

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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WAREHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

**WARRANT OF THE WAREHAM FIRE DISTRICT
SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING**

To the Constables of the Town of Wareham:

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the legal voters of the Wareham Fire District, Wareham, Massachusetts, qualified to vote in Fire District affairs to meet at the Wareham High School, Viking Drive, Wareham, Massachusetts on Monday evening, April 14, 2025 at 7:15 p.m. to act on the following articles:

Article 1: Prior Year Bill Payment Appropriation (Requires 9/10 Vote)

To see if the District will vote to transfer from available funds known as Free Cash the sum of \$413.50 to be expended for payment of the following invoice which is a prior year bill or to take action in relation thereto

<u>DATE</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
7/10/24	Conn Kavanaugh	Station 1 Bid Protest	\$ 413.50

Explanation: This invoice was received after the close of the fiscal year. This Article will appropriate funds from Free Cash.

Inserted by the Prudential Committee
Prudential Committee Voted Favorable Action: 4-0-0

Article 2: OPEB Liability

To see if the District will vote to transfer sum of \$75,000.00 from available funds known as Free Cash and a sum of \$35,000.00 from available funds known as Water Surplus for the purpose of funding the District's OPEB liability or to act anything thereon, or thereunto.

Explanation: This Article is a request to continue to fund the Other Post/employment Benefits liability and to meet this appropriation, \$75,000.00 will be transferred from free cash and \$35,000.00 from water surplus revenue.

Inserted by the Prudential Committee:

Prudential Committee Voted Favorable Action: 4-0-0

Water Commissioners Voted Favorable Action: 3-0-0

Article 3: Return Funds to Undesignated Fund Balance (Water Surplus)

To see if the District will vote to transfer the following article balance back to water surplus, or to act anything thereon or thereunto.

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Amount to Close</u>
Land Purchase	Article 3 SDM 11/29/23	\$ 30,739.23

Explanation: This is not a procurement article, rather a housekeeping approval to clear up balances and utilize unspent funds.

Inserted by the Board of Water Commissioners

Water Commissioners Voted Favorable Action: 3-0-0

Prudential Committee Voted Favorable Action: 5-0-0

Article 4: Return Funds to Stabilization

To see if the District will vote to return the following funds back to Stabilization

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Amount to Close</u>
District Share of Hose Grant	Article 22 ADM 4/10/23	\$1,361.64

Explanation: This is not a procurement article, rather a housekeeping approval to clear up the balance and return unspent funds to stabilization.

Prudential Committee Voted Favorable Action: 4-0-0

Article 5: Rescind Article 13 ADM 04/08/2024

To see if the District will vote to rescind Article 13 ADM 04/08/2024 in the amount of \$40,059.00 representing the District's share of an anticipated Grant Award administered by FEMA for a Health and Wellness and Training Grant Program and return the funds to stabilization or to act anything thereon, or thereunto.

Explanation: The District applied for a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$400,590.00 to update the physical fitness room and for specialized technical rescue training and associated equipment. The District was unsuccessful in receiving this Grant and is therefore requesting that the Article be rescinded and the funds returned to Stabilization.

Prudential Committee Voted Favorable Action: 4-0-0

Article 6: Rescind Article 24 ADM 4/10/23

To see if the District will vote to rescind Article 24 ADM 4/10/23 in the amount of \$384,000.00 representing the District's share of an anticipated appropriation from the Congressional Directional Spending Grant and return the funds to Water Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) or to act anything thereon, or thereunto.

Explanation: The District has applied for the CDS Grant for the past two years

and has been unsuccessful. Although the District will continue to make applications for the Congressional Directional Spending Grant, the EPA does not require allocation of funds as part of the application. It is therefore requested that the Article be rescinded and the funds returned to the Water Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance).

Inserted by the Board of Water Commissioners
Water Commissioners Voted Favorable Action: 3-0-0
Prudential Committee Voted Favorable Action: 4-0-0

Article 7: Automated Meter Reading Technology

To see if the District will vote to transfer from available funds known as Water Surplus \$1,105,000.00 for the purchase of Neptune meters, radios and antennae's, including all costs incidental, and related thereto for water department use, or to act anything thereon or thereunto.

Explanation: The District would like to implement a meter change out program using Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) also referred to as radio "drive-by" technology. The upgrade will provide the Water Department with the capability of reading meters more often first targeting a quarterly basis when fully implemented. Major benefit of more frequently read meters will be the ability to identify high water usage (leaks) much sooner, stopped meters, backwards meters, frozen meters and other flagged issues. Eventually this technology will allow one employee to be reassigned from meter reading to other duties. This article funds the first half of a 6-year project. The second 3-year funding request is to occur in 2028.

Inserted by the Board of Water Commissioners
Water Commissioners Voted Favorable Action: 3-0-0
Prudential Committee Voted Favorable Action: 5-0-0

Article 8: Contractual Liabilities

To see if the District will vote to transfer from available funds known as Free Cash a sum of \$75,000.00 to fund a Contractual Liabilities Account, or to act anything thereon, or thereunto.

Explanation: This Article is available at the discretion of the Prudential Committee to fund unforeseen costs of Retirement or separation of employment from the District and to fund obligations from contract negotiations not anticipated in the budget.

Inserted by the Prudential Committee

Prudential Committee Voted Favorable Action: 4-0-0

Article 9: Station Maintenance and Repairs

To see if the District will vote to transfer from available funds known as Free Cash \$100,000.00 for fire station maintenance and repairs. To include all costs incidental and related thereto or to act anything thereon or thereunto.

Explanation: The Wareham Fire Department has multiple outstanding building projects that need to be addressed. By keeping up with maintenance projects now, we hope to avoid costly repairs in the long term. Among the larger repairs to be made are roof repairs at station 4 and 2, window and doors repairs at station 1 and 2, installation of mini splits at station 1 and 2, electrical upgrades at station 2 and replacement of the generator at station 2.

Prudential Committee Voted Favorable Action: 5-0-0

Article 10: AES Radio Receivers

To see if the District will vote to transfer from available funds known as Free Cash a sum of \$16,665.00 for the purchase of (2) AES 7705ii MultiNet Receivers to included all costs incidental and related thereto or to act anything thereon or thereunto.

Explanation: The Wareham Fire Department currently has (2) AES 7707i radio receivers that monitor the AES Box fire alarm reporting infrastructure. These radios have reached their end of life and are no longer supported with repairs or troubleshooting. The purchase of these receivers will ensure that our AES radio box fire alarm reporting system is fully supported.

Prudential Committee Voted Favorable Action: 5-0-0

Article 11; Vehicle Replacement

To see if the District will vote to transfer from available funds known as Free Cash a sum of \$84,000.00 for the purchase of 2025 Chevrolet 2500 HD Crew Cab truck to be used by Fire Prevention. This includes all costs incidental and related thereto or to act anything thereon or thereunto.

Explanation: This new vehicle will replace a 2013 Chevrolet truck with approximately 89,000 miles. The current vehicle has areas of rust and rot, has sustained an engine compartment fire and has been in multiple accidents. It is the District's intention to trade in two vehicles to offset the cost of the new truck.

Prudential Committee Voted Favorable Action: 4-0-0

Hereof fail not and make due return of the Warrant with doings thereon to the District Clerk at the time and place of said meeting. Given into our hands at Wareham on this 20th day of March in the year 2025.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE:

Att. True Copy

Constable

George T. Barrett, Chairman

Dean Decas, Clerk

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Richard H. England, Jr., Vice Chairman

Wendy A. Lemieux
District Clerk

Brian M. Crocker

Joyce Bacchiocchi