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Organization

Moderator

Ira L. Campbell

Prudential Committee

Walter C. Scudder, Chairman	Term expires 1956
Robert F. Hayden	Term expires 1954
Joseph H. Beecher	Term expires 1955

Clerk

F. Maynard Gifford

Treasurer

Herbert L. Snow

Board of Water Commissioners

William G. Ball, Chairman	Term expires 1956
Kenneth Turner	Term expires 1955
Thomas Rennie	Term expires 1954

BOARD OF ENGINEERS

Chief

Robert O. Dottridge

First Assistant Engineer Antone R. Souza

Second Assistant Engineer F. Maynard Gifford

Auditors

Bertram F. Ryder Udell Perry Theron Apollonio

Annual Report of Clerk

First Asst. Engineer:

*Antone R. Souza

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Second Asst. Engineer:

*F. Maynard Gifford, Jr.

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Auditors:

*Bertram F. Ryder

*Udell Perry

*Theron Apollonio

ANNUAL MEETING — COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT

February 9, 1953

In accordance with the foregoing notice and the by-laws of the District, the annual meeting of the Cotuit Fire District was held in Freedom Hall on Monday, February 9, 1953, at 8:00 o'clock P.M., and the clerk called the meeting to order.

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

Article 2. Messrs. Charles Savery, Harry Crocker, John R. Souza, and Richard Ryder were appointed tellers and were sworn into office by the clerk. The result of the voting was as follows:

Member of the Prudential Committee for three years:

*Walter Seudder 1

Member of the Board of Water Commissioners for three years:

*William G. Ball 48

Leonard Peck 18

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Clerk:

*F. Maynard Gifford, Jr. 1 *elected

Treasurer:

*Herbert L. Snow 1

Chief Engineer:

*Robert O. Dottridge 1

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted to take up article 19 and to extend to Mr. Bruce K. Jerauld the privilege of the floor for the purpose of explaining the article.

Article 19. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: That the District accept Sections 1 to 28 inclusive of Chapter 32 of the General Laws and adopt and establish a contributory retirement system for its employees eligible for membership.

Article 3. 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, 1954, 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, General Laws.

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, 1953, 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, General Laws.

Article 5. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: That the District accept the reports of the officers of the District as printed with a correction in the engineers' report of a balance of thirty-five dollars in the tire and tube appropriation.

Article 6. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: That the District indefinitely postpone the article.

Article 7. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$126. for unpaid bills.

Article 8. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000. 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 \$3300. 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 appropriate the sum of \$7500. for the purchase of a fire truck and equipment; that the sum of \$4500. be raised by taxation and the sum of \$3000. be taken from available funds; 53 to 3 a motion to take the total appropriation from available funds was defeated.

Article 11. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$471. for the purchase of fresh air masks for the fire department.

Article 12. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$300. for the purchase of fire hose.

Article 13. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$2665. for the purpose of lighting the streets of the District for the ensuing year.

Article 14. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$950. for the expenses of Freedom Hall for the ensuing year.

Article 15. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: That the District raise and appropriate the sum of 3850. for the Water Department for hydrant rental for the ensuing year.

Article 16. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$2500. for the Water Department for the payment of the additional water supply note coming due the current year.

Article 17. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: That the District appropriate from the receipts and revenues and reserve fund of the Water Department:

- (a) \$1700. for the payment of interest on bonds and notes.
- (b) \$3500. for the water department for new services.
- (c) \$6000. for the payment of water bonds and additional water supply notes maturing the current year.
- (d) 13,000. for the operating and maintenance of the water department.
- (e) \$1300. for the water department for extensions.

Article 18. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: That the District appropriate from the receipts

and revenues of the Water Department the sum of \$1700. for the construction of an extension of approximately 550 ft. on Newtown Road and that the Water Commissioners require that before such extension is made a guaranty shall be given to the District conditioned that the obligors shall pay the District, for such time as the Commissioners determine, at the times appointed for payment of water rates the sum of seventy-five dollars, annually, subject to diminution by the amounts that the District shall receive annually from rates paid for water by consumers connected with such extension.

Article 20. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$250. for the maintenance of the Cotuit Public Library.

Article 21. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$72. for four additional street lights in Highground section.

Article 22. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$55.86 for the overdraft of Freedom Hall account.

Article 23. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: That the District pay the moderator \$20. from available funds.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: That the engineers be authorized to dispose of the old fire truck to the best advantage of the District.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: That the engineers be authorized to install permanently a plaque, in memory of Mr. A. S. Childs, within the fire station.

It was suggested that the clerk, in the name of the District, request the Boy Scouts by letter to care for the District flag daily throughout the year.

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

Signed:

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

This Meeting:

Appropriated to be raised by taxation	\$19,539.86
Appropriated from available funds	3,020.00
Appropriated from receipts and revenues water department and reserve funds	27,200.00

Annual Report of the Prudential Committee

To the Citizens of the Cotuit Fire District:

Your Prudential Committee submits herewith its annual report for the year 1953.

At the annual Fire District meeting, Walter C. Scudder was elected a member of the Prudential Committee for a three year term.

The tax rate for 1953 was \$6.60 per thousand. The present total valuation of the District is \$3,816,335. The increase in the tax rate over 1952 was caused by the purchase of the new fire engine that we needly so badly. The increase in valuation of the District has helped to keep the tax rate down in spite of increases in the budgets of departments.

Freedom Hall was used 139 times during the year, compared with 113 times in 1952, and 114 times in 1951. The Town of Barnstable Recreation Committee continues its weekly program of dancing and basketball. The village young people use the Hall for basketball practice and games when supervised. The Hall is used regularly for weekly meetings of the Boy and Girl Scouts.

The Street Light budget for 1954 calls for an increase to cover costs of additional lights at Lewis Pond Road and Nickerson Road.

The Annual Summer Band Concerts sponsored by the Town were held during the summer at Memorial Park. The large attendance was indicative of the interest and enjoyment felt at these events in our village. We wish to express our thanks for this fine entertainment.

The committee wishes to bring to the attention of the

District the great improvement at the Town Landing and hope that during this next Town Meeting something can be done concerning the parking area at the Town Landing.

Freedom Hall

Water Department, water	\$ 25.50
Cape & Vineyard, electricity	82.20
Ellery Jones, services	475.12
Cotuit Oil Co., fuel	162.92
Cotuit Grocery, supplies	24.32
Robert F. Hayden, supplies	42.53
Maynard Gifford, services	12.00
Kenneth Turner, services	17.50
R. A. Macomber, Inc., services	3.50
Ralph H. Patterson, insurance	99.00
Wallace Ryder, Jr., services	10.50
Scudder's Service Station, supplies	16.60
W. C. Rennie, services	4.00
Total Expenditures	\$975.69

Appropriated	\$950.00
Overdraft	25.69
	Street Lights
Appropriated Expenditures	\$2,737.00
Balance	2,661.85
	\$75.15

Report of Board of Water Commissioners

To the Citizens of the Cotuit Fire District:

Your Board of Water Commissioners submits herewith its 17th Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1953.

At the Annual Fire District Meeting held on February 9th, William G. Ball was re-elected for a term of three years.

The new auxiliary Pumping Station is now completed. Final cost figures, including land takings, will approximate \$26,000, against an appropriation of \$36,000. Operation during 1953 ran as follows: June, sixteen days; July, thirteen days; August, five days; September, six days. Because of the new Station, our reserve in the Elevated Tank did not fall below 100,000 gallons at any time during the peak summer demand.

Income from the increased sales of water during 1952 will be felt this year. Due to accounting regulations of the State, we were unable to gain credit for these increased sales of water in 1953 and as a result the District's Tax Rate jumped to \$6.60. The Rate this year should be back to normal.

In addition to the regular routine operations this year, the Water Department has taken care of the following items: 1. replaced "war time" cast iron meter bases with bronze; 2. all hydrants have been repacked, repainted, equipped with new washers and flushed out at least once during the year; 3. all gravel-packed wells were cleaned; 4. all valves, six inches and larger, were operated at least once during the year.

Every effort is being made to maintain high operating efficiency at all times consistent with economical operation.

There were eight new services installed this year. We have 417 services installed of which 12 are inactive.

Record of Water Pumped

Total pumped with Worthington Diesel	47,973,000 gals.
Total pumped with General Motors Diesel	6,000,500 gals.
Total pumped with Buda (Gasoline engine)	420,000 gals.
Total pumped 1953	54,393,500 gals.

Largest Week June 28th to July 4th

Main Station	3,432,000 gals.
Sub-Station	1,405,100 gals.

Total

Largest Day—Main Station	4,837,100 gals.
Sub-Station	624,000 gals.
Total	217,700 gals.

Total

All above readings from Venturi and Propeloflo meters.	841,700 gals.
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Financial	Expended	Appropriated
Interest (Bonds & Notes)	\$ 1,303.13	\$ 1,700.00
Service Connections	3,329.64	3,500.00
Bond, and Notes	3,500.00	6,000.00
Maintenance	10,961.75	13,000.00
Extensions (Regular)	728.23	1,300.00
Extension (Newtown Road)	1,700.00	1,700.00
Balance	\$21,522.75	\$27,200.00
	5,677.25	
New Construction	\$ 2,169.97 (1952 Bal.)	\$27,200.00
Balance	12,779.62	\$14,949.59
	\$14,949.59	

Receipts

Water	\$15,930.04
Hydrant Rental	3,350.00
Additional Water Supply Note	2,500.00
Meter Rentals	523.75
Service Connections	3,428.82
Telephone (Toll Calls)	27.85
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	\$25,760.46

Accounts Receivable 1953

Water	\$ 526.82
Meter Rental	4.00
Service Connection	15.35
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	\$546.17

Interest Account

Bonds	Expended	Appropriated
Notes	\$1,134.38	\$1,700.00
	168.75	
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Balance	\$1,303.13	
	396.87	
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	\$1,700.00	

Service Connections

Pipe, Fittings & Meters	Expended	Appropriated
Labor	\$2,983.35	\$3,500.00
Express and other	187.96	
	158.33	
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Balance	\$3,329.64	
	170.36	
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	\$3,500.00	

Extensions (Regular)

Pipe and Fittings	Expended	Appropriated
Balance	\$728.23	\$1,300.00
	571.77	
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	\$1,300.00	

Extension (Newtown Road)

Pipe and Fittings	Expended	Appropriated
Labor	\$1,194.75	\$1,700.00
	505.25	
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	\$1,700.00	

New Construction Account (Sub-Station)

Buildings (Labor & Material)	Expended	1952 Balance
Land	\$1,860.32	\$14,949.59
Legal Services	124.80	
	184.85	
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Balance	2,169.97	
	12,779.62	
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	\$14,949.59	

Maintenance

Superintendent, Salary	Expended	Appropriated
Asst. Superintendent, Salary	\$3,117.50	\$13,000.00
Office Supplies & Postage	2,857.50	
Telephones	234.69	
New England Water Works	283.19	
Maintenance of System	57.00	
Truck, Gas, Oil, Repair & Ins.	408.46	
Fuels, Station Engines	361.42	
Freight and Express	1,246.39	
Light and Power	31.04	
	198.38	

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Fuel, Station Heating	204.81
Tools and Hardware	106.39
Insurance	1,016.43
Supt. and Assistant Bonds	15.00
Rustop System	180.00
Chemicals	311.41
Grounds and Water Shed	49.28
Maintenance and Repairs,	
Motor and Pumps	282.86

Balance	\$10,961.75
	2,038.25
	<u>\$13,000.00</u>

Inventory
 Stock on hand December 31, 1953 \$3,904.40
 Stock on hand December 31, 1952 2,829.81

Increase	\$1,074.59
Financial Condition of Water Department	
Excess Receipts over Expenditures	\$4,237.71
Additional Water Supply Note due Jan. 25, 1954	2,500.00

Unexpended Balance December 31, 1952	\$1,737.71
Balance on hand	5,290.48
	<u>\$7,028.19</u>

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM G. BALL, Chairman
 KENNETH TURNER
 THOMAS D. RENNIE

To the Citizens of the Cotuit Fire District:

The Board of Engineers submits herewith its annual report for the year ending December 31, 1953.

Apparatus and Equipment

Engine I. 1937, 500 gallon Maxim pumper carrying 150 gallons of water, 150 feet of booster hose, 1200 feet of 2½ inch hose, 500 feet of 1½ inch hose, 24 feet extension ladder, 13 foot roof ladder, suction hose, nozzles, fittings, CO-2 extinguisher, two foam extinguishers, two smoke masks, coats, boots and miscellaneous equipment.

Engine II. 1940, 500 gallon Maxim pumper carrying 170 gallons of water, 200 feet of booster hose, 900 feet of 2½ inch hose, 200 feet of 1½ inch hose, 24 foot extension ladder, 13 foot roof ladder, suction hose, nozzles, fittings, two foam extinguishers and miscellaneous equipment.

Engine III. 1953 Ford, 400 gallon tank truck built by Maxim Motor Company carrying 600 feet of booster hose, 200 feet of 1½ inch hose, two Scott Air Packs, E & J Resuscitator, oxygen, first aid equipment, flood light, two-way radio, boots, coats, CO-2 extinguisher, foam extinguisher and other miscellaneous equipment.

One Davis Inhalator
 One Stretcher
 One Hospital Bed
 One Body Drag

Other Small Equipment

The Department responded to 19 alarms in the District and 5 alarms outside the District.

The loss by fire was estimated at \$4060.00 of which \$3151.00 was covered by insurance.

There have been 125 permits issued for burning, 16 for oil installations and 28 for liquid petroleum gas installations.

Information and Recommendations

Our trucks are all in good condition. We again recommend the purchase of a small amount of 2½ inch hose. We also plan to paint the outside trim of the station.

Expenditures were as follows:

	Spent 1952	Spent 1953
Electricity	\$ 64.06	\$ 49.38
Telephones	159.61	182.65
Heat	271.75	211.22
Insurance	411.19	533.58
Maintenance of Fire Alarm	201.57	21.45
Fire Alarm Attendants	516.00	515.00
Maintenance & Repair of Equipment	251.39	190.85
Maintenance & Repair of Station	131.26	457.34
Supplies and Equipment	190.09	374.66
Office Expense	49.96	14.30
Chief's Salary	400.00	400.00
Labor at Fires	169.00	239.00
Other Labor	125.50	95.00
Total Expenditures	\$2,941.38	\$3,284.43
Balance	58.62	15.57
Appropriated	\$3,000.00	\$3,300.00

Special Appropriation for Fresh

Air Masks	471.00
Expended	471.00

Balance	\$ 00.00
Special Appropriation for Fire Truck	\$7,500.00
Expended	7,498.69

Balance	\$ 1.31
Special Hose Appropriation	\$300.00

Balance	\$300.00
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Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT O. DOTTRIDGE,
Chief Engineer
ANTONE R. SOUZA
1st Ass't. Engineer
F. M. GIFFORD, JR.
2nd Ass't. Engineer

Cotuit Fire District Warrant Annual Meeting February 8, 1954

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 in Freedom Hall, Cotuit, Monday, February 8, 1954, at 8:00 o'clock P.M., then and there to act upon 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 Board of 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 see if the District will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Prudential Committee, to borrow money on or after January 1, 1955 in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1955.

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, 1954, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1954.

Article 5. To hear and act upon the reports of the officers and committees of the District.

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 1952, 1953 and 1954.

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 \$1000. 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 \$3300. for the expenses of the fire department for the ensuing year.

Article 10. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250. for the maintenance of the Cotuit Public Library.

Article 11. To see if the District will raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay the annual assessment to the Barnstable County Retirement System.

Article 12. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1200.00 for the expenses of Freedom Hall for the ensuing year.

Article 13. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$2737.00 for the purpose of lighting the streets of the District for the ensuing year.

Article 14. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3350.00 for the Water Department for hydrant rental for the current year, or take any action in relation thereto and act fully thereon.

Article 15. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2500.00 for the Water Department for the payment of the additional water supply note or take any action in relation thereto and act fully thereon.

Article 16. To see if the District will appropriate from the receipts and revenues of the Water Department:

- (a) \$1,500.00 for interest on water bonds and notes.
- (b) \$2,500.00 for the water department for new services.
- (c) \$6,000.00 for the payment of water bonds and notes maturing the current year.
- (d) \$12,630.00 for the operating and maintenance of the water department.
- (e) \$1,000.00 for the water department for extensions.

Article 17. To see if the District will raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$575.00 for the purchase of fire hose.

Article 18. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$54.00 for additional street lights.

Article 19. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25.69 for the overdraft of Freedom Hall account.

Article 20. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by advertising same in a newspaper printed within the Town of Barnstable seven days at least before the time of said meeting.

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

Given under our hands this 4th day of January, 1954.

A True Copy Attest:

WALTER C. SCUDDER
ROBERT F. HAYDEN
JOSEPH H. BEECHER

F. MAYNARD GIFFORD, JR., Clerk