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Organization

Moderator

Roger Scudder

Prudential Committee

Walter C. Scudder, Chairman	Term expires 1965
Gordon M. Browne, Jr.	Term expires 1967
Robert S. Behlman	Term expires 1966

Clerk

F. Maynard Gifford

Treasurer

Herbert L. Snow

Board of Water Commissioners

Kenneth Turner, Chairman	Term expires 1967
Philip Brackett	Term expires 1966
Edward W. Moore	Term expires 1965

BOARD OF ENGINEERS

Chief

Robert O. Dottridge

First Assistant Engineer	Antone R. Souza
Second Assistant Engineer	John Newton Jr.

Auditors

Joseph H. Beecher	Udell Perry	Theron Apollonio
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ANNUAL REPORT OF CLERK

ANNUAL MEETING—COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT

February 10, 1964

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 10, 1964, at 8 o'clock P.M. and the clerk called the meeting to order.

Article 1. Mr. Roger Scudder was chosen Moderator for one year.

Article 2. The following were nominated and the result of the election was as follows:

Member of Prudential Committee, 3 yrs.—Mr. Gordon M. Browne Jr.—1 vote*

Member of Board of Water Commissioners, 3 yrs. -- Kenneth Turner—1 vote*

Clerk—F. Maynard Gifford Jr.—1 vote*

Treasurer—Herbert L. Snow—1 vote*

Chief Engineer—Robert O. Dottridge—1 vote*

First Asst. Engineer—Antone R. Souza—1 vote*

Second Asst. Engineer—John E. Newton Jr.—1 vote*

Auditors: Joseph H. Beecher, Udell Perry, and Theron Apollonio—1 vote each*

*Elected

Article 3. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously 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, 1965, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year and renew such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17 of the appropriate Chapter, General Laws."

Article 4. Upon motion and duly made and seconded, it was unanimously 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, 1964, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year and renew such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17 of the appropriate Chapter, General Laws."

Article 5. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the reports of the officers and committees of the District be accepted as printed."

Article 6. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the article be indefinitely postponed, there being no unpaid bills."

Article 7. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$1900. for salaries and expenses of the financial dept. for the ensuing year, that the moderator be paid \$20. for his services, and that the clerk's salary be raised to \$300."

Article 8. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$6845. for the expenses of the fire 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 \$250. for the maintenance of the Cotuit Library Association, Inc."

Article 10. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500. for the expenses of Freedom Hall for the ensuing year."

Article 11. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$4600. for the purpose of lighting the streets of the District for the ensuing year."

Article 12. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,500. for the payment of water bonds and notes maturing the current year."

Article 13. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate:
(a) \$2,000. for interest on water bonds and notes

(b) \$4,000. for the water dept. for new services
(c) \$18,339. for the operating and maintenance of the
water dept.
(d) \$1,000. for the water dept. for extensions
and that the estimated receipts and revenues of the water
dept. be appropriated towards the tax levy."

Article 14. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it
was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the
sum of \$8,500. for the purpose of installing a water main in
and along Crocker Neek Road for a distance of about
twenty-two feet subject to a District by-law passed on
March 10, 1950."

Article 15. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it
was Voted: "That the District accept as a gift from Mr.
Don B. Stookey a parcel of land adjacent to the fire station
consisting of approximately 43 ft. on High St. and extending
140 ft. in depth, and that the expenses of surveying and
transfer be taken from the fire dept. budget."

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted:
"That the District appropriate the sum of \$8000. from free
cash towards the tax levy."

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted:
"That the Clerk be instructed to write Mr. Don B. Stookey
thanking him for the gift of land adjacent to the fire sta-
tion."

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted:
"That the Clerk be instructed to write the Board of Select-
men, requesting the numbering of the houses in the District."

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

F. Maynard Gifford Jr.

Clerk: Cotuit Fire District.

This Meeting:

Voted to raise by taxation—\$59, 434.

Voted to appropriate towards the tax levy:
\$8,000. of free cash and the estimated receipts of the
water dept.

SPECIAL MEETING—COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT

December 28, 1964

In accordance with the foregoing notice and the by-laws of the District, a Special Meeting of the Cotuit Fire District was held in Freedom Hall with seven voters present on Monday, December 28, 1964, at 8 o'clock P.M. and the Moderator called the meeting to order.

Article 1. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously Voted "That the District authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to grant, in behalf of the District, an easement over District property formerly owned by Mary S. Crocker and now used for water department purposes, to the Cape & Vineyard Electric Company."

Article 2. Upon motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously Voted "That the Moderator appoint a committee to compile a resolution on the death of Mr. Calvin D. Crawford."

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

F. Maynard Gifford Jr.

Clerk: Cotuit Fire District

This meeting: No appropriations

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Year Ending December 31, 1964

Receipts

Cash balance in Hyannis Trust Co., Jan. 1, 1964	\$ 51,227.69
Water Department	24,016.20
Tax Collector	33,297.89
Fire Taxes from Town Treasurer	29.23
Freedom Hall	60.00
Loans	60,180.83
Interest on savings account	1,000.00
Sale of hose	30.00
Bank errors	148.75
Total receipts	<u>\$169,990.59</u>

Expenditures

Water Department	\$102,300.09
Fire Department	6,713.91
Financial Department	1,810.93
Freedom Hall	882.80
Street Lights	4,550.38
Public Library	250.00
Tax Refunds	528.15
Auditors	376.11
Notes & Bonds	10,500.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$127,912.37</u>
Cash balance December 31, 1964	\$ 42,078.22

Financial Condition of District

Assets

Cash balance in Hyannis Trust Co.	\$ 22,078.22
Bass River Savings Bank	20,000.00
Due from Tax Collector	628.10

Liabilities

Notes & Bonds \$109,000.00

Valuation of District

Real Estate \$4,336,500.00
Personal 510,070.00

Total Valuation \$4,846,570.00
Tax rate 1964—\$7.00 per \$1,000.00

Financial Department Expense in Detail

Appropriation		\$ 1,900.00
Printing & Advertising	\$ 233.52	
Postage	25.80	
Barnstable County Retirement Assoc.	692.31	
Certification of notes	24.00	
Treasurer's Bond	31.20	
Supplies for Treasurer	8.10	
Tax Collector's Salary	38.76	
Assessors' Salary	87.24	
Moderator's Salary	20.00	
Clerk's Salary	300.00	
Treasurer's Salary	350.00	
	<u>Total</u>	\$1,810.93
	Balance to Revenue	90.07
		<u>\$ 1,900.00</u>

Respectfully submitted

Herbert L. Snow, Treasurer

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of the Cotuit Fire District:

Your Board of Water Commissioners submits herewith its twenty-eighth annual report for the year ending December 31, 1964.

At the annual Fire District meeting held February 10, 1964. Mr. Kenneth Turner was re - elected for a term of three years.

The Board has held monthly meetings regularly and held special meetings when necessary. Expenses have been kept at a minimum consistent with the proper operation of the department. One water main extension was installed. Contracts with Whitman & Howard and others are in effect, in connection with our additional water supply, which is progressing favorably.

One of the major problems at present is the decrease in flow of water from our original wells installed in 1936. Methods to improve the condition are under consideration.

Twenty-four new services were installed this year. We now have 533 services of which 26 are inactive.

Record of Water Pumped

Total pumped at main station	47,376,000 gals.
Total pumped at sub-station	20,467,500 gals.
Total pumped	67,843,500 gals.
Largest week—June 12 to July 1	4,161,600 gals.
Largest day—June 12	791,500 gals.

Receipts

Water	\$19,899.11
Meter rental	625.50
Service connections	3,439.77

Telephone refunds	48.32	
Sale of material	3.50	
		\$ 24,016.20
Accounts Receivable—\$1,130.09		Water liens—\$188.62

Expenditures

Regular Appropriations:

	Appropriated	Spent	Balance
Maintenance and Operation	\$18,339.00	\$15,875.33	\$2,463.67
Service Connections	4,000.00	5,614.30	none
Interest	2,000.00	2,750.21	none
Reg. Ext. Acct.	1,000.00	none	1,000.00

Special Appropriations:

Well Site	\$20,000.00	\$35,938.56	none
Crocker Neck Rd. Ext.	8,500.00	7,355.15	144.85
Add Water Supply	63,987.75 (bal.)	34,766.54	29,221.21
Test Wells	286.51 (bal.)	none	286.51

Maintenance in Detail

Supt. salary	\$ 5,000.00
Asst. salary	4,350.00
Office expense	300.90
Telephones	374.01
New England Water Works Asso.	8.00
Maintenance of system	204.54
Truck expense	501.71
Cast iron pipe & fitting	254.12
Engine fuel	1,637.59
Freight & express	5.50
Light & Power	335.24
Station heating	185.87
Building repairs	50.71
Tools & hardware	55.68

Insurance	406.54	
Supt. & Asst. bonds	20.00	
Rustop systems	444.00	
Chemicals	464.45	
Water shed & grounds	125.00	
Unclassified	34.68	
Repairs to pumps & motors	1,116.79	
		\$15,875.33

Stock Inventory

Stock on hand Dec. 31, 1964	\$13,365.14	
Stock on hand Dec. 31, 1963	12,587.16	
Increase in Inventory		\$ 777.98

Financial Condition of Water Department

Water Dept. balance Dec. 31, 1963	\$ 7,101.80	
Excess expenditures over receipts (regular appropriations)	223.64	
		\$ 6,878.16

Respectfully submitted:

Kenneth Turner
Edward W. Moore
Philip Brackett

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 1964.

At the annual Fire District meeting, Gordon Browne Jr. was elected a member of the Prudential Committee for a period of three years.

The Cotuit Fire District has at present a valuation consisting of Personal Property—\$510,070.00 and Real Estate—\$4,336,500.00 making a total of \$4,846,570.00. The Fire District Tax for 1964 was \$7.00 per thousand.

During the past year Freedom Hall has been used many times for various civic meetings. Some of the organizations using the hall are as follows: Cotuit Athletic Association, Town, State and Presidential Election, Historical Society, Federated Church Youth Fellowship rehearsals and shows, Federated Church Auction, Couples Club Dances and the Barnstable Recreation League. The Prudential Committee has given permission to the newly formed Teen Club to hold their meetings in the basement of the hall as requested.

The Prudential Committee has received during the past year two written requests for new street lights.

FREEDOM HALL

The expenditures were as follows:

Water Department, Water	\$ 25.50
Cape & Vineyard Electric Co., Power	103.38
Ralph Patterson, Insurance	155.64
Walter C. Scudder Inc. Fuel Oil	342.72
James Irwin, Janitor services	170.35

Kenneth Turner, Services	17.70	
David Quinn, Services	27.59	
Ralph J. Perry, Services	9.00	
Paul Botello, Services	25.25	
Cotuit Grocery Co., Supplies	5.67	
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Appropriation	\$1500.00	\$882.80
Expenditures	882.80	
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Balance to Revenue \$617.20

STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation	\$4,600.00	
Expenditures	4,550.38	
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Balance to Revenue \$ 49.62

Walter C. Scudder, Chrm.

Gordon M. Browne, Jr.

Robert S. Behlman

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS

To the citizens of the Cotuit Fire District:

The Board of Engineers submits its annual report for the year ending December 31, 1964.

The Department has responded to 61 calls, 12 fires, 44 ambulance and 5 rescue.

The loss by fire was estimated to be \$150.00.

Our equipment consists of a 1937—500 gallon pumping engine, a 1940—500 gallon pumping engine, a 1953—400 gallon tank truck and a 1958 ambulance.

Both pumping engines are old and in need of replacement. It is getting increasingly difficult to get any parts for repairs. Engine 2 is in poor condition and therefore in order to maintain adequate fire protection, the Board of Engineers recommend that this truck be replaced this year.

The budget has been increased in order to paint the fire station and for a raise in salary of \$200.00 for the Fire Chief, which the Board of Engineers recommend.

Expenditures and estimates are as follows:

	1963	1964	Est. 1965
Electricity	\$ 174.75	\$ 161.30	\$ 175.00
Telephones	468.30	469.61	475.00
Heat	271.22	267.33	275.00
Insurance	1,424.72	1,410.11	1,550.00
Maintenance of Fire Alarm		20.00	50.00
Fire alarm attendants	515.00	516.00	515.00
Maintenance of Equipment	571.60	793.73	650.00
Maintenance of station	384.84	208.48	700.00

Supplies and equipment	401.55	738.26	400.00
Office and travel expense	332.50	226.84	225.00
Labor	932.25	902.25	1,000.00
Chiefs salary	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,200.00
Total	\$6,476.00	\$6,713.00	\$7,215.00
Appropriation	6,500.00	6,845.00	
Balance to revenue	\$ 23.27	\$ 131.09	

During the year Mr. Don B. Stookey gave to the Cotuit Fire District, a parcel of land bordering on the north side of the fire station property which measures 38.42 feet on High Street and about 140 feet in depth. This added land will insure adequate room for future expansion.

In closing we wish to again thank Mr. Stookey for his generous gift of land and to thank all other Departments and persons who have assisted and co-operated with us during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert O. Dottridge, Chief

Antone R. Souza, 1st. Assistant

John E. Newton Jr., 2nd Assistant

Board of Engineers

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO STUDY NEEDS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the citizens of the Cotuit Fire District :

This Committee lost a faithful member in the death of Mr. Calvin D. Crawford and his services will be missed on this and other committees.

The two pumping engines of the Fire Department, a 1937 Diamond T and a 1940 Dodge, are old and getting beyond the point of dependability. The 1940 Dodge (Engine II) is in poor condition and should be replaced this year. Engine I (1937 Diamond T) will have to be replaced in a very few years. It is getting very difficult to get parts for repairs of either of these trucks. Engine I was out of service for nearly two weeks during the year waiting for parts. It will take nearly a year after a contract is signed to get delivery of a new truck.

Therefore, in order that dependable equipment is available for proper fire protection, it is recommended that a new pumping engine be purchased this year.

The Department is planning to have the Fire Station painted and other minor repairs done this year. The doors in the engine room will have to be replaced and the roof shingled in the near future.

It is recommended that this committee be continued for further study and that another member be appointed to take the place of Mr. Crawford.

Respectfully submitted,

Carter P. Whitecomb

Robert O. Dottridge

COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT WARRANT
Annual Meeting — February 8, 1965

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, 1965 at 8 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, 1st Assistant Engineer, 2nd Assistant Engineer, Three Auditors, all for one year and to elect any other 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, 1966 in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1966.

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, 1965 in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1965.

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

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

Article 7. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$2,000. for salaries and expenses of the financial department for the ensuing year.

Article 8. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$7,215. for the expenses of the fire department for the ensuing year.

Article 9. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$250. for the maintenance of the Cotuit Library Association, Inc.

Article 10. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1,500. for the expenses of Freedom Hall for the ensuing year.

Article 11. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$4,850. for the purpose of lighting the streets of the District for the ensuing year.

Article 12. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$13,000. for the payment of water bonds and notes maturing the current year.

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

- (a) \$3,600. for interest on water bonds and notes,
- (b) \$2,500. for the water dept. for new services,
- (c) \$20,639. for the operating and maintenance of the water dept.,
- (d) \$1,000. for the water dept. for extensions.

Article 14. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate or borrow and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$25,000. to provide for the purchase and equipping of a fire truck for the Fire Department or to take any action in relation thereto and to act fully thereon.

Article 15. 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, 1965.

Prudential Committee:

Walter C. Scudder

Gordon M. Browne Jr.

Robert S. Behlman

A true copy attest:

F. Maynard Gifford Jr.

Clerk: Cotuit Fire District