

2020 ANNUAL MEETING of the WEST BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT MAY 20, 2020

The Annual Meeting of the West Barnstable Fire District was held in the West Barnstable Fire Headquarters parking lot, 2160 Meetinghouse Way (Route 149), West Barnstable, Massachusetts on **May 20, 2019**. In accordance with provisions of the duly posted and published Warrant, the polls were open on May 20, 2020 for the election of District officials from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Serving as ballot counters were Susan Rao, Heather Scozzarella and Nanette Jacobson. With a total of 55 ballots cast, the results were as follows:

		<u>Votes</u>	<u>Blanks</u>	<u>Write-ins</u>
Prudential Committee/3 Years	Edward Smith	54	1	0
Water Commissioner/3 Years	Mark Wirtanen	55	0	0
Moderator	Kate Mitchell	54	1	0

At 7:00 PM, the meeting was called to order by District Moderator, Kate Mitchell, who determined a quorum was present. The Clerk, Elaine L. Grace read the Call of the Warrant, confirmed that the Warrant had been served by posting a copy thereof at the West Barnstable Post Office, the Whelden Memorial Library, and at West Barnstable Fire Headquarters, all in the West Barnstable Fire District, at least seven (7) days before the date of the meeting, and further reported that, in accordance with District By-Laws, the Warrant had been published in The Barnstable Patriot newspaper in the April 17, 2020 issue. A booklet, containing the Annual Reports of 2019 and the Fiscal Year 2021 Warrant was mailed to approximately 1663 residents of the District on April 17, 2020. Notice of a change in meeting date from April 29, 2020 to May 20, 2020 was published in The Barnstable Patriot on April 24, 2020 and May 1, 2020. A meeting reminder postcard was also sent to District voters on May 14, 2020.

Article 1. Upon motion made by Van Northcross and duly seconded by Edward Crowley, it was unanimously voted to accept the reports of the Officers, including the minutes of the previous annual meeting, as printed in the **Annual Reports of 2019**, distributed to the voters.

Article 2. Upon motion made by Van Northcross and duly seconded by Steven Xiarhos, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Prudential Committee, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the **Fiscal Year** beginning **July 1, 2020**, in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and Acts in amendment thereof, and including in addition thereto, Chapter 849 of the Acts of 1969, as amended, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of one (1) year or less in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, as printed in the **Annual Reports of 2019**, distributed to the voters.

Article 3. Upon motion duly made by Van Northcross and seconded by Mark Nelson, it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate in **FY2021** the sum of **Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00)** for streetlights as printed in the **Annual Reports of 2019**, distributed to the voters.

Article 4. Upon motion duly made by Van Northcross and seconded by Steven Xiarhos, it was unanimously voted to transfer and appropriate in **FY2021** the sum of **Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00)** from Certified Free Cash and raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-six Dollars (\$5,236.00)** for a total sum of **Thirty-five Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-six Dollars (35,236.00)** for debt services, as printed in the **Annual Reports of 2019**, distributed to the voters.

Article 5. Upon motion duly made by Van Northcross and seconded by Steven Xiarhos, it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **Sixty-two Thousand Ninety Dollars (\$62,090.00)** for District Salaries in **FY2021** for the following officers: Moderator, District Treasurer, District Accountant, District Clerk, Prudential Committee, and Records Access Officer, as printed in the **Annual Reports of 2019**, distributed to the voters.

Article 6. Upon motion duly made by Edward Smith and seconded by Steven Xiarhos, it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifty Thousand One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$50,150.00)** for the ordinary operating expenses of the District in **FY2021**, as printed in the **Annual Reports of 2019**, distributed to the voters.

Article 7. Upon motion duly made by Edward Smith and seconded by Steven Xiarhos, after much discussion, it was voted to raise and appropriate in **FY2021** the sum of **One Million Four Hundred Sixty-one Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-five Dollars (\$1,461,655.00)** for the operation of the West Barnstable Fire Department, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Fire Chief, as printed in the **Annual Reports of 2019**, distributed to the voters. There was one vote in the negative.

Article 8. Upon motion duly made by Edward Smith and seconded by Tracie Crowley, it was unanimously voted to transfer and appropriate the sum of **Four Hundred Thousand One Hundred Fifty-three Dollars (400,153.00)** and transfer and appropriate the sum of **Forty Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-two Dollars (\$40,622.00)** from the OPEB Trust Fund for a total sum of **Four Hundred Forty Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$440,775.00)** to fund miscellaneous District obligations in **FY2021**, as printed in the **Annual Reports of 2019**, distributed to the voters.

Article 9. Upon motion duly made by Edward Smith and seconded by Tracie Crowley, it was voted unanimously to raise and appropriate to the Reserve Fund in **FY2021** the sum of **Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00)**, as printed in the **Annual Reports of 2019**, distributed to the voters.

Article 10. Upon motion duly made by Edward Smith and seconded by Tracie Crowley, it was voted unanimously to transfer and appropriate from Certified Free Cash in **FY2021** the sum of **Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00)** for the **General Stabilization Fund**, the sum of **Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00)** for the **Ambulance Stabilization Fund**, and the sum of **Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00)** for the **Critical Health/Illness Fund**, for a total sum of **Fifty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$57,500.00)**, as printed in the **Annual Reports of 2019**, distributed to the voters.

Article 11. Upon motion duly made by Stuart Schulman, seconded by Wendy Northcross,, it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate in **FY2021**, the sum of **Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$14,520.00)** to fund a financial audit of the West Barnstable Fire District for the Fiscal Year ending **June 30, 2020**, said funds to be expended under the Prudential Committee, as printed in the **Annual Reports of 2019**, distributed to the voters.

Article 12. Upon a motion duly made by Stuart Schulman and seconded by Tracie Crowley, it was unanimously voted to transfer and appropriate in **FY2021**, the sum of **Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00)** from Certified Free Cash for Whelden Memorial Library services, as printed in the **Annual Reports of 2019**, distributed to the voters.

Article 13. Upon a motion duly made by Stuart Schulman and seconded by Steven Xiarhos, it was unanimously voted to transfer and appropriate in **FY2021**, the sum of **Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00)** from Certified Free Cash for corrosion repair to Tanker #286, as printed in the **Annual Reports of 2019**, distributed to the voters.

Article 14. Upon a motion duly made by Stuart Schulman and seconded by Steven Xiarhos it was unanimously voted to transfer and appropriate in **FY2021**, the sum of **Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00)** from Certified Free Cash to purchase a new engine to replace the ladder truck, as printed in the **Annual Reports of 2019**, distributed to the voters.

There being no further business before the meeting, the **2020 Annual West Barnstable Fire District Meeting** was adjourned sine die at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. Grace, District Clerk