

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: December 10, 2025

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. Tax Classification Hearing to Set the Fire District Tax Rate for FY 2027

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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.

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**WEST BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE TAX CLASSIFICATION HEARING
DECEMBER 10, 2025**

PRESENT: Chief Dave Paanenen; Prudential Committee Members Edward Smith (Chair) Dan Dewey and Chris Maki; District Clerk Dan Furbush; District Treasurer Ray Pirrone; District Accountant Mary Carnevale; John Curran, Town of Barnstable Director of Assessing; Public attendees were Austin Moloney, Shane Ryder, Joseph Brady, and Kris Clark;

Mr. Smith called to order the scheduled Tax Classification Public Hearing at 4:00.

Mr. Curran presented a review of the property tax levy shifting options for West Barnstable which detailed FY 2026 values, change in assessed values, fiscal year 2026 calculated tax rate for residential, commercial, industrial and personal tax classes. Further the option for a split tax rate was detailed, noting that only 110 Massachusetts communities had a split tax rate in 2025. Next, the average family tax bill for 2026 was detailed for a unified tax rate and a shifted tax rate, showing that the average single family would have a savings of \$43.39 under a shifted rate.

Next, Mr. Curran detailed the average commercial tax bill under both a unified and shifted tax rate, commenting on the lack of commercial property in West Barnstable. Finally, Mr. Curran presented his recommendation for the unified tax rate, saying that the split between residential properties and commercial properties is very close and does not lend itself to a shifted tax rate.

After a brief discussion clarifying what was included in the personal property tax class, **Mr. Smith motioned, Mr. Maki seconded, and in a roll call vote, it was unanimously approved that the District retain a single tax rate for all classes of property, that the District adopt no real estate tax exemptions, and that the District adopt a real estate tax factor of 1.0 for FY2026.**

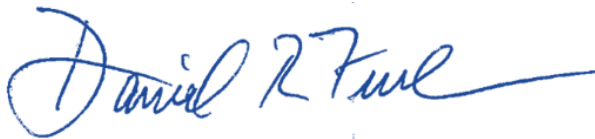
Chair Edward Smith motioned to adjourn the tax classification hearing, Mr. Maki seconded, and in a roll call vote, the motion was passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:13 PM.

DOCUMENTS USED AT THE HEARING:

Review of the Property Tax Levy Shifting Options for West Barnstable

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel R. Furbush, District Clerk