd continued as superintendent.

The water system has continued to work very satisfactorily during the past year. All equipment is in good condition at the present time.

Fifteen new services have been installed this year. Also ten more of the original construction services have been turned on, making a total of 139 takers. Meter readings show that about 80% of the water takers have kept within their 40,000 gallon minimum.

Hydrants and Mains

All hydrants have been repainted, gates and hydrants have been regularly inspected and mains flushed as required.

Repairs

No repairs to the system have been necessary this year.

Service Main

An additional 200 feet of two-inch Cement Lined service main was laid in Shell Lane. This provides for a possible four more takers one of which is already connected.

Medeiros Land Taking

No further action has been taken in relation to the Medeiros land taking.

Bonded Debt

The first payment of \$3500 on the principal of the Bond issue is due on February 15th of this year. Funds are available to meet this demand.

Record of Water Pumped

Total pumped with Diesel Motor	16,131,200 gals.
Total pumped with gasoline	361,800 gals.
Total pumped with Diesel and gasoline	16,493,000 gals.
Largest week August 24 to 31	712,200 gals.
Largest day August 17	224,400 gals.

All above figures from Venturi readings.

Financial

	Expended	Appropriated
Interest	\$2,543 75	\$2,650 00
Services	624 41	750 00
Maintenance	2,738 06	3,300 00
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	\$5,906 22	
Balance	793 78	
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	\$6,700 00	\$6,700 00

Receipts

Water rates	\$3,479 76
Hydrant rental—1937	3,300 00
Meter rental	189 00

Service connections	772 86	
Refund tax (gas and oil)	3 00	
Telephone	14 49	
Service charges	73 00	
Hydrant rental—1938	3,300 00	
Interest	52 13	
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Total Water Dept. receipts	\$11,184 24	\$11,184 24

Accounts Receivable 1938

Water rates	\$98 50	
Service connections	94 45	
Service charges	17 00	
Meter rental	1 50	
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	\$211 45	
Service original construction	13 24	
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	\$224 69	\$224 69

Expenditures

Interest paid on bonds	\$2,543 75	Appropriated	\$2,650 00
Balance	106 25		
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	\$2,650 00		\$2,650 00

Services

Pipe and fittings	\$487 91	Appropriated	\$750 00
Labor	136 50		
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	624 41		
Balance	125 59		
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	\$750 00		\$750 00

Maintenance

Office Supplies	\$151 44	Appropriated	\$3,300 00
Stationery & Postage	29 16		
Printing & Advertising	8 50		
Telephones	109 73		
New England Water			
Works	33 00		
Legal Service	25 50		
Supt. Salary	1,378 00		
Assistant Supt.	80 00		
Truck (gas, oil and insurance)	160 49		
Pipe & Fittings,			
C. I. P.	105 86		
Gas & oil (Station)	191 97		
Freight & Express	29 55		
Electric Light &			
Power	102 62		
Tools & Hardware	71 25		
Unclassified	110 23		
Oil Waste & Packing	1 80		
Coal	112 50		
Charts	16 60		
Insurance	7 50		
Abatements	8 00		
Water Commissioners			
Expense	4 36		
	\$2,738 06		
Balance	561 94		
	\$3,300 00		\$3,300 00

Inventory
Stock on hand \$1,115 64

Respectfully submitted,
E. O. DOTTRIDGE, Jr.,
KENNETH TURNER,
W. H. PERRY, Sr.,
Water Commissioners.

Report of Fire House Building Committee

To the Voters of the Cotuit Fire District:

The committee appointed two years ago to build the new fire house submits herewith its final report.

At a special meeting of the district held April 21st, 1937 the construction of a new fire house was authorized, the sum of \$2,500 was provided for the purpose and a WPA grant of \$9,700 was accepted. The district also had acquired the Elizabeth Lowell high school building which was about to be razed, thus providing a considerable amount of building material for the project. The work was placed in the hands of the Prudential Committee assisted by a special committee of five elected at this meeting. On January 10th, 1938, \$500 more was appropriated for an oil burning heating plant. On May 3rd, 1938 an additional appropriation of \$1,950 was made to complete the interior of the building, and, in addition, the committee was authorized to dispose of surplus material and to apply the proceeds therefrom to the cost of the new building. Sale of surplus materials and junk amounted to \$211.56.

The committee organized immediately after its appointment with Mr. Warren Bearse as chairman. Weekly meetings have been held during the progress of the project.

Plans were prepared by Mr. George Ernest Robinson of Boston, an architect who has specialized in fire house design.

The new building, of one and a half story frame construction is 35x57 feet in size with an exterior of accepted Cape Cod design. It contains apparatus room, two offices, wash room, recreation room, repair shop, boiler room and a storage room. The apparatus room is 29 feet wide, 57 feet deep on one side and 40 on the other. It is adequate in size, a feature too often overlooked in fire house construction. There are no posts or other obstructions in the room, the upper floor being carried on a heavy girder. The floor is of heavily reinforced concrete with three drains, the walls are of brick veneer and the ceiling, cement plaster on wire lath, thus making the room as nearly fireproof as possible. The doors are of overhead type and are 10x10 feet in size. The two offices and the wash room occupy the rest of the ground floor. They are finished in knotty pine. The recreation room is on the second floor. It is 20x40 feet in size and also is finished in knotty pine. The basement contains a repair shop, a fireproof boiler room and a storage room. The heating plant is fully automatic. It consists of an oil fired steam boiler with unit blower heaters in the apparatus room and recreation room and radiators elsewhere. Every effort has been made to provide an adequate durable building that should serve the District for many years with negligible maintenance expense.

In addition to completing the building, stone retaining walls on each side of the main approach have been provided and the grounds have been graded and seeded. The committee voted on November 29th to turn the completed building over to the proper district authorities, thus completing its duties. Below is given a financial statement:

Total appropriations	\$4,950 00	Expenditures	\$5,154 65
Sale of material	211 56	Due for material sold	3 00
		Balance	3 91
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Detail of expenditures:

E. L. Ashley, labor	\$1 50
C. F. Austin, labor	7 60
C. B. Belknap, plumbing and heating supplies	119 11
J. H. Burlingame, labor, plumbing and heating	149 21
E. F. Bearse, trucking	106 75
Cotuit Grocery Co., paint, hardware, etc.	60 46
Cotuit Water Dept., extending main service	14 85
Corcoran Supply Co., plumbing & heating supplies	596 29
Ernest Cameron, stone	30 00
C. D. Crawford, overhead doors	181 83
C. D. Crawford, rent of mixer, paint, nails, etc.	55 41
N. Dolan, canvas	10 00
J. J. Duane, steel	33 60
R. Elliott, labor	11 20
S. Goffin, trucking	3 00
F. M. Gifford, telephone, traveling expense	46 19
T. Gifford, blacksmith work	36 91
Goodall Electric Co., electrical work & oil burner	473 50
R. Hayden, demolishing old building	225 00
R. Hayden, second hand lumber and miscellaneous building material	76 85
J. Hinekley & Sons Co., lumber, cement, etc.	1,545 82
F. Hamlin, mixer rent	5 10
A. C. Harvey Steel Co., steel	227 29
Hamlin & Fish, labor and material	36 88
L. Hinekley, labor	15 75
L. T. Hammond, supplies	1 80

Lally Column Co., columns	26 51
M. Jones, labor	12 00
Modern Blue Print Co., prints	6 72
A. Nickerson, labor	61 00
V. H. Nickerson & Co., supplies	31 61
Fred Nickerson, gilding and setting up letters	20 00
L. Phillips & Co., knotty pine finish	278 62
G. E. Robinson, plans	270 00
W. C. Rennie, trucking	112 50
Rockland Transportation Co., express	2 79
Wallace Ryder, paint	8 52
Sendder's Service Station, gas, express	66 33
G. Savery, labor	2 40
N. E. Williams, supplies	1 64
R. W. Vroom, plastering	182 11
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	\$5,154 56

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN BEARSE,

C. B. GOODALL,

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C. D. CRAWFORD,

Building Committee.

Warrant---Annual Meeting, 1939

To the Voters of the Cotuit Fire District:

You are hereby notified to meet in Freedom hall, Cotuit, Monday, February 13, 1939, at 8 o'clock, P.M., then and there to act on the following articles:

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 and Second Assistant Engineers, three Auditors, all for one year, and to elect any other legal officials not mentioned.

Article 3. To hear and act upon reports of the Treasurer, Chief Engineer, Prudential Committee, Board of Water Commissioners, Auditors and all other Fire District officers and committees.

Article 4. To see if the Fire District will vote to authorize the District Treasurer with the approval of the Prudential Committee to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning Jan. 1, 1939 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 not more than one year in accordance with Sec. 17, Chapter 44, General Laws, any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1939.

Article 5. To see if the District will vote to authorize the Prudential Committee to apply the surplus in the District Treasury toward the tax levy of 1939 or to take any action in relation thereto and act fully thereon.

Article 6. To receive and act upon the accounts of all persons to whom the District may be indebted.

Article 7. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$500 (five hundred dollars) for salaries and expenses of the financial department for the ensuing year, or to take any action in relation thereto, and to act fully thereon.

Article 8. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000 (one thousand dollars) to pay note on fire truck, or to take any action in relation thereto and act fully thereon.

Article 9. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1,874.40 (eighteen hundred seventy-four dollars and forty cents) for the purpose of lighting the streets of the Fire District for the ensuing year, or to take any action in relation thereto, and to act fully thereon.

Article 10. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1800 (eighteen hundred dollars) for expenses of the Fire Department for the ensuing year, or to take any action in relation thereto, and to act fully thereon.

Article 11. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$600 (six hundred dollars)

for the expenses of Freedom Hall for the ensuing year, or to take any action in relation thereto, and to act fully thereon.

Article 12. To see if the District will raise and appropriate for the Water Department, the sum of \$3300.00 for hydrant rental for the current year.

Article 13. To see if the District will appropriate from the receipts and revenues of the Water Department.

- (a) \$2500.00 for interest on the water bonds.
- (b) \$3,800.00 for the operating and maintenance expenses of the Water Department.
- (c) \$750.00 for the Water Department for new services.
- (d) \$3500.00 for the payment of the water bond maturing the current year.

Article 14. To see if the District will accept Sections 1 to 6 inclusive of Chapter 415 of the Acts of 1938 entitled "An Act Further Regulating Liens For, and the Collection of Water Rates and Charges."

Article 15. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) for the Barnstable Tercentenary celebration in Cotuit, the said sum to be expended under the direction of the Cotuit Tercentenary Committee, or to take any action in relation thereto, and to act fully thereon.

Article 16. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding \$800.00 (eight hundred dollars) for the purpose of providing a community center at Freedom Hall, the said sum to be expended under the direction of the Prudential Committee, or to take any action in relation thereto, and to act fully thereon.

Article 17. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) for the purpose of furnishing and equipping the banquet room in Freedom Hall, or to take any action in relation thereto, and to act fully thereon.

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

Per order of Prudential Committee,

C. D. CRAWFORD,

MILTON H. CROCKER,

THERON APOLLONIO,

F. M. GIFFORD, Jr.,

Clerk.

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