

# **Wareham Fire District**

## **Prudential Committee Meeting Minutes 09/10/2026**

**Meeting held at 2550 Cranberry Highway, Wareham MA**

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**Prudential Committee Members:**

Dean Decas, Joyce Bacchiocchi, George Barrett, Jonathan Rogers

Absent: Brian Crocker

Also present: Clerk Treasurer Wendy Lemieux, Chief John Kelley, Interim Assistant Chief Chris Smith

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**5:30 PM Meeting called to order by Chairperson Dean Decas -**

**Correspondence – 5:30 PM**

- None

**Approval of Bills and Purchase Orders – 5:31 PM**

- Motion by Joyce Bacchiocchi to approve purchase order to Sullivan Associates, remote meter transmitter and additional spare analyzer parts for the wellfield, \$9,933.00. Second by George Barrett. Dean Decas -yes, George Barrett – yes, Joyce Bacchiocchi – yes, Jonathan Rogers – yes. 4-0-0
- Motion Jonathan Rogers to approve payment to Robert Short, Constable, posting warrant for SDM 09/21/26, \$50.00. Second by Joyce Bacchiocchi. Dean Decas -yes, George Barrett – yes, Joyce Bacchiocchi – yes, Jonathan Rogers – yes. 4-0-0
- Motion by Jonathan Rogers to approve payment to Beaver Dam Partners/Wareham Week, ad for SDM, \$986.00. Second by Joyce Bacchiocchi. Dean Decas -yes, George Barrett – yes, Joyce Bacchiocchi – yes, Jonathan Rogers – yes. 4-0-0

- Motion by Jonathan Rogers to approve a purchase order to Allegiance Truck, Tower 1 Aerial Service, \$5,161.69. Second by Joyce Bacchiocchi. Dean Decas -yes, George Barrett – yes, Joyce Bacchiocchi – yes, Jonathan Rogers – yes, 4-0-0.
- Motion by Joyce Bacchiocchi to approve purchase order to Guido's Plate Glass Service, Replacement of east side door frame at Station 1, including reflective glass, panic device, key LCN closer, tempered glass and permits, \$11,400.00. Second by Jonathan Rogers. Dean Decas -yes, George Barrett – yes, Joyce Bacchiocchi – yes, Jonathan Rogers – yes, 4-0-0.
- Motion by Jonathan Rogers to approve purchase order to Ockers Technology, Touchview Interactive panel and associated equipment, \$8,933.63. Second by George Barrett. Dean Decas -yes, George Barrett – yes, Joyce Bacchiocchi – yes, Jonathan Rogers – yes, 4-0-0.
- Motion by Jonathan Rogers to approve purchase order to Stonkus Hydraulic, Inc., rebuild altitude valve at the Glen Charlie Tank, \$3,997.10. Second by George Barrett. Dean Decas -yes, George Barrett – yes, Joyce Bacchiocchi – yes, Jonathan Rogers – yes, 4-0-0.
- Motion by Joyce Bacchiocchi to approve purchase order to Haley Ward, annual sanitary survey tank inspections, \$3,750.00. Second by Jonathan Rogers. Dean Decas -yes, George Barrett – yes, Joyce Bacchiocchi – yes, Jonathan Rogers – yes, 4-0-0.

**Minutes – Vote – 5:40 PM**

- 08/27/26 Minutes
  - Jonathan Rogers would like to have changes made to the minutes under the heading of Special District Meeting, Articles 5 and 8.
  - After discussion with all members, it was agreed that there would be change in the minutes recorded under the proposed vehicle policy only. Jonathan will supply alternative language, and the edited minutes will be voted on at the next meeting.

**Chief's Report: Chief John Kelley – 5:52 PM**

- See Attached

**Clerk Treasurer Report – Wendy Lemieux – 5:56 PM**

- See Attached
- Currently Rick England is the District's voting member of the Mayflower Municipal Health Group and Wendy Lemieux is the alternate. Rick has agreed to step down from this position and moving forward Wendy Lemieux will be

the voting member and Sophia Kelly will be the alternate. Wendy is presently on the MMHG Finance Committee and has been asked to be a member of the Steering Committee. To be on the Steering Committee Wendy must be the voting member for the District.

### **Prudential Committee Reports – 6:00 PM**

#### **Vehicle Policy – possible vote**

- Jonathan has reached out to our attorney for a referral for a tax expert, and he was not able to provide one. Jonathan has also reached out to Margaret Ishihara.
- It is important to note that we must clarify the approval process within the policy between department heads and the Prudential Committee.
- There was discussion regarding when to meet with the unions, either before or after the policy is approved. It was agreed that it would be best to meet with the unions before it is approved.
- Dan Williams has offered to mediate those conversations if we would like.

#### **Update on recording of Pru Comm meetings**

- Dean Decas gave a summary of what steps we have taken to date, and options we have investigated. At this time we will wait until the next budget cycle to continue to discuss recording the meetings and the funding necessary to do so.
- Joyce added that she did look into the Owl camera which was suggested by a department member. After speaking with Wareham Media it does not seem to be a good option for our meetings.

#### **Assistant Second Engineer – Job Description**

- Jonathan Rogers stated he would like to confirm the process once the job is posted.
- Dean will reach out to the Assessment Center to confirm.
- Jonathan would like to have the process include interviews with members of the Prudential Committee, as a supplement to the Assessment Center. We would have to confirm the process by which to hold interviews, in order to comply with Open Meeting Law. We have time to iron out the hiring process.
- When asked by the Chair, Retired AC Mark Rogers described the process used when he was hired as AC.

- The Assessment Center will tailor the process to what we would like. Dean will reach out to them and develop a timeline.
- Posting will go through the Clerk Treasurer's office (HR), and Jonathan stated he would like to see it posted ASAP.
- The job description has been amended based on previous discussion. Changes requested by Chief Kelley have been made, and the description was shared with the Committee.
- Motion by Jonathan Rogers to approve the job description for Second Assistant Engineer as presented, second by Joyce Bacchiocchi. Dean Decas -yes, George Barrett – yes, Joyce Bacchiocchi – yes, Jonathan Rogers – yes, 4-0-0.

### **Public Comment – 6:31 PM**

***Statement by Chair:** District members are welcome to share comments on topics that are not listed on the meeting agenda during the Public Comment portion of the meeting. Each speaker will be allotted up to two (2) minutes to address the Committee.*

*Please note that, in accordance with standard procedure, the Prudential Committee will listen to comments during this time but will not respond or engage in discussion. This is not intended to be dismissive; rather, it ensures that all voices have an opportunity to be heard while maintaining compliance with the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law.*

*The Massachusetts Open Meeting Law prohibits Committee members from discussing matters that are not included on the posted agenda. By following this procedure, we help ensure that meetings remain open, fair, transparent, and legally compliant.*

*Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us maintain a respectful and productive meeting environment.*

- Kathy Bird thanked the Committee for moving forward with recording the meetings.

### **Any business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the posting of meeting – 6:32 PM**

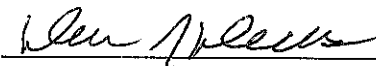
- None

### **Adjourn – 6:32 PM**

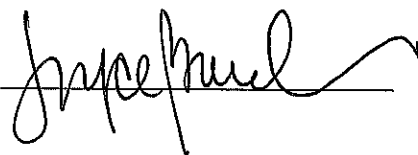
- Motion to adjourn to executive session by Jonathan Rogers, second Joyce Bacchiocchi. Roll Call vote - Dean Decas -yes, George Barrett – yes, Joyce Bacchiocchi – yes, Jonathan Rogers – yes, 4-0-0.

Next scheduled meeting is September 24, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted by Joyce Bacchiocchi, Clerk.

Chair 

Vote Date 9/24/26

Clerk 

Approve 5

Disapprove 0

Abstain 0

Document List:

Chief's Report 09/10/26  
Clerk Treasurer Report 09/10/26  
Proposed District Vehicle Policy  
Meeting minutes, 08/27/26  
Second Assistant Engineer Job Description

**WAREHAM FIRE DISTRICT  
TREASURERS REPORT  
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING: SEPT. 10, 2026**

**FISCAL YEAR END:**

Fiscal Year closing continues with plans to submit the Balance Sheet to the Division of Local Services within the next two weeks.

Free Cash Certification will be forthcoming after the balance sheet submission.

**SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING:**

Warrant was printed in the September 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of Wareham Week.

On September 3<sup>rd</sup> Constable Robert Short, posted the Warrant in 7 locations in Town.

Gateway Printing have the warrants in production

WCTV has been contacted regarding providing microphones and filming the meeting.

Proposed motions for District Meeting Articles are in your packets.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

As part of the Mayflower Municipal Health Group joint purchasing group the District must name a member and an alternate. Presently the member is Rick England and I am the alternate. Rick has not participated in any of MMHG Meetings for the last two years. I spoke with Rick today and asked if would consider being released from this obligation, to which he replied yes. I would like to propose that I be named as the member and Sophia Kelly be named as the alternate.

# Chief's Report

September 10, 2026

Good afternoon,

Since our last meeting, several important matters have taken place within the organization.

Squad 2 has been out of service due to a tire issue and has returned to service. Squad 1 is currently out of service and awaiting response from the dealer regarding the pump issue.

The Board of Engineers met and voted to approve the hiring of the internal candidate for the position of Administrative Coordinator. An acceptance letter will be sent to the candidate for the offering of the position.

A firefighter is out on 111F due to an injury beginning September 1, 2026. I was notified that due to the injury and the missing time frame the firefighter has been removed from the Massachusetts Fire Academy Recruit Class #41. There is no time frame on the firefighters return.

Weekly meetings with Motorola regarding the radio project are continuing, and the project is progressing as planned. On September 14,15, 2026, Motorola will have engineers on site to conduct surveys.

10 members were sized for new structural turnout gear.

Station 2 roof project commenced on Tuesday September 8, 2026, and is scheduled to be completed on September 21, 2026

The department will be holding a 9/11 ceremony on Friday September 11,2026 at Station 1 starting at 9:45 A.M. This year marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attacks on our nation. As we remember, 343 members of the Fire Department of the City of New York as well as the law enforcement officers, emergency responders, military personnel, and civilians who lost their lives that day and in the years that followed. All are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chief John G. Kelley