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Annual Reports for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1945

Organization

Moderator

Ira L. Campbell

Prudential Committee

F. L. Harlow

Term expires 1946

W. Seudder

Term expires 1947

Cecil Goodall

Term expires 1948

Clerk

F. Maynard Gifford

Treasurer

Herbert L. Snow

Board of Water Commissioners

Kenneth Turner

Term expires in 1946

E. Ormand Dottridge, Jr., Chairman

Term expires in 1947

William H. Perry, Sr., Clerk

Term expires in 1948

BOARD OF ENGINEERS

Chief

William L. Cash

Fire Assistant Engineer

Roger A. Burlingame

Second Assistant Engineer

John R. Souza

Auditors

Bertram F. Ryder

Udell Perry

Edward J. Meacham

Annual Report of the Clerk

ANNUAL MEETING — COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT

February 12, 1945

In accordance with the foregoing notice and the bylaws of the District, the annual meeting of the Cotuit Fire District was held in Freedom Hall on Monday, February 12, 1945, 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:

Mr. Chat. Churbuck and Mr. Harry Coutts were chosen tellers by the moderator and were sworn into office by the clerk.

Cecil Goodall, 1 vote, member of Prudential Committee, 3 years.*

Wm. Perry, Sr., 1 vote, member of Water Commissioners, 3 years.*

F. Maynard Gifford, 1 vote, Clerk.*

Herbert Snow, 1 vote, Treasurer.*

Wm. Cash, 1 vote, Chief Engineer.*

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

John Souza, 20 votes, 2nd Asst. Engineer.*

Louis Campbell, 18 votes, 2nd Asst. Engineer.

Bertram Ryder, Udell Perry, Edward J. Meacham, 1 vote, Auditors.*

*Elected.

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 authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1946 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 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 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, 1944.

Article 7. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: that this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 8. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: that the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 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 \$2,000 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 dollars 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 six 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) \$2,000 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.

Article 14. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: that the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the purpose of installing whistle and renewing the wiring.

Article 15. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: that the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the purpose of purchasing a radio and installing same.

Article 16. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: that the District appropriate the balance of the 1944 fire department appropriation in the sum of \$166.33 for the purpose of repairing the fire house due to hurricane and other causes.

Article 17. 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: that the Chief be instructed to put the first fire truck in as near as possible to its original condition.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: that the Clerk be instructed to write Mr. Milton H. Crocker thanking him for his services to the District in the past fifteen years.

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

(Signed)

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

Appropriations this meeting:

Voted to raise by taxation	\$9,450.00
Other appropriations made	15,181.33
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Total appropriations	\$24,631.33

Report of Treasurer

Year Ending December 31, 1945

Receipts

Cash balance Jan. 1, 1945	\$ 9,456.52
Tax Collector	9,726.47
Taxes redeemed	373.32
Water Department	12,909.64
Freedom Hall	336.00
Outside Fires	208.75
Insurance rebate	2.60
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Total receipts	\$33,013.30

Expenditures

Water Department	\$11,962.97
Hydrant Rental	3,350.00
Freedom Hall	423.80
Financial Department	448.95
Fire Department	1,999.91
Street Lights	1,954.67
Radio	440.00
Whistle Installation and Wiring	445.28
Fire House Repairs	19.30
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Total expenditures	\$21,044.88
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Cash balance Dec. 31, 1945	\$11,968.42

Financial Condition of District

Cash balance in Hyannis Trust Co.	\$11,968.42	
Due from Tax Collector, 1945 levy	653.32	
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Total		\$12,621.75
Water Bond		\$67,500.00

Valuation of District

Real Estate	\$2,190,840.00	
Personal	282,800.00	
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Total valuation		\$2,473,640.00
Tax rate, 1945—\$3.90 per \$1,000.00.		

Financial Department Expense in Detail

Appropriation		\$500.00
Printing and advertising	\$104.90	
Postage	6.37	
Taxes refunded	60.43	
Treasurer's Bond	30.00	
Auditors	32.25	
Moderator	15.00	
Clerk's salary	50.00	
Treasurer's salary	150.00	
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Total	\$448.95	
Balance to revenue	51.05	
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		\$500.00

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT L. SNOW,
Treasurer.

Auditor's Report

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, 1945

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, 1944, 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, 1944, 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 Feb. 21, 1945, 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, 1944. 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

To the Voters of the Cotuit Fire District:

Your Prudential Committee submits herewith its annual report for the year 1945.

The tax rate for 1945 was \$3.90 per thousand. The warrant for the annual meeting for 1946 provides for the raising of \$8,848.51. If this amount is raised the tax rate for 1946, it is estimated, will be \$3.60. The tax levied in 1945 amounted to \$9,647.82.

This committee has held monthly meetings throughout the year. The gradual return of our many veterans, all of whom are potential firemen, has alleviated our concern over the daytime manning of the fire department. The fire department is to be commended for its efficient work, with limited personnel, during the wartime years.

Freedom Hall was used 93 times during the year, compared with 118 times used in 1944. Among the community organizations using the hall were, the Recreation Committee, the Boy Scouts, the Cub Scouts, the Young Men's Fellowship Group, the Matron's Club, the Young Mothers' Club, and the Community Sing Group.

At the last annual meeting your committee asked for an increased appropriation of \$600, part of which was to be used to cover the cost of repairing damages to the hall, caused by the hurricane of 1944. Due to the manpower shortage, only a part of the repairs have been completed, necessitating the request for a similar appropriation for this year. We are assured by a local contractor that these damages can now be repaired at an early date.

Freedom Hall

The expenditures were as follows:

Water Dept., water			\$ 25.50
Stuart Scudder, fuel			81.04
Ellery Jones, services			147.50
Cape & Vineyard, electricity			67.78
Cotuit Grocery, supplies			10.83
Scudder's Service Station, trucking			4.00
Maynard Gifford, services			12.00
Suburban Gas, supplies			3.00
Hamlin & Fish, services			17.65
Dyer Electric Co., services			3.50
John E. Frazier, services			48.50
Wallace Ryder, services			2.50
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		Total	\$423.80
Appropriated	\$600.00	Balance	\$176.20
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	\$600.00		\$600.00

Street Lights

Street Light Appropriation		\$2,000.00
Expended	\$1,954.67	
Balance	45.33	
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	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

FRED L. HARLOW

WALTER C. SCUDDER

CECIL B. GOODALL

Annual Fire Report of Board of Engineers

The Board of Engineers submit its twentieth annual report covering the year 1945.

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 gallon Maxim pump, a 170 gallon 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 radio.
One Davis inhalator, two smoke masks, five pump cans, three chemicals, three foam type extinguishers, one 15 lb. size CO₂ extinguisher, Oxygen and first aid equipment and other miscellaneous equipment.

The personnel consists of Chief Engineer, First and Second Asst. Engineers, Captain, Lieutenant and firemen. The men are paid \$1 for the first hour and 75c for each succeeding hour.

The engineers recommend the regular and special appropriation.

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

The department answered to 12 alarms within the District and alarms out of the District, 5.

The chief engineer has issued 225 permits.

Fire Department Expenditures

Stuart F. Scudder, fuel	\$173.43		
Esther Pierce, whistle care	300.00		
Scudder Serv. Sta., etc., express & gas	3.52		
Cash's Garage, supplies	80.78		
Water Department, water	25.50		
Cape & Vineyard, electricity	60.60		
New England Tel., telephone	131.07		
Maynard Gifford, services	18.00		
Cotuit Grocery, supplies	1.70		
Antone Souza, supplies and services	25.10		
Peter Cabral, services	19.77		
William Cash, services as Chief	400.00		
Justin A. McCarthy, supplies	73.08		
Frank G. Thacher, insurance	313.73		
V. H. Nickerson Co., supplies	2.87		
Roger Burlingame, services	17.25		
Hamlin & Fish, services	12.72		
Leonard Goodspeed Co., insurance	44.91		
John E. Frazier, services	4.13		
Labor at fires, services	291.75		
			\$1,999.91
Appropriated	\$2000.00	Balance	.09
	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00

Special Appropriations

Appropriated for whistle installation and wiring			\$500.00
Goodall Elec. Co., supplies and services		\$445.28	
Balance		54.72	
		\$500.00	\$500.00

Fire House Repairs Appropriation		\$166.33
Wallace Ryder, painting	\$ 19.30	
Balance	147.03	
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	\$166.33	\$166.33
Radio Appropriation		\$500.00
Gavin Mfg. Co.	\$440.00	
Balance	60.00	
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	\$500.00	\$500.00

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM L. CASH, Chief Engineer

ROGER BURLINGAME, First Asst. Engineer

JOHN SOUZA, Second Asst. Engineer

Report of Board of Water Commissioners

To the Citizens of the Cotuit Fire District:

We wish to submit our ninth annual report for the year ending December 31, 1945.

At the annual Fire District meeting, W. H. Perry, Sr., was reelected Water Commissioner for three years.

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

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 1946.

Twenty-nine new services were installed, and two of the original construction services were turned on, making a total of 274 active services. We have 15 inactive services at this time.

William H. Perry, Jr., has tendered his resignation as Superintendent of the Water Department to the Water Commissioners. We have accepted it with much regret. We feel he has done a fine job. He is giving up his position to enter into a partnership in another business.

Record of Water Pumped

Total pumped with Diesel Motor	28,256,000 gals.
Total pumped with Gasoline Motor	216,000 gals.
Total pumped with Gasoline and Diesel	28,472,000 gals.
Largest week August 1st. to August 7th.	1,404,000 gals.
Largest day August 4th.	327,000 gals.
All above from Venturi readings.	

	Financial	
	Expended	Appropriated
Interest	\$1,904.38	\$2,000.00
Services	1,034.24	1,000.00
Maintenance	5,524.35	7,500.00
Bond Payment	3,500.00	3,500.00
Extensions		1,000.00
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	11,962.97	
	3,037.03	
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	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00

Receipts	
Water Rates	\$7,790.19
Meter rentals	328.00
Service Connections	1,363.00
Sale of material	37.50
Refunds (Gas)	4.50
Telephone	27.45
Service charges	9.00
Hydrant Rental (1945)	3,350.00
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Total Water Dept. receipts	\$12,909.64

Accounts Receivable 1945	
Water rates	277.10
Meter rental	5.50
Service connection	51.10
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	\$333.70

Expenditures		
	Appropriated	
Interest paid on—		\$2,000.00
bonds	\$1,904.38	
Balance	95.62	
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	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

Services

Pipe fittings and meters	\$1,019.24	Appropriated	\$1,000.00
Labor	15.00	Overdraft	34.24
	\$1,034.24		\$1,034.24

Maintenance

Commissioners expense	5.50	Appropriated	\$7,500.00
Supt. salary	2,080.00		
Asst. Supt., salary	1,820.00		
Stationery, Postage	32.54		
Telephones	143.12		
Refund	20.00		
New England			
Water Works	36.00		
Truck (fuel, ins., etc.)	228.31		
Gas, Oil (station)	456.39		
Freight & express	13.74		
Elec. Light & Power	123.34		
Tools & Hardware	44.40		
Unclassified	13.50		
Fuel Oil (Burner)	74.06		
Building and			
Equipment	132.06		
Insurance	242.07		
Office supplies	54.32		
Supt. Bond	5.00		
	\$5,524.35		
Balance	1,975.65		
	\$7,500.00		\$7,500.00

Financial Condition of Water Department

December 31st, 1945

Water Department Receipts 1945	\$12,909.64
Water Department Expenditures 1945	11,962.97
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Balance 1945	\$ 946.67
Water Department Reserve Fund Dec. 31, 1944	\$7,718.66
Water Department Balance 1945	946.67
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Water Department Reserve Fund Dec. 31, 1945	\$8,665.33
	Inventory
Stock on hand	\$1,920.86

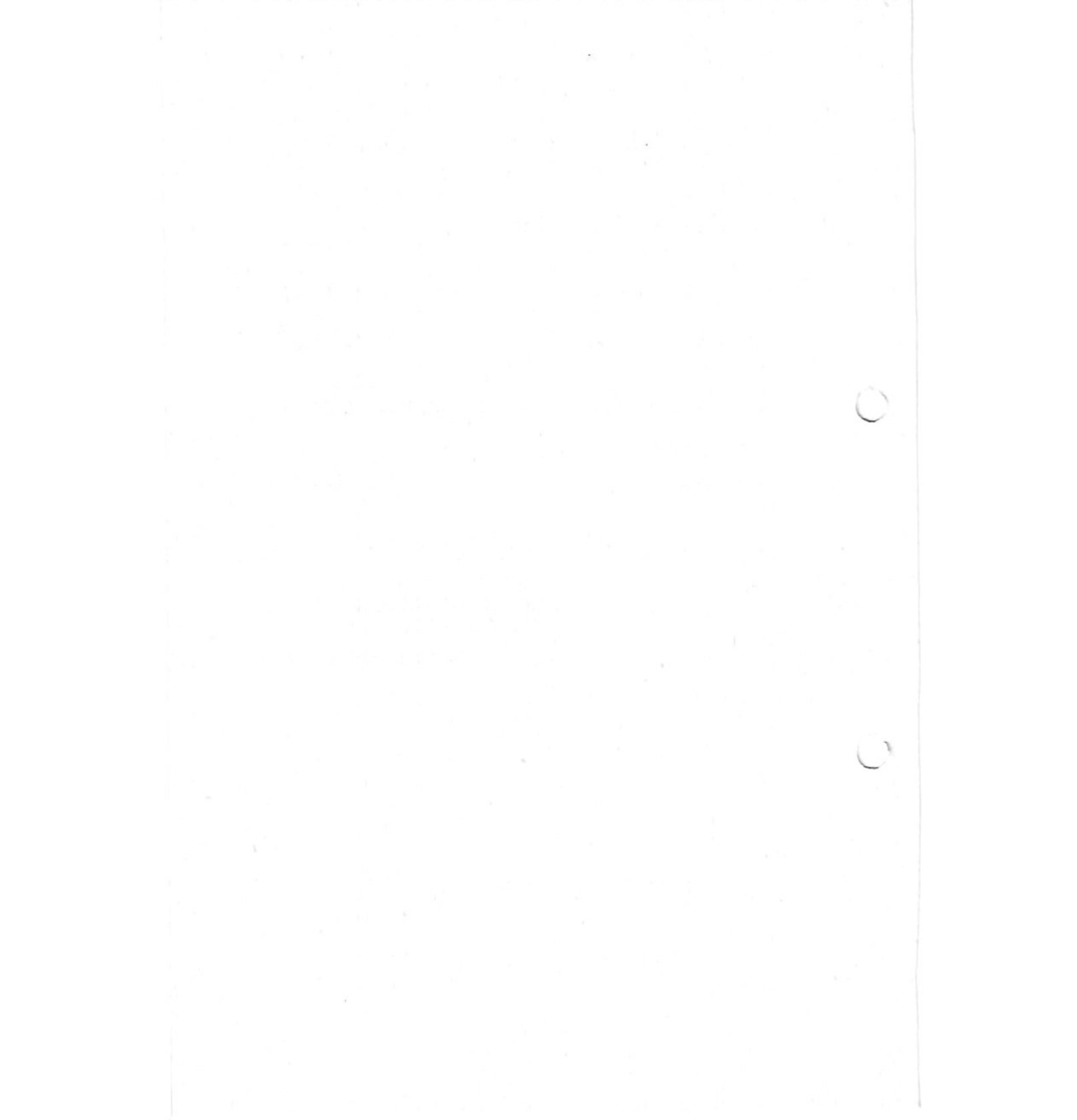
Respectfully submitted,

E. O. DOTTRIDGE, JR.

KENNETH TURNER

W. H. PERRY, SR.

Water Commissioners.

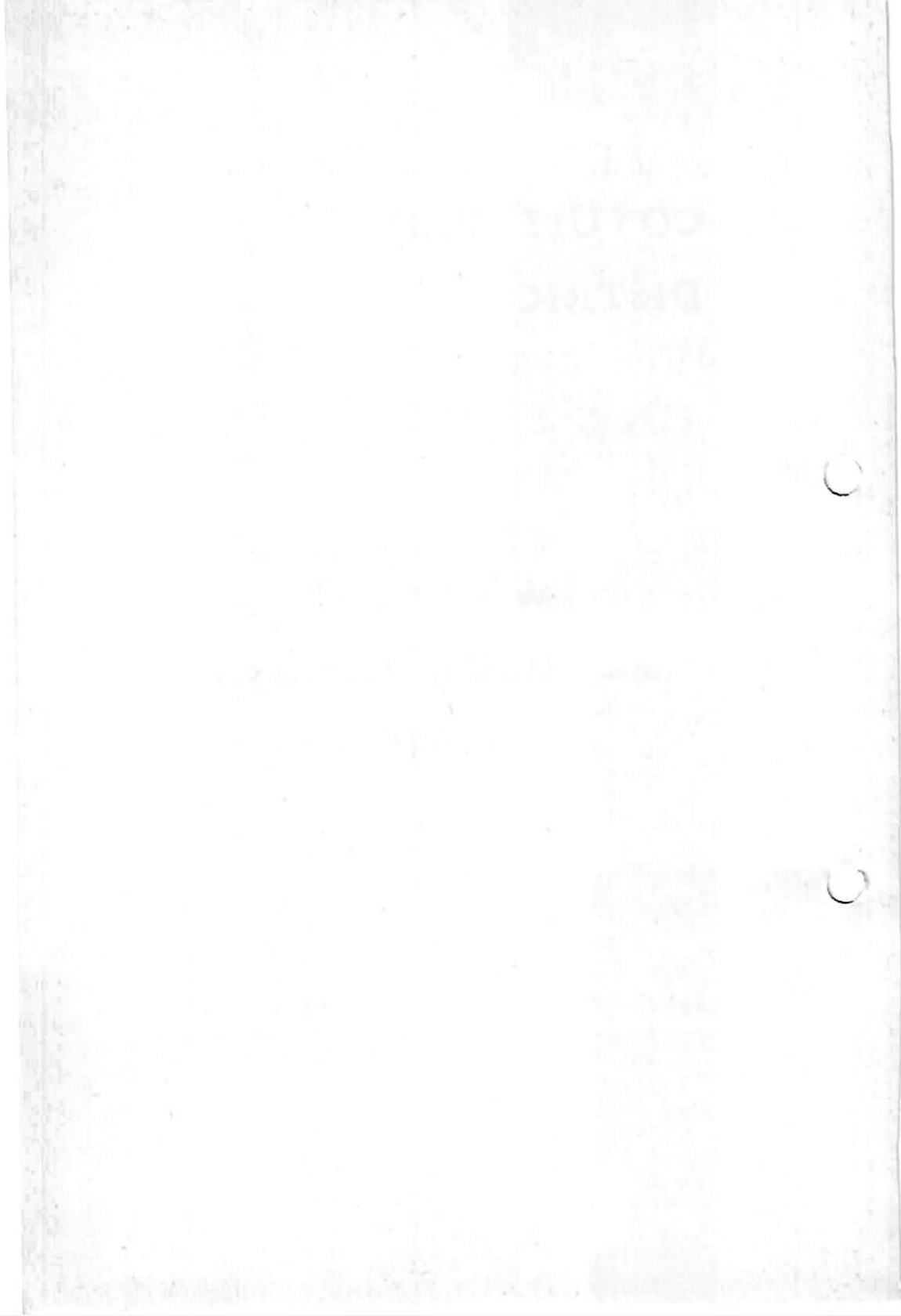


COTUIT FIRE
DISTRICT

WARRANT

Annual Meeting, February 11th

- 1946 -



Warrant --- Annual Meeting 1946

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

You are hereby notified to meet in Freedom Hall, Cotuit, Monday, February 11, 1946, 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, 1947, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1947.

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

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 years of 1945 and 1946.

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 \$2,008.80 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) \$1,900. for interest on the water bonds; (b) \$9,955. 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.

Article 14. To see if the District will appropriate from the receipts and revenue of the Water Department the sum of \$34.24 for overdraft in the account of New Services for 1945.

Article 15. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$350. for the purpose of installing a new primer on the Diamond T and for the renewing of 400 ft. of 1½ inch hose.

Article 16. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19.71 to pay overdraft of Freedom Hall 1944 account.

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

Per order of Prudential Committee,

FREDERICK L. HARLOW

WALTER C. SCUDDER

CECIL B. GOODALL

F. M. GIFFORD JR.,
Clerk.

