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# COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT

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## Organization

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### Moderator

Ira L. Campbell

### Prudential Committee

Milton H. Crocker	Term expires 1945
Frederick L. Harlow	Term expires 1946
Walter Seudder	Term expires 1947

### Clerk

F. Maynard Gifford

### Treasurer

Herbert L. Snow

### Board of Water Commissioners

William H. Perry, Sr., Clerk	Term expires in 1945
Kenneth Turner	Term expires in 1946
E. Ormand Dottridge, Jr., Chairman	Term expires in 1947

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## BOARD OF ENGINEERS

### Chief

William L. Cash

Fire Assistant Engineer	Roger A. Burlingame
Second Assistant Engineer	John R. Souza

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### Auditors

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

## ANNUAL MEETING—COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT

February 14, 1944

In accordance with the foregoing notice and the by-laws of the District, the annual meeting of the Cotuit Fire District was held at Freedom Hall on Monday, February 14, 1944, at 8 o'clock P.M. and the clerk called the meeting to order.

Article 1. Mr. Louis Campbell was unanimously chosen Moderator for one year.

Article 2. The following were nominated and the result of the voting follows:

Walter Scudder, 24 votes, member Prudential Committee, 3 years\*

Freeman Nickerson, 19 votes, member Prudential Committee, 3 years.

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E. O. Dottridge, Jr., 1 vote, member Water Committee, 3 years.\*

F. Maynard Gifford, Jr., 1 vote, Clerk.\*

Herbert L. Snow, 1 vote, Treasurer.\*

William Cash, 1 vote, Chief Engineer.\*

Roger Burlingame, 1 vote, 1st. Asst. Engineer.\*

John R. Souza, 1 vote, 2nd. Asst. Engineer.\*

B. F. Ryder, E. J. Meacham and Udell Perry, 1 vote, Auditors.\*

\*Elected.

Clarence Brackett, Albert Smith, William Perry, Jr., and Myron Ryder were appointed Tellers by the Moderator and were sworn in by the Clerk.

Article 3. Upon motion duly made and seconded it was Voted: that the reports of the officers of the District be accepted as printed.

Article 4. Upon motion duly made and seconded it was Voted: that the District Treasurer, with the approval of the Prudential Committee, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1945 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, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Article 5. Upon motion duly made and seconded it was Voted: that the District Treasurer, with the approval of the Prudential Committee, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1944 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, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Article 6. Upon motion duly made and seconded it was Voted: that the District instruct the Prudential Committee to request the Department of Corporation and Taxation of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to audit the accounts of the Cotuit Fire District for the fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 1943.

Article 7. Upon motion duly made and seconded it was Voted: that the sum of \$57.13 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of paying persons to whom the District is indebted.

Article 8. Upon motion duly made and seconded it was Voted: that the District raise and appropriate the

sum of five hundred dollars 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 two thousand dollars 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 two thousand eight dollars and eighty cents 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 four hundred dollars 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 thirty-three hundred fifty dollars 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) \$2,150.00 for interest on water bonds; (b) \$6,900.00 for the operating and maintenance expenses of the Water Department; (c) \$1,000.00 for the Water Department for new services, and (d) \$3,500.00 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 one hundred twenty-five dollars for the purpose of providing appropriate furniture for Freedom Hall platform.

Article 15. Upon motion duly made and seconded it was Voted: that the District **not** raise and appropriate the

sum of two hundred dollars to be expended for the purpose of preventing forest fires, as provided in Chapter 688, Sectional, General Laws.

Article 16. Upon motion duly made and seconded it was Voted: that the meeting approve of the committee on recreation as mentioned by Mr. Ernest W. Saunders. The committee consisted of the following:

Richard J. Anderson	Taimi C. Perry
Seaver R. Harlow	Hazel M. Goodall
Joseph H. Burlingame	Roger A. Burlingame
Walter Scudder	Sadie M. Gifford
Nellie G. Churbuck	Edward G. Bearse

Udell T. Perry

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was Voted: that the clerk be instructed to write Mr. Calvin D. Crawford thanking him for his services as a member of the Prudential Committee.

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was Voted: that the Moderator be paid a fee of fifteen dollars.

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

(Signed)

F. MAYNARD GIFFORD, JR.  
Clerk, Cotuit Fire District.

This Meeting:

Voted to raise by taxation	\$8,440.93
Other appropriations made	13,565.00
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Total appropriations	\$22,005.93

SPECIAL MEETING, NOVEMBER 14, 1944

In accordance with the foregoing notice and the by-laws of the District, the Special Meeting of the Cotuit Fire District was held in Freedom Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 14, 1944, at 8 o'clock P.M. and the clerk called the meeting to order and read the warrant together with the return of same.

Ten voters were present and Mr. Herbert Snow was chosen Moderator.

Article 1. Upon motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously Voted: that the District appropriate from Water Department funds the sum of \$175.00 for the purpose of extending the water system from the end of the main in Piney Road for a distance of approximately 80 ft.

Article 2. Upon motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously Voted: that the Prudential Committee be authorized to dispose of the settees in Freedom Hall basement in such manner that in its opinion will be to the best interests of the District.

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously Voted: the meeting adjourn.

Signed

F. MAYNARD GIFFORD, JR.  
Clerk, Cotuit Fire District.

This meeting:

Amount appropriated	\$175.00
Amount to be raised by taxation	None

# Report of Treasurer

Year Ending December 31, 1944

## Receipts

Cash balance Jan. 1, 1944	\$ 7,389.32	
Tax Collector	8,387.16	
Taxes redeemed	219.22	
Water Department	12,117.15	
Freedom Hall	216.00	
Outside Fires	76.56	
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Total receipts		\$28,405.41

## Expenditures

Water Department	\$11,086.58	
Hydrant Rental	3,350.00	
Freedom Hall	419.71	
Financial Department	452.62	
Fire Department	1,833.47	
Street Lights	1,599.69	
Forest Fire Patrol	33.64	
Furniture Freedom Hall Platform	116.05	
Unpaid Bills, 1943	57.13	
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Total expenditures		\$18,948.89
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Cash balance Dec. 31, 1944		\$9,456.52

Financial Condition of District

Cash balance in Hyannis Trust Co.	\$9,456.52	
Due from Tax Collector 1944 levy	694.16	
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Total		\$10,150.68
Water Bond		\$71,000.00

Valuation of District

Real Estate	\$2,361,390.00	
Personal	278,280.00	
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Total Valuation		\$2,639,670.00
Tax rate, 1944—\$3.30 per \$1,00.00.		

Financial Department Expense in Detail

Appropriation		\$500.00
Printing and advertising	\$107.30	
Postage	8.15	
Office supplies for Clerk	.81	
Taxes refunded	53.50	
Treasurer's bond	30.00	
Auditors	37.86	
Moderator	15.00	
Clerk's salary	50.00	
Treasurer's salary	150.00	
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Total	\$452.62	
Balance to revenue	47.38	
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		\$500.00

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT L. SNOW,  
Treasurer.

## Auditor's Report

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To the Voters of the Cotuit Fire 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

April 20, 1944

To the Board of Water Commissioners  
Cotuit Fire District  
Cotuit, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the Cotuit Fire District for the year ending December 31, 1943, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,

Director of Accounts.

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell  
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 year ending December 31, 1943, 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 approved warrants on file. The cash book additions were proved, and the cash balance on March 11, 1944, 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 December 31, 1943. This balance sheet indicates that the district is in very good financial condition.

The payments made on account of maturing 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 were audited, and all subsequent commitments and charges were proved. The payments to the treasurer were compared with the treasurer's recorded 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.

The surety bonds furnished by the district officials for the faithful performance of their duties were examined, and it was noted that the original bonds are continued in force by the payment of the annual premiums. It is recommended that annual bonds be furnished by the district treasurer and the superintendent of the water department.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables 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

While engaged in making the audit, cooperation was received from the officials of the district, for which, on behalf of my assistant and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,

Assistant Director of Accounts.

## Annual Report of the Prudential Committee

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To the Voters of the Cotuit Fire District:

Your Prudential Committee submits herewith its annual report for the year 1944.

The tax rate for 1944 was \$3.30 per thousand. The warrant for the annual meeting for 1945 provides for the raising of \$9,450. If this amount is raised the tax rate for 1945, it is estimated, will be \$3.76. The tax levied in 1944 amounted to \$8,383.80.

This committee has held monthly meetings throughout the year. The ever increasing demands of the Armed Services and the War Industries have so depleted our manpower that the daytime manning of the Fire Department continues to cause us considerable concern. This is indeed a very serious problem with no apparent method of solution.

The September Hurricane caused considerable damage throughout the district. The street lighting was particularly hard hit leaving the district in a complete blackout for one full month. As of Dec. 31st, 1944, there were in operation 97 lights which is only 14 short of the full number of 111 year round lights. Due to the differential in the number of street lights in use, the street lighting bill for the year will show a saving of \$409.11 over the previous year. We are assured by the Cape & Vineyard Electric Co. that they will restore complete service at the earliest possible moment.

Freedom Hall continued to show an increase in the number of times used reaching a new peak of 118. Among the community organizations using the hall were, the Boy Scouts, the Cub Scouts, the Nurse's class, the Recreation committee, the Young Mothers' Club and several Church

and Civic meetings. The hall sustained considerable damage from the Hurricane by trees falling from the rear of the building onto the roof and against the building. This unexpected damage will compel your committee to ask for a slight increase in the Freedom Hall budget for 1945.

### Freedom Hall

The expenditures were as follows:

Water Dept., water			\$25.50
Stuart Scudder, fuel oil			72.68
Edward Barse, trucking			3.00
F. A. Bartlett, services			7.50
C. A. Cottrell, tuning piano			4.00
F. M. Gifford, clerical services			9.00
E. L. Hoxie, insurance			61.68
Cotuit Grocery, supplies			4.93
Dyer Elec. Co., supplies and services			24.05
Suburban Gas Corp., supplies and services			3.50
Ellery Jones, services			145.50
Cape & Vineyard, electricity			55.40
Leonard Goodspeed, insurances			2.97
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Amount		Total	\$419.71
Appropriated	\$400.00		
Overdraft	19.71		
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	\$419.71		

### Street Lights

The expenditures were as follows:

Cape & Vineyard Electric Co.			\$1,599.69
Amount		Balance	409.11
Appropriated	\$2,008.80		
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	\$2,008.80		\$2,008.80

**Special Appropriation Freedom Hall Furniture**

Appropriated	\$125.00	Expended	\$116.05
		Balance	8.95
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	\$125.00		\$125.00

Respectfully submitted,

MILTON H. CROCKER

FRED HARLOW

WALTER SCUDDER

# Annual Fire Report of Board of Engineers

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The Board of Engineers submit its nineteenth annual report covering the year 1944.

## Apparatus and Equipment

One 500 gallon Maxim pumper  
One Dodge 1937,  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton truck  
One Dodge 1940,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ton truck equipped with 500 gal.  
Maxim pump, a 170 gal. booster tank, etc.  
2,200 ft. of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  in. hose  
1,350 ft. of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in. hose  
400 ft. of chemical hose  
300 ft. of  $1\frac{1}{8}$  in. hose  
One two-way Transceiver Radio Set  
One Davis Inhalator, two smoke masks, five pump cans,  
three chemicals, three foam type extinguishers, one  
15 lb. size CO<sub>2</sub> extinguishers, Oxygen and first  
aid equipment and other miscellaneous equipment.

The personnel consists of one Chief Engineer, one First Assistant, one Second Assistant, one Captain, one Lieutenant and firemen. The men are paid \$1.00 for the first hour and 50c for each succeeding hour.

The Chief Engineer has issued 151 permits: none for fireworks, and five for oil burners and containers during the year. The department answered to 12 alarms within the District: three in Town of Barnstable, five in Mashpee, one in Truro, one drowning accident, and seven chimney fires. The brushbreaker was used for out of District alarms.

The department, at their own expense, continues to maintain the honor roll at the library.

Attention would like to be called to the erection of a flag pole at the fire house. Members of the department volunteered for the work at no cost to the District.

Members of the department turned out for work on hurricane damage resulting in the making of the roads passable immediately. Also the District was patrolled for three days until telephone and whistle service was restored.

The engineers recommend the regular annual appropriation of \$2,000.00. The engineers recommend that the firemen be paid \$1.00 for the first hour and 75c for each succeeding hour. The engineers also recommend the adoption of special articles in the warrant.

An itemized account of the expenditures of the fire department follows:

Mrs. Lander's Fire		Harry West	1.00
Herbert Gifford	\$1.00	Wallace Ryder Jr.	1.00
Antone Souza	1.00	Edward Bearse Jr.	.50
Roger Burlingame	1.00		
Bearse Parker	1.00	Manuel Cabral Fire	
Roger Scudder	.50	Myron Ryder	1.00
Herbert Snow	1.00	Wallace Ryder Jr.	1.00
Myron Ryder	1.00	Herbert Gifford	1.00
Kenneth Turner	1.00	Antone Souza	1.00
Harry Coutts	1.00	Harry West	1.00
John Frazier	1.00	Harry Coutts	1.00
Garry Pierce	1.00	Arthur Belhman Jr.	1.00
Gilbert Newton	1.00	Albert Rogers	1.00
Milton Gifford	1.00	Henry Churbuck	1.00
Walter Dottridge	1.00	Roger Nickerson	1.00
Wm. Condinio	1.00	John Souza	1.00
Merton Dottridge	1.00	Ed. Condinio	1.00
Geo. Nickerson	1.00	John Frazier	1.00
John Souza	1.00	Ed. Bearse Jr.	.50

Cemetery Fire		Robert Doane	.50
Cecil Goodall	1.00	Roger Snow	.50
Arthur Belhman Jr.	1.00	John Frazier	1.00
John Souza	1.00	William Souza	1.00
Ed. Condinio	1.00	Ed. Condinio	1.00
Harry Coutts	1.00	James Condinio	1.00
Antone Souza	1.00	Maynard Gifford	1.00
Harry West	1.00		
A. S. Childs	1.00	Fowler Cottage Fire	
Ed. Bearse Jr.	.50	A. S. Childs	\$1.00
Albert Rogers	.50	Gilbert Newton	1.00
		John Frazier	1.00
Flander's Fire		Arthur Belhman Jr.	1.00
Milton Gifford	1.00	Edward Ashley	1.00
Walter Dottridge	1.00	Louis Campbell	1.00
Stanley Turner	1.00	Chat. Churbuck	1.00
Ed. Bearse Jr.	1.00	Roger Burlingame	1.00
Wm. Cash Jr.	1.00	Bearse Parker	1.00
Lawrence Bearse	1.00	Myron Ryder	1.00
		Maynard Gifford	1.00
Schaub Fire		John Souza	1.00
Wallace Ryder Jr.	\$1.00	Harry Coutts	1.00
John Souza	1.00	Roger Nickerson	1.00
Herbert Gifford	1.00	Garry Pierce	1.00
Myron Ryder	1.00	Ed. Bearse Jr.	.50
Merton Dottridge	1.00	Herbert Snow	1.00
Arthur Belhman Jr.	1.00	Mathew Pells	1.00
Cecil Goodall	1.00	Milton Gifford	1.00
Harry West	1.00	Wallace Ryder Jr.	1.00
Milton Gifford	1.00	Walter Dottridge	1.00
Bearse Parker	1.00	Merton Dottridge	1.00
Roger Nickerson	1.00	James Condinio	1.00
Edward Bearse	1.00	Harry West	1.00
Edward Bearse Jr.	.50		
Herbert Snow	1.00	Hotel Pines Fire	
Garry Pierce	1.00	Henry Churbuck	\$1.00
Walter Dottridge	1.00	Ed. Bearse Jr.	.50
Mathew Pells	1.00	Arthur Belhman Jr.	1.00

Hotel Pines Fire (Cont.)		Walter Dottridge	1.00
Wallace Ryder Jr.	1.00	Myron Ryder	1.00
Myron Ryder	1.00	Wallace Ryder Jr.	1.00
Harry Coutts	1.00	John Frazier	1.00
Harry West	1.00	Ed. Condinio	1.00
Edward Ashley	1.00	Wm. Nickerson	1.00
Bearse Parker	1.00		
Roger Scudder	.50	Crocker Farm Fire	
Garry Pierce	1.00	Myron Ryder	\$1.50
Gilbert Newton	1.00	John Frazier	1.50
John Newton	1.00	Cecil Goodall	1.50
Merton Dottridge	1.00	Milton Gifford	1.50
Antone Souza	1.00	Ed. Bearse Jr.	1.50
Walter Dottridge	1.00	John Souza	1.50
		James Condinio	1.50
Bill Cash's Garage Fire		Roger Nickerson	1.00
Albert Rogers	.50	Wallace Ryder Jr.	1.00
John Souza	1.00	Harry Coutts	1.00
Harry Coutts	1.00	Albert Rogers	1.00
John Frazier	1.00	Louis Campbell	1.00
Harry West	1.00	Antone Souza	1.00
Myron Ryder	1.00		
Wallace Ryder Jr.	1.00	Santuit Brush Fire	
Cecil Goodall	1.00	Louis Campbell	1.00
Ed. Condinio	1.00	Garry Pierce	1.00
Mathew Pells	1.00	Wm. Nickerson	.50
Roger Nickerson	1.00	Maynard Gifford	1.00
Walter Dottridge	1.00	Cecil Goodall	1.00
		Edward Ashley	1.00
David Leland Fire	1.00	John Newton	1.00
John Souza	1.00	Roger Scudder	.50
Antone Souza	1.00	Antone Souza	1.00
Mathew Pells	1.00	Roger Burlingame	1.00
Harry Coutts	1.00	Mathew Pells	1.00
Roger Nickerson	1.00	Chat. Churbuck	1.00
Albert Rogers	.50	Roger Nickerson	1.00
Cecil Goodall	1.00	James Condinio	1.00
Arthur Belhman	1.00		

#### H. Gifford Chimney Fire

Wallace Ryder Jr.	\$1.00	Roger Nickerson	1.00
Myron Ryder	1.00	Roger Burlingame	1.00
James Condinio	1.00	Roger Scudder	.50
John Souza	1.00	Milton Gifford	1.00
John Frazier	1.00	Nelson Nickerson	.50
Maynard Gifford	1.00	Harry West	1.00

Total cost at fires—\$175.00

#### Other Expenses:

Water Department—water	\$25.50
Cape & Vineyard—elec.	45.82
New Eng. Tel.—tel.	131.02
Scudder's Ser. Sta.—express	12.47
F. M. Gifford Jr.—clerical services	17.60
Walter Dottridge—services	6.50
Justin A. McCarthy—supplies	55.41
Stuart Scudder—fuel oil	141.68
Ames Elec. Co.—supplies & services	51.69
Herbert Gifford—services	1.00
John Frazier—services	3.00
Antone Souza—services	11.00
Bill Cash's Garage—supplies & services	63.02
Frank Thatcher—insurance	203.85
Esther Pierce—care of alarm	200.00
Goodall Electric Co.—supplies & labor	60.60
Maxim Motor Co.—supplies	66.13
Russell Vezin—services	2.00
Roger Burlingame—services	19.00
Ralph Patterson—insurance	83.00
V. H. Nickerson—supplies & labor	2.83
Wm. Cash—salary	400.00
Carpenter Mfg. Co.—supplies	54.00
Leonard Goodspeed—insurance	1.35
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,658.47</b>

Amount expended	\$1,833.47	Amount	
Balance	166.53	Appropriated	\$2,000.00
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	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00

Special Fire Patrol Appropriation

Balance at beginning of year			\$191.00
Expended:			
Walter Dottridge		\$13.50	
William E. Cash		13.50	
Bill Cash's Garage		6.64	33.64
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Balance			\$157.36

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM L. CASH, Chief Engineer  
 ROGER BURLINGAME, First Assistant  
 JOHN SOUZA, Second Assistant

## Report of Board of Water Commissioners

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To the Citizens of the Cotuit Fire District:

We wish to submit our eighth annual report for the year ending December 31, 1944.

At the annual Fire District's meeting, E. O. Dottridge, Jr., was re-elected Water Commissioner for three years.

The water system continues to be in good condition, no unusual repairs being made this year.

A "Rustop" system has been installed in the elevated tank, this eliminates rusting of the tank interior. Draining of the tank for purpose of painting is no longer necessary. This feature is of advantage both from a safety and economical standpoint.

Bids were received for painting the tank, but due to wartime conditions this work has not been done. We have again included an amount in our budget for 1945.

Eleven new services were installed, and two of the original construction services were turned on, making a total of 240 active services. We have 27 inactive services at this time.

A short extension was made in Piney Road as authorized by the District at a special meeting held November 14, 1944.

Continuing improvement of the Water Shed 1600 seedling trees were planted this year. Our previous plantings are showing a good growth.

For several years we have considered it unwise to trust the operation and maintenance of the water system to one man. Due to a large amount of service work and an inevitable increase in the amount of maintenance and construction work required as our system grows older, we have employed another permanent man.

#### Record of Water Pumped

Total pumped with Diesel Motor	28,280,000 gals.
Total pumped with Gasoline Motor	60,000 gals.
Total pumped with Gasoline and Diesel	28,340,000 gals.
Largest week August 12 to August 17	1,500,000 gals.
Largest day August 15	351,000 gals.

All above figures from Venturi readings.

#### Financial

	Expended	Appropriated
Interest	\$2,000.63	\$2,150.00
Services	989.91	1,000.00
Maintenance	4,442.29	6,900.00
Bond Payment	3,500.00	3,500.00
Extension	153.75	175.00
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	11,086.58	
	2,638.42	
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	\$13,725.00	\$13,725.00

#### Receipts

Water Rates	\$7,914.22
Meter rentals	316.50
Service connections	460.20
Interest	7.28
Refunds (Gas-Ins.)	16.95

Telephone	32.00	
Meter repair	20.00	
Hydrant rental (1944)	3,350.00	
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Total Water Dept. receipts	\$12,117.15	\$12,117.15

**Accounts Receivable 1944**

Water rates	\$188.10	
Service charge	9.00	
Meter rental	3.00	
Service connection	188.20	
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	\$388.30	\$388.30

**Expenditures**

Interest paid on—		Appropriated	\$2,150.00
bonds	\$2,000.63		
Balance	149.37		
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	\$2,150.00		\$2,150.00

**Services**

Pipe fittings and		Appropriated	\$1,000.00
meters	670.78		
Labor	319.13		
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	989.91		
Balance	10.09		
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	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00

<b>Maintenance</b>		
Insurance	\$155.20	Appropriated \$6,900.00
Office Supplies	54.08	
Stationary & Postage	24.56	
Telephones	139.03	
Truck (fuel-ins, etc)	236.07	
Gas & Oil (Station)	356.99	
Freight & Express	10.64	
Supt. Salary	2,120.00	
Asso. Supt.	187.50	
New England		
Water Works	25.00	
Fuel Oil (Burner)	82.80	
Building & Equipment	87.05	
Electric Light		
& Power	137.61	
Tools & Hardware	16.55	
Pipe & Fittings	58.41	
Unclassified	59.74	
Water Comm. expense	3.95	
Supt. Bond	5.00	
Water Shed		
Improvement	30.00	
Refunds	13.50	
Rustop System	638.61	
	\$4,442.29	
Balance	2,457.71	
	\$6,900.00	\$6,900.00

**Financial Condition of Water Department**  
December 31st, 1944

Water Department Receipts 1944	\$12,117.15
Water Department Expenditures 1944	11,086.58
	\$1,030.57
Balance 1944	

Water Department Reserve Fund Dec. 31, 1943	\$6,668.09
Water Department Balance 1944	1,030.57
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Water Department Reserve Fund Dec. 31, 1944	\$7,718.66

**Inventory**

Stock on hand	\$1,623.58
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Respectfully submitted,

E. O. DOTTRIDGE, JR.

W. H. PERRY, SR.

Water Commissioners.



COTUIT FIRE  
DISTRICT

WARRANT

Annual Meeting, February 12th

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## Warrant---Annual Meeting 1945

To the Voters of the Cotuit Fire District, Cotuit, Mass.

You are hereby notified to meet in Freedom Hall, Cotuit, Monday, February 12, 1945, 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 hear and act upon reports of the District Officers and Committees.

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, 1946, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1946.

Article 5. To see if the District will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Prudential Committee, to borrow money on or after January 1, 1945, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1945.

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 year ending Dec. 31, 1944.

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 \$2,000. 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 \$2,000. 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 \$600. for the expenses of Freedom Hall for the ensuing year.

Article 12. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate for the Water Department, the sum of \$3,350. 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) \$2,000. for interest on the water bonds; (b) \$7,500. for the operating and maintenance expenses of the Water Department (c) \$1,000. for the Water Department for new services; (d) \$1,000. for the Water Department for extensions, and (e) \$3,500. for the payment of the water bond maturing the current year.

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Article 14. To see if the District will raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$500. for the purpose of installing whistle and renewing the wiring.

Article 15. To see if the District will raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$500. for the purpose of purchasing a radio and installing same.

Article 16. To see if the District will appropriate the balance of the 1944 appropriation in the sum of \$166.33 for the purpose of repairing fire house due to hurricane and other causes.

Article 17. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Per order of Prudential Committee,

MILTON H. CROCKER

FREDERICK L. HARLOW

WALTER C. SCUDDER

F. M. GIFFORD JR.,

Clerk.

Barnstable ss

Feb. 12, 1945

I hereby certify that I have served notice of the foregoing Annual Meeting of the Cotuit Lake District by publishing same in the Cape Cod Standard Times a newspaper printed within the Town of Barnstable on two different dates and the first publication is seven days and more prior to said meeting.

S. Waynard Gifford Jr.  
Clerk