

2022 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES of the WEST BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT APRIL 27, 2022

The Annual Meeting of the West Barnstable Fire District was held at the West Barnstable Community Building, 2377 Meetinghouse Way (Route 149), West Barnstable, Massachusetts on **April 27, 2022**. In accordance with the provisions of the duly posted and published Warrant, the polls were open on April 27, 2022 for the election of District officials from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Serving as ballot counters were Heather Scozzarella, Jennifer Sonnabend and Lt. Kimberly Sylvia. With a total of 65 ballots cast, the results were as follows:

		<u>Votes</u>	<u>Blanks</u>	<u>Write-ins</u>
Prudential Committee/3 Years	Edward S. Jay	38	0	4
Water Commissioner/3 Years	Kristine Clark	35	4	26

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 15, 2022 issue. A booklet, containing the Annual Reports of 2021 and the Fiscal Year 2023 Warrant was mailed to approximately 1,688 residents of the District on April 19, 2022.

Article 1. Upon motion made by Edward Smith and duly seconded by Mark Wirtanen, 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 2021**, distributed to the voters.

Article 2. Upon motion made by Edward Smith and duly seconded by Edward Crowley, 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, 2022**, 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 2021**, distributed to the voters.

Article 3. Upon motion duly made by Edward Smith and seconded by Robert Stolte, it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate from available funds in **FY2023** the sum of **Five Thousand One Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$5,125.00)** for streetlights as printed in the **Annual Reports of 2021**, distributed to the voters.

Article 4. Upon motion duly made by Edward Smith and seconded by Edward Crowley, it was unanimously voted to transfer and appropriate in **FY2023** from Certified Free Cash the sum of **Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00)** and raise and appropriate the sum of **Seven Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$718.00)** for a total sum of **Thirty Thousand Seven Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$30,718.00)** for debt services, as printed in the **Annual Reports of 2021**, distributed to the voters.

Article 5. Upon motion duly made by Edward Smith and seconded by Edward Crowley, it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **Sixty-nine Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-nine Dollars (\$69,369.00)** for District Salaries in **FY2023** for the following officers: Moderator, District Treasurer, District Accountant, District Clerk, Prudential Committee, and Records Access Officer, as printed in the **Annual Reports of 2021**, distributed to the voters.

Article 6. Upon motion duly made by W. Van Northcross and seconded by Edward Crowley, it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifty-two Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-eight Dollars (\$52,848.00)** for the ordinary operating expenses of the District in **FY2023**, as printed in the **Annual Reports of 2021**, distributed to the voters.

Article 7. Upon motion duly made by W. Van Northcross and seconded by Robert Stolte, it was voted unanimously to raise and appropriate in **FY2023**, the sum of **One Million Six Hundred Two Thousand Six Hundred Seven Dollars (\$1,602,607.00)** 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 2021**, distributed to the voters.

Article 8. Upon motion duly made by W. Van Northcross and seconded by Tracie Crowley, it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Hundred Fifty-seven Thousand Nine Hundred Seven Dollars (\$357,907.00)** and transfer and appropriate from the OPEB Trust Fund the sum of **Forty-two Thousand Nine Hundred Five Dollars (\$42,905.00)** and transfer and appropriate from Certified Free Cash the sum of **Forty Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$40,500.00)** for a total sum of **Four Hundred Forty-one Thousand Three Hundred Twelve Dollars (\$441,312.00)** to fund miscellaneous District obligations in **FY2023**, as printed in the **Annual Reports of 2021**, distributed to the voters.

Article 9. Upon motion duly made by W. Van Northcross and seconded by Tracie Crowley, it was voted unanimously to raise and appropriate to the Reserve Fund in **FY2023** the sum of **Forty-three Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$43,300.00)**, as printed in the **Annual Reports of 2021**, distributed to the voters.

Article 10. Upon motion duly made by W. Van Northcross and seconded by Mark Wirtanen, it was voted unanimously to transfer and appropriate from Certified Free Cash in **FY2023** the sum of **One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000.00)** for the **General Stabilization Fund**, and the sum of **Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00)** for the **Ambulance Stabilization Fund**, for a total sum of **One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$160,000.00)**, as printed in the **Annual Reports of 2021**, distributed to the voters.

Article 11. Upon motion duly made by Edward Smith, seconded by Edward Crowley, it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate in **FY2023**, the sum of **Seventeen Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$17,200.00)** to fund audits (Financial and Cyber) of the West Barnstable Fire District for the Fiscal Year ending **June 30, 2022**, said funds to be expended under the Prudential Committee, as printed in the **Annual Reports of 2021**, distributed to the voters.

Article 12. Upon a motion duly made by Edward Smith and seconded by Mark Wirtanen, it was unanimously voted to transfer and appropriate in **FY2023**, 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 2021**, distributed to the voters.

Article 13. Upon a motion duly made by Edward Smith and seconded by Edward Crowley, it was unanimously voted to transfer and appropriate in **FY2023**, the sum of **Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00)** from Certified Free Cash, for the purchase of tires, as printed in the **Annual Reports of 2021**, distributed to the voters.

Article 14. Upon a motion duly made by Edward Smith and seconded by Tracie Crowley, it was unanimously voted to transfer and appropriate in **FY2023**, the sum of **Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00)** from Certified Free Cash to fund miscellaneous capital repairs at the West Barnstable Fire Station Headquarters, as printed in the **Annual Reports of 2021**, distributed to the voters.

Article 15. Upon a motion duly made by Edward Smith and seconded by Robert Stolte, it was unanimously voted to transfer and appropriate in **FY2023**, the sum of **Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00)** from unexpended funds as approved and appropriated previously by the District under Article 14 of the Warrant for FY2021 currently held as a continuing appropriation, such funds to be added to the funds established and appropriated by Article 13 of the Warrant for FY2022 to be used for the purchase of an engine tanker, as printed in the **Annual Reports of 2021**, distributed to the voters.

There being no further business before the meeting, the **2022 Annual West Barnstable Fire District Meeting** was adjourned sine die at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine L. Grace, District Clerk