

TOWN OF BARNSTABLE

NOTICE OF MEETINGS OF TOWN DEPARTMENT AND ALL TOWN BOARDS As Required by Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2009 which amends MGL Chapter 30 A

NAME OF PUBLIC BODY – PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE WEST BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT

DATE OF MEETING: May 27, 2026

TIME: 4:00 P.M.

PLACE: West Barnstable Fire Station – Training Room
2160 Meetinghouse Way (Rte.149), West Barnstable, MA 02668

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Clerk's Report
 - a. Approval of Minutes/Correspondence
 - b. ADM Review
2. Public Comment – No Deliberation (except emergencies)
3. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. FY 2025 Budget Status
 - b. Cash Reconciliations
4. Review Ambulance Billing/Revenue Report
5. Review Overtime Report & Sick/Vacation Leave Report
6. Building Committee Update
7. Appointment of Prudential Member for Discussions and Possible Meeting with Union
8. Fire Chief's Report – (No Prudential Actions)
 - a. Personnel Changes
 - b. Community Events
 - c. Recruit Training
9. Deputy Chief's Report
 - a. Building & Facilities Update
 - b. Grant Status Updates
 - c. Apparatus Updates
10. Executive Session for Purposes of Discussing Contract Negotiation Strategies with Union
11. Such Other Matters Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION NOTICE: This meeting of the WBFD Prudential Committee will not be conducted electronically for remote participation. If you wish to participate, please attend the meeting in person at the address above. For more information, please email District Clerk, Dan Furbush at DFURBUSH@WBFDDEMS.ORG

The list of matters, are those reasonably anticipated by the president/chair, which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law. It is possible that if it so votes, the sub-committee may go into executive session.

PERSONS INTERESTED ARE ADVISED THAT IN THE EVENT THAT ANY MATTER TAKEN UP AT THE MEETING THAT REMAINS UNFINISHED AT THE CLOSE OF THE MEETING, IT MAY BE PUT OFF TO A CONTINUED SESSION OF THIS MEETING WITH PROPER POSTING.

For your information the section of the M.G.L. that pertains to postings of meetings is as follows: Except in an emergency, in addition to any notice otherwise required by law, a public body shall post notice of every meeting at least 48 hours prior to such meeting, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays. In an emergency, a public body shall post notice as soon as reasonably possible prior to such meeting. Notice shall be printed in a legible, easily understandable format and shall contain: the date, time and place of such meeting and a listing of topics that the chair reasonably anticipates will be discussed at the meeting. For meetings of a local public body, notice shall be filed with the municipal clerk and posted in a manner conspicuously visible to the public at all hours in or on the municipal building in which the clerk's office is located.

WEST BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MAY 27, 2026

PRESENT: Chief Dave Paanenen; Prudential Committee Members Daniel Dewey and Chris Maki; District Clerk Dan Furbush; District Accountant Mary Carnevale; District Treasurer Ray Pirrone and Committee Chir Edward Smith were absent; Public attendees were Austin Moloney, Pablo Almeida, Shane Ryder, Kevin Young, Heather Malkani, Lisa Hendrickson, Nancy Trafton, Mark Wirtanen and Kris Clark

CALL TO ORDER:

Due to Mr. Smith's absence, the Clerk advised the members that it was necessary to appoint a temporary Chair for the meeting. Committee members discussed the issue and agreed that Mr. Dewey would act as temporary Chair. Mr. Dewey called the meeting of the Prudential Committee to order at 4:27 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk provided Minutes from the April 15, 2026 Prudential Committee meeting, the April 29, 2026 Prudential Committee meeting, and the April 29, 2026 Annual District Meeting.

Mr. Dewey motioned, Mr. Maki seconded, and in a roll call vote, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2026 Prudential Committee meeting as written.

Mr. Dewey motioned, Mr. Maki seconded, and in a roll call vote, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the April 29, 2026 Prudential Committee meeting as written.

Mr. Maki motioned, Mr. Dewey seconded, and in a roll call vote, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the April 29, 2026 Annual District Meeting as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mark Wirtanen told the gathering that as a member of the West Barnstable Civic Association, he has heard much discussion about the various historic properties that have been renovated with taxpayer funds and suggested that the Paine Black House could be used as sleeping quarters for members of the Fire Department.

Lisa Hendrickson asked if changing the meeting time from 4:00 to a later hour might improve the attendance. The Chief answered that meetings were previously held at 6:00 PM and there was even less public participation, so the meetings were then moved to 4:00 PM.

Kris Clark then indicated that scheduled meetings should be displayed on the public notice board outside the fire station to serve constituents better. She referred to the recent postponement of Cotuit's Annual

Meeting and how the information about the postponement was visible in that district. She also mentioned the posting of the agendas and minutes on the website and was told that the new website was nearing deployment. Mr. Dewey agreed that it was possible to post scheduled meetings on the public notice board and welcomed the new website's implementation to improve communications with the district.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

In Mr. Pirrone's absence, Ms. Carnevale provided the Committee with financial updates indicating that all articles and expenses are tracking to budget or below. She said that tax receipts were slow, but ambulance revenues were offsetting the slow tax receipts.

AMBULANCE BILLING / REVENUE REPORT:

The statistics for the department's activity in April included twenty-four (24) transports, all to Cape Cod Hospital. Eighteen (18) residents and six (6) non-residents were served for twenty-three (23) medical calls and one (1) motor vehicle accident. Receipts for the month totaled twenty-eight thousand seven hundred fifty-two dollars and twenty-six cents (\$28,752.26).

The Chief then explained to the Committee that the department had severed all involvement with FFR after receiving a copy of the department's agreement with them, which incorrectly stated the relationship. He indicated that there would be no collection activity until the department could work out an arrangement with Comstar. He also advised that accounts uncollected from 2014 to 2024 would be written off. Only the last two years of uncollected activity would be maintained.

REVIEW OVERTIME REPORT & SICK/VACATION LEAVE REPORT:

The Chief indicated that there was no overtime report available for the meeting as it is being reviewed to correct some allocation discrepancies in the overtime hours. He did say that the April overtime hours totaled 813, less than the previous month's total of 849 hours.

BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Chief Paananen informed the Committee that he had received a third concept design from the architects and would be meeting with the Building Committee the following day to discuss it. He said he anticipates the need for a formal site planning review with the Town, which will further delay the project.

APPOINTMENT OF PRUDENTIAL MEMBER FOR DISCUSSIONS AND POSSIBLE MEETING WITH UNION:

The Chief explained that the union had requested that two Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) be presented to the Prudential Committee, and he asked a member to represent the committee in those discussions. Mr. Maki volunteered, saying that since he was involved in the contract negotiations with the

union, he would be best prepared for a discussion on the MOU's.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

The Chief informed the Committee that two firefighters were lost to other departments, one to Bridgewater and one to Mashpee. He said that the department had four graduates from the FF 1/II course at the Massachusetts Fire Academy.

The department will attend the Flag Day ceremonies at the Meetinghouse on June 14, 2026.

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Deputy Chief Morrison advised the Prudential that the department had received a FEMA request to provide information for a grant audit. He thought it might be a malevolent attempt to intrude on the department's operations and when he learned it was a legitimate request, he responded appropriately.

The deputy reported that for facilities and building updates, the following was addressed:

Urinal was repaired on April 16th; flowers were purchased and planted by the Deputy and Heather Malkani; a circuit breaker in the kitchen was replaced and GFCI installed; Chief Jenkins plaque was hung; Bay door windows were cleaned; Station 3 garage doors will be ordered in June and installed in July at a cost of \$7,060.00; air conditioning was fixed by Cape Cod Mechanical with assistance from Pablo Almeida.

Apparatus Updates include repair of a rear tire leak on Humvee on April 15th; Trailer 1 is leaking oil; Engine 2 radiator and power steering canister was replaced on April 23rd; New equipment for Engine 1 is either installed on the truck or ordered, including DeWalt battery operated tools, DeWalt battery operated ventilation fan, and TL-9; Squad 1, Humvee canvas door zippers and windows are being repaired; Bass River bridge westbound on Rt 6 having work done and DOT lowered the weight going over. Received an exemption for travel over the bridge by Tenders 1 and 2 at five (5) mph; FPO Young performed service for the lighting plant on April 30th; Ambulance 1 front tires replaced; Tanker 1 deck gun valve repaired; Service 1 has a lightbar issue as does the pump drain valve on Tanker 2; Bulldog completed service on Ambulance 1, Tankers 1 and 2 and Engines 1 and 2; S-287, the 2004 F350 was placed on Municibid on May 1st with bidding completed on May 20th with a bid of \$6,000.

The Deputy informed the Committee that Nancy Meagher reached out to people about writing an article for the Cornerstone May edition, so he wrote an article about spring activities at the station including monitoring open burning and burning after May 1st. Additionally he said things like planting flowers and cleaning up the station, the offering of CPR classes and tours of the station with free plastic hats for the kids were also performed. While sharing a photo of the new statue that stands outside of the fire house that was donated by Tom Simeone, he also described the department's plans for expected apparatus replacement and the launch of the new website.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PURPOSES OF DISCUSSING CONTRACT NEGOTIATION STRATEGIES WITH UNION:

The expected need for the executive session never materialized and it was not held.

There being no further business to conduct, **Mr. Dewey motioned, Mr. Maki seconded, and the motion to adjourn was unanimously approved in a roll call vote.** The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 PM.

DOCUMENTS USED IN THIS SESSION:

Public Sign-in Sheet Meeting Notice and Agenda
Minutes from April 15, 2026 PruComm Meeting
Minutes from April 29, 2026 PruComm Meeting
Minutes from April 29, 2026 Annual District Meeting (ADM)
Treasurer's Report for April , 2026
Ambulance Activity Summary and Receipts Report

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Daniel R Furbush", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Daniel R. Furbush, District Clerk