

**CENTERVILLE-OSTERVILLE-MARSTONS MILLS
FIRE DISTRICT
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**2025 ANNUAL REPORT
2026 ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING WARRANT**



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ANNUAL ELECTION
Centerville Fire Station
Route 28, Centerville
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026
8:00 AM – 7:00 PM

ANNUAL MEETING
Centerville Fire Station
Route 28, Centerville
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026
7:00 PM

To vote by Absentee Ballot please call: Prudential Committee Office 508-790-2395



The Last 100 Years



**CENTERVILLE-OSTERVILLE-MARSTONS MILLS FIRE DISTRICT
DISTRICT OFFICERS
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE**

Carlton B. Crocker, Chairman

Term Expires 2026

David V. Lawler

Term Expires 2028

John A. Lacoste

Term Expires 2027

CLERK/TREASURER

Molly Stevens

ASST. CLERK/TREASURER

Cristin Van Buren

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Scott Crosby, Chairman

Term Expires 2028

Kevin Medeiros

Term Expires 2027

Peter Hansen

Term Expires 2026

WATER SUPERINTENDENT

Craig A. Crocker

ASST. WATER SUPERINTENDENT

Glenn Snell

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Mark Macallister, Chairman

Term Expires 2026

Craig Coombs

Term Expires 2028

Douglas Brown

Term Expires 2027

FIRE CHIEF

Patrick R. Hill

DEPUTY CHIEF

Michael R. Rogers

INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Richard Sargent/ Thrive

MODERATOR

Charles Sabatt

Term Expires 2027



CENTERVILLE-OSTERVILLE-MARSTONS MILLS FIRE DISTRICT

REPORT OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

The annual voting and District Meeting will be held at the Centerville station's second floor meeting hall. District voting will be held on Monday, May 18, 2026, from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. The Annual District meeting will be on the following night, May 19, 2026, at 7 p.m. Absentee voting ballots are available. Please call the Prudential Office at 508-790-2395 to request an absentee ballot application. May 15, 2026; 4 p.m. is the deadline for ballots to be returned by mail to the Prudential Office.

The duties of the Prudential Committee include, but are not limited to, calling elections and Annual District Meetings, securing short and long-term borrowing for all District financing, overseeing fiscal expenditures, approving contracts for goods and services, negotiations for contractual labor agreements, and providing general direction and supervision of the Information Technology Department.

LABOR RELATIONS

The very purpose of the C-O-MM Fire District is to service and protect the health, safety and property of the District's citizens, and to provide them with clean, flowing, potable water. This is accomplished only through the dedicated and professional services of the District's employees. Our labor force is our most important asset to ensure emergency response and assistance to the citizens and to ensure a safe and clean water supply. The firefighters, dispatchers, and water department union employees are presently under contract. The fire department civilian union employee contract expires June 30, 2026, and good faith bargaining has commenced.

STREETLIGHTS

We have seen continued savings in our monthly costs due to the high efficiency and low energy usage of LED lights. As always, we continue to advise the public to report malfunctioning streetlights. Please contact the Prudential Office at (508) 790-2395 to report the outage with the pole number and the location.

ENERGY OPTIONS

We are in the process of upgrading the existing underground fuel tanks at headquarters with an above ground storage and delivery system. The fuel system is utilized by C-O-MM Fire and Water fleets, as well as Cotuit Fire and Water Departments and West Barnstable Fire Department. Fuel price bids continue to be procured annually through the Barnstable County Collaborative, providing significant cost savings to the District and its partners.

In the midst of rising costs of delivery charges for natural gas and electricity, C-O-MM is committed to negotiating the lowest possible supply costs we are able. In addition, the District is in its tenth year

of a 20-year agreement with Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CVEC) to purchase net metering credits (NMC) for electricity supplied by Syncarpha Capital, a developer-provider of a ground mounted solar photovoltaic installation in Dartmouth, MA that provides NMC to the Water, Fire and Streetlights of the District. The dollar value breakdown for 2025 is: Water Department \$262,407.48, Fire Department \$12,052.01, and Prudential Streetlights \$22,568.61, for a total of \$297,028.10 revenue collected for calendar 2025.

AMBULANCE BILLING

For the past 26 years the Fire Department has benefited from the proceeds of ambulance billing. The total amount of income as of April 1, 2026 is \$33,610,663.91. In Fiscal Year 2027 those funds will offset the expenses of the ambulance/rescue service by \$1,739,146.17. Coastal Medical Billing, Inc. currently holds the contract for the District’s ambulance billing and collection services.

IN CLOSING

In the current state of fiscal uncertainty, it has been challenging to budget for the 2027 fiscal period. There are budgeted items that have ever evolving regulations and price increases. We have done our very best to give the C-O-MM District’s tax-paying residents responsible, cost-effective budgets for fiscal year 2027, while ensuring we have the resources to continue the level of service the District relies on. Please see a copy of our warrant articles for FY27 beginning on page 34. We hope to see you at Station One, Centerville for voting on May 18th, 2026 from 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. and Annual District Meeting on May 19th, 2026 at 7 p.m.

The Prudential Committee wants to assure the District residents that we continue to have the utmost confidence in the leadership abilities within all C-O-MM Departments. We are fortunate to have a group of dedicated individuals making sure that the District can carry out all of the services we provide; committee members, firefighters, dispatchers, civilian employees, water department office personnel and field technicians. Many thanks to the Prudential Office staff, Clerk/Treasurer, Molly Stevens and Assistant Clerk/Treasurer, Cristin Van Buren.

Respectfully submitted,

THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE
Carlton B. Crocker, Chairman
John A. Lacoste
David V. Lawler

PRUDENTIAL OPERATIONS PERSONNEL

Molly Stevens, Clerk/Treasurer (January, 2023)
Cristin Van Buren, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer (February, 2024)

A special thanks to Richard Sargent for keeping the “wheels turning” for the District’s Information Systems.

IT DEPARTMENT

The District's IT infrastructure is a critical and valuable resource utilized across all District offices, Fire/Rescue apparatus, and Water Department vehicles. The mission of the IT Department is to provide a communications infrastructure capable of supporting both current operations and future technological advancements. Given the essential role technology plays in emergency response, it is imperative that these systems deliver accurate, timely information across multiple environments, supported by redundant and secure internet connections.

The District manages day-to-day IT operations through a combination of a knowledgeable part-time employee and a contracted external IT service provider. The in-house employee offers familiarity with the District's specific software and hardware needs, while the external vendor is responsible for maintaining servers, firewalls, backups, cybersecurity, and virus protection. This hybrid approach enhances overall system management, security, and reliability, ensuring 24-hour monitoring and support. All District departments have access to 24/7 service and troubleshooting through both internal and external IT resources. Given the emergency nature of the District's operations, maintaining up-to-date, reliable, and rapidly repairable IT infrastructure is essential to delivering critical services.

In the current and upcoming fiscal year, the District will transition to a new phone system designed to improve reliability while reducing costs. Additionally, efforts will be made to enhance internet reliability by implementing increased system redundancies, including cellular and satellite backup connections. The IT Department will also continue to maintain, upgrade, and replace equipment as needed, including over 70 computers, associated software, and other IT assets.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Sargent, IT Director

CLERK/TREASURER

Our audit for Fiscal Year 2025 was completed by Roselli, Clark & Associates of Woburn, MA. Copies are available by request at the District office. The Governance Report provided by Roselli & Clark demonstrates that there were no scope limitations, no material weaknesses, and no GAAP departures. The firm also noted that there were no new accounting policies adopted, and that no transactions were entered into by the District for which there was a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. The letter also stated that all significant transactions were recorded in the proper period. In addition to the above statements, the audit firm stated that they did not encounter any difficulties while performing the audit, they did not have to report any misstatements to higher levels of management, nor did they have any disagreements with management during the audit. The audit firm reiterated the importance of the District's continued aggressive funding of the OPEB liability.

As the treasurer of this District, I want to assure everyone that we have worked carefully to manage the financial impact of the changes needed to support the District as it grows. We recognize these are meaningful costs, and we have made a deliberate effort to reduce their impact on taxpayers while continuing to provide the level of service our community expects. For example, when it came time to replace fire apparatus, we planned ahead by setting aside available free cash in a stabilization fund, which helped reduce borrowing and long-term costs associated. Likewise, as we evaluated staffing needs, we looked for practical and innovative ways to strengthen coverage while remaining fiscally responsible. We have also continued to prioritize proactive funding of our OPEB liability, protecting

retiree benefits while strengthening the District’s long-term financial stability. Throughout this process, our goal has been straightforward: do what is right for the people of Centerville, Oosterville, and Marstons Mills, protect public safety, and be careful stewards of public funds.

Going forward, we will continue to review these decisions carefully, look for efficiencies, and share clear information with the public about how funds are used. We understand the responsibility that comes with asking for this support, and we are committed to transparency, long-term planning, and making adjustments as conditions change. Our goal is not just to meet today’s needs, but to ensure the district remains strong, reliable, and financially stable for years to come.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Stevens

Financial Reports

YEAR END CASH REPORT FY25

A. Cash and Checks in Office	750.00
B. Non-Interest Bearing Checking Account	0.00
C. Interest Bearing Checking Account	-1,448.46
D. Liquid Investments	9,931,878.66
E. Term Investments	856,312.56
F. Trust Funds	10,742,772.60
Total: Cash and Investments	21,530,265.36

CENTERVILLE-OSTERVILLE-MARSTONS MILLS FIRE DISTRICT

**BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025**

	General Fund	Ambulance Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,383,714	\$ 2,107,872	\$ 215,191	\$ 9,706,777
Receivables:				
Property taxes	334,438	-	-	334,438
Departmental and other	294,249	537,377	-	831,626
Intergovernmental	-	-	28,310	28,310
Total Assets	<u>8,012,401</u>	<u>2,645,249</u>	<u>243,501</u>	<u>10,901,151</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$ 8,012,401</u>	<u>\$ 2,645,249</u>	<u>\$ 243,501</u>	<u>\$ 10,901,151</u>
Liabilities				
Warrants and accounts payable	\$ 152,532	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 152,532
Accrued payroll and withholdings	232,389	-	-	232,389
Tax refunds payable	157,881	-	-	157,881
Total Liabilities	<u>542,802</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>542,802</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources				
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	543,752	-	-	543,752
Unavailable revenue - other	-	537,377	-	537,377
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>543,752</u>	<u>537,377</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,081,129</u>
Fund Balances				
Restricted	-	2,107,872	204,366	2,312,238
Committed	1,021,280	-	39,135	1,060,415
Assigned	1,925,310	-	-	1,925,310
Unassigned	3,979,257	-	-	3,979,257
Total Fund Balances	<u>6,925,847</u>	<u>2,107,872</u>	<u>243,501</u>	<u>9,277,220</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 8,012,401</u>	<u>\$ 2,645,249</u>	<u>\$ 243,501</u>	<u>\$ 10,901,151</u>

CENTERVILLE-OSTERVILLE-MARSTONS MILLS FIRE DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025

	General Fund	Ambulance Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues				
Property taxes	\$ 15,399,254	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,399,254
Intergovernmental	191,356	-	69,927	261,283
Licenses and permits	21,070	-	-	21,070
Departmental and other revenue	60,272	1,775,941	-	1,836,213
Penalties and interest on taxes	102,398	-	-	102,398
Investment income	411,643	-	1,438	413,081
Contributions and donations	-	-	35,095	35,095
Total Revenues	<u>16,185,993</u>	<u>1,775,941</u>	<u>106,460</u>	<u>18,068,394</u>
Expenditures				
Current:				
Prudential operations	5,798,261	-	-	5,798,261
Fire operations	9,892,592	-	103,786	9,996,378
Information systems	233,317	-	-	233,317
Total Expenditures	<u>15,924,170</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>103,786</u>	<u>16,027,956</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>261,823</u>	<u>1,775,941</u>	<u>2,674</u>	<u>2,040,438</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers in	1,570,460	-	-	1,570,460
Transfers out	-	(1,570,460)	-	(1,570,460)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>1,570,460</u>	<u>(1,570,460)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	1,832,283	205,481	2,674	2,040,438
Fund Balances - Beginning	<u>5,093,564</u>	<u>1,902,391</u>	<u>240,827</u>	<u>7,236,782</u>
Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ 6,925,847</u>	<u>\$ 2,107,872</u>	<u>\$ 243,501</u>	<u>\$ 9,277,220</u>

Temporary Debt

The District had the following temporary borrowing activity for fiscal year 2025:

Type	Interest Rate	Maturity Date	Beginning Balance	Additions	Retirements	Ending Balance
BAN	4.625%	12/6/24	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ (500,000)	\$ -
BAN	4.750%	12/3/25	-	300,000		300,000
Total Business-Type Notes - Water			<u>\$ 500,000</u>	<u>\$ 300,000</u>	<u>\$ (500,000)</u>	<u>\$ 300,000</u>

Temporary borrowings related to the following purposes: \$250,000 Corrosion Control Facility and \$50,000 Hayden Well Treatment Project.

Long-Term Obligations

The notes payable outstanding on June 30, 2025 were as followed:

Description of Issue	Interest Rate	Beginning Balance	Additions	Maturities	Ending Balance
<i>Business-Type Activities - Water</i>					
MA Clean Water Trust Notes	2.00%	\$ 944,115	\$ -	\$ (126,977)	\$ 817,138
Total Water Activity		<u>\$ 944,115</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (126,977)</u>	<u>\$ 817,138</u>

Payments on notes payable due in future years consist of the following:

Year Ending June 30	Direct Borrowings and Placements	
	Principal	Interest
2026	\$ 129,523	\$ 15,047
2027	132,119	12,431
2028	134,767	9,762
2029	137,469	7,040
2030	140,225	4,263
2031	143,035	1,430
Total	<u>\$ 817,138</u>	<u>\$ 49,973</u>

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES- May 20, 2025

Centerville-Osterville-Marstons Mills Fire District

Town of Barnstable

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In accordance with the foregoing Warrant, the ninety-ninth Annual District Meeting of the Centerville-Osterville-Marstons Mills Fire District was held at the Centerville Fire Station Meeting Hall, 1875 Falmouth Road, Centerville, Massachusetts, on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Moderator Charles M. Sabatt called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. As no quorum was necessary, Molly Stevens, District Clerk, then read the call and return of the Warrant. With voters present and having a copy of the Warrant for this meeting, the reading of the individual Articles of the Warrant was omitted.

Acting Under:

ARTICLE #1. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to accept the Reports of the Prudential Committee, Information Systems, Fire Commissioners, and Water Commissioners all as printed in the Annual Report.

ARTICLE #2. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to indefinitely postpone article 2.

ARTICLE #3. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30B, section 12 to authorize the Prudential Committee to extend a contract for ambulance billing services for a term in excess of three (3) years, including extensions, renewals, or options.

ARTICLE #4. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,546,407.55** and transfer and appropriate from the income of the Water Department **\$943,421.45**, for a total appropriation of **\$6,489,829.00** for the ordinary operating expenses of the Prudential Committee for Fiscal Year 2026, to be expended under the direction of the Prudential Committee.

ARTICLE #5. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to appropriate from the income of the Water Department the sum of **\$2,440,000.00**, for the ordinary operating expenses of the Water Department for Fiscal Year 2026.

ARTICLE #6. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted as amended to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$8,297,344.75** and transfer and appropriate from the income of the Ambulance Account the sum of **\$1,809,302.39** for a total of **\$10,106,647.14** for the ordinary operating expenses of the Fire Department for Fiscal Year 2026.

ARTICLE #7. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$260,700.00** for the ordinary operating expenses of the Information Systems Department for fiscal year 2026, to be expended under the direction of the Prudential Committee.

ARTICLE #8. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to appropriate from Water Surplus the sum of \$329,522.64, to pay maturing debt of the Fire District incurred by or for the Water Department, as it becomes due and payable during Fiscal Year 2026.

ARTICLE #9. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to appropriate from Water System Development Charges income the sum of **\$30,292.34** to pay accruing interest on the debt of the Fire District incurred by or for the Water Department, as it becomes due and payable during Fiscal Year 2026.

ARTICLE #10. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$36,785.00** to be paid, in accordance with M.G.L. c.41 Section 108B or other applicable law, to the Town of Barnstable as compensation for assessors, tax collectors and any certified collectors expenses incurred on behalf of

the District, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, said funds to expended under the direction of the Prudential Committee.

ARTICLE #11. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Prudential Committee to either employ an outside auditor to audit the books and accounts of the District, including those of the Treasurer and Water Department; or to request an audit under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 35, General Laws of Massachusetts, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025.

ARTICLE #12. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal Year 2026, as permitted by the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F, as amended.

ARTICLE #13. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$100,000.00** to be added to the Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE #14. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to transfer and appropriate from Free Cash the sum of **\$1,000,000.00** to be added to the Fire Apparatus Stabilization Fund established per M.G.L. Chapter 40 Section 5b at the 2024 Annual District Meeting.

ARTICLE #15. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$200,000.00** to the Capital Building Stabilization Fund as established per M.G.L. Chapter 40 Section 5b at the 2024 Annual District Meeting.

ARTICLE #16. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,000,000.00** to be added to the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund to apply to the unfunded liability as described in M.G.L. c. 32B section 20 with the approval of the Prudential Committee.

ARTICLE #17. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to accept the second to last paragraph of M.G.L. c.41, section 111F to create a special fund to be known as the Injury Leave Indemnity Fund, to be expended by the Prudential Committee without further appropriation for payment of injury leave compensation or medical bills incurred under M.G.L. c. 41, section 111F or 100, to which appropriations may be made, and amounts received from insurance proceeds or restitution for injuries to firefighters shall be credited, provided further that said Prudential Committee may, if the amounts therein not immediately necessary or required in the foreseeable future, release specific amounts to the General Fund; and further to raise and appropriate **\$35,000.00** to said fund.

ARTICLE #18. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to transfer and appropriate from Free Cash, not to exceed **\$793,800.00** for the removal of three (3) underground storage tanks and installation of a new 4,000-gallon aboveground storage tank and fuel management dispensing system.

ARTICLE #19. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$114,000.00** for the purchase of forty-eight (48) comprehensive sets of *clear* bunker gear, said funds to be spent under the direction of the Board of Fire Commissioners with approval of the Prudential Committee.

ARTICLE #20. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$65,000.00** for the purchase of physical examinations for all firefighters of the C-O-MM Fire Department, compliant with the **National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1582, Standard on Comprehensive Occupations Medical Program for Fire Departments**, such funds to be expended by the Board of Fire Commissioners with the approval of the Prudential committee.

ARTICLE #21. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$70,000.00** for the purchase of a new Fire Prevention vehicle. The purchase will be offset by netting any proceeds of a sale or trade of the existing vehicle, whichever is in the best interest of the District under the direction of the Fire Commissioners with the approval of the Prudential Committee.

ARTICLE #22. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$82,000.00** for the purchase of a new Deputy Chief Officer's Vehicle to be utilized by the Deputy Fire Chief. The purchase will be offset by netting any proceeds of a sale or trade of the existing Deputy Chief's vehicle, whichever is in the best interest of the District, such funds to be expended under the direction of the Fire Commissioners with the approval of the Prudential Committee.

ARTICLE #23. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000.00** for the purchasing of three (3) Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) for the C-O-MM Fire Department such funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Fire Commissioners with the approval of the Prudential Committee.

ARTICLE #24. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to transfer and appropriate from Water Surplus the sum of **\$515,538.16** and re-appropriate from Article 15 from the June 23, 2020 Annual District Meeting the sum of **\$23,719.21**, making a total sum of **\$539,257.37** for the labor and materials necessary for new water service installations, repairs to the water system, leak detection, tree/brush removal, meter replacements, hydrant maintenance, replacement of undersize and older piping, water main extensions, and other related upgrades within the system, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Water Commissioners, with the approval of the Prudential Committee.

ARTICLE #25. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to transfer and appropriate from Water Surplus the sum of **\$48,957.22** and transfer and re-appropriate from article #17 of the May 21, 2024 Annual District Meeting the sum of **\$3,742.78** for a total of **\$52,700.00** for the purchase of (1) four wheel drive pick-up truck and related equipment, and to sell or trade a 2015 Chevrolet truck to offset the cost of such purchase, whichever is in the best interest of the District, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Water Commissioners, with the approval of Prudential Committee.

ARTICLE #26. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to transfer and appropriate from Water Surplus the sum of **\$48,287.25** and transfer and re-appropriate from article #16 from the May 21, 2024 Annual District Meeting the sum of **\$4,412.75** for a total of **\$52,700.00** for the purchase of (1) four wheel drive pick-up truck, and related equipment, and to sell or trade a 2015 utility truck to offset the cost of such purchase, whichever is in the best interest of the District, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Water Commissioners, with the approval of Prudential Committee.

ARTICLE #27. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to transfer and appropriate from Water Surplus the sum of **\$75,000.00** to the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund to apply to the water department's portion of the unfunded liability as described in M.G.L. c. 32B section 20, under the direction of the Board of Water Commissioners with the approval of the Prudential Committee.

ARTICLE #28. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to transfer and re-appropriate from Article 19 of the May 21, 2024 Annual District Meeting the remaining balance of **\$45,636.45**, to a reserve fund account said funds to be expended under the direction of the Prudential Committee, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40, section 5C.

ARTICLE #7. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to reconsider Article #7 due to an error in reading the amount to be raised and appropriated. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$263,700.00** for the ordinary operating expenses of the Information Systems Department for fiscal year 2026, to be expended under the direction of the Prudential Committee. Citizen Hector Guenther asked why the article was being reconsidered, and the response was this represents the amount printed in the warrant for the Information Systems budget.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the Annual District Meeting at 7:48 p.m.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Molly Stevens, Clerk
Centerville-Osterville-Marstons Mills Fire District

ANNUAL ELECTION RESULTS

May 19, 2025

In accordance with the foregoing Warrant, the Annual Election of the Centerville-Osterville-Marstons Mills Fire District was held at the Centerville Fire Station, 1875 Falmouth Road, Route 28, Centerville, Massachusetts on Monday, May 19, 2025 between 8:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.

The inhabitants of the Town of Barnstable, residing within the territory comprising the Centerville-Osterville-Marstons Mills Fire District, qualified to vote in the District elections and affairs, did cast their votes, the total being **1027, which being sorted and counted according to law, the results were found to be as follows:**

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

DAVID VINCENT LAWLER	807
BLANKS & OTHERS	220

WATER COMMISSIONER

SCOTT EDWARD CROSBY	857
BLANKS & OTHERS	170

FIRE COMMISSIONER

EDWARD PATRICK RILEY	272
CRAIG M. COOMBS	468
MATTHEW PAUL LEVESQUE	286
BLANKS & OTHERS	1

Elected and sworn in prior to the Annual Meeting of May 20, 2025.

Molly Stevens, Clerk
Centerville-Osterville-Marstons Mills Fire District



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Mark Macallister, *Chairman* | Doug Brown | Craig Coombs

FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

Patrick R. Hill, *Chief of Department*

Michael R. Rogers, *Deputy Chief*

Natalia Kennedy, *Executive Administrator*

Sandra Mackey, *Administrative/Finance Coordinator* | Nicola Stacy, *Fire Prevention Administrator*

Richard Randall, *Master Mechanic* | Dominic Diauto, *Maintenance Technician*

Pastor Judson Adams, *Fire Chaplain*

PERMANENT FIREFIGHTERS

Adams, Christopher – Captain (B) 1997	Malone, Mattew – Captain (P) 2010
Aiguier, Brenden (B) 2020	McGonigle, John – Lieutenant (P) 2014
Anderson, Richard (P) 2014	Medeiros, Justin (B) 2020
Bedford, Jack (P) 2023	Miskiv, George – Lieutenant (B) 2000
William, Botelho (B) 2025	Mosher, Jessica (P) 2023
Booth, Timothy – FPO (P) 2024	Mullin, Scott (P) 2013
Carney, Michael – Lieutenant (P) 2002	Murphy, Odane (P) 2023
Carpenter, Daniel – Lieutenant (P) 1999	O’Donnell, Anthony (B) 2020
Coombs, Steven – Lieutenant (P) 2013	Osgood, Daniel – Lieutenant (B) 2000
Corey, Abigale (B) 2023	Perry, Michael (P) 2015
Cox, Patrick (P) 2015	Riley, Charles – Lieutenant (B) 2007
Craven, James (P) 2025	Robbins, Nicholas (P) 2025
Davern, Jason – LT/EMSO (P) 1999	Rogers, Christopher – Lieutenant (B) 2009
DeGraan, Thomas (P) 2005	Sabatinelli, Eric – Captain (A) 1999
DePippo, Matthew (P) 2021	Sassone, Louis – Lieutenant (P) 2004
DiPilato, Ryan (P) 2021	Scott, Ryan – Captain (P) 2017
English, John (P) 2014	Silva, Robert (P) 2020
Ferola, David (P) 1999	Smith, Bradley – Lieutenant (P) 2011
Gelinas, David (B) 2005	Sparrow, Paul (P) 2022
Green, John (B) 2021	Stacy, Benjamin (B) 2020
Hammond, Zachery (B) 2020	Swartz, Eric (P) 2020
Karter, Seth (P) 2021	Taylor, Christopher (P) 2026
Koretski, Christopher – Lieutenant (B) 2020	Travers, Adam (P) 2015
Laffey, Tucker (A) 2020	Travis, Jason – Lieutenant (P) 2014
Lehane, Shawn – SFPO (B) 1999	White, Casey (B) 2023
Looney, Michael (B) 2024	

Dispatchers

Brouillette, Amy 2016	Crosby, Britton 2024 (part-time)
Larrivee, Molly 2025	Gifford, Jeffrey 2016 (part-time)
Perkins, Julie – Lead Dispatcher (B) 2021	Mills, Matthew 2023 (part-time)
Pierce, Richard 2011	

*B-EMT Basic, A-EMT Advanced, P-EMT-Paramedic, EMSO-EMS Officer FPO-Fire Prevention Officer

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

CHIEF'S MESSAGE

As I reflect on my first year as Fire Chief, I can say without hesitation that it has been one of the greatest honors of my life. The trust this district has placed in me is something I carry each day with deep gratitude and humility.

This past year has moved quickly. It has been challenging, rewarding, and full of meaningful progress. Together, we have taken important steps that will help shape the future of our department while staying grounded in the strong foundation built by those who came before us. None of these accomplishments belong to one person. They are the result of a dedicated team working together with a shared purpose.

It is truly an honor to serve alongside professionals who meet every challenge head on, support one another without hesitation, and show up for this community time and time again. I may help steer the ship, but it is the members of this department, their hard work, commitment, and pride, that keep us moving forward. When those things come together, the story truly writes itself.

When I stepped into the role of Fire Chief, I made a promise to both this community and to our members that my priority would always be the safety of the people we serve and the firefighters who serve them. That commitment continues to guide every decision I make.

This year, our department celebrates a remarkable milestone, one hundred years of service to the people of Centerville, Osterville, and Marstons Mills. When this department was founded in 1926, the world looked very different. Marstons Mills had not yet been incorporated into the district, and crews responded to roughly forty-five calls per year. The community was smaller, and the demands on the fire service were far less complex.

Today, we respond to more than five thousand four hundred calls annually, and that number continues to grow. Honoring our past means recognizing just how much our community has evolved and understanding what it takes to protect it today and into the future.

But no matter how much has changed, our size, call volume, or the complexity of our work, one thing has remained constant: our unwavering commitment to this community and the relationships we've built within it. That connection is at the heart of everything we do.

Thank you for your continued trust, support, and partnership. It is a privilege to serve you.

V/r



Patrick R. Hill
Chief of Department

MISSION STATEMENT

The Centerville-Osterville-Marstons Mills Fire Department is committed to protecting lives and property through exceptional fire, rescue, and emergency medical services. With professionalism, integrity, and compassion, we proudly serve all who live, work, and visit our community. In addition, we place strong focus on fire prevention and community outreach efforts, ensuring a safer, educated, and more resilient community.

EMS REPORT

The Fire Department's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Division continues to provide residents and visitors with a high level of professional, compassionate care.

The Department currently staffs 20 EMT-Basics, 2 EMT-Advanced, and 31 EMT-Paramedics operating from three fire stations. Our EMS fleet includes five Advanced Life Support (ALS) Class I ambulances and one ALS-equipped fire engine. In October 2025, two new Ford F-550 ALS ambulances were placed into service. Their performance and reliability have met expectations and strengthened our operational readiness.

During 2025, the EMS Division responded to 4,039 incidents. The average response time from notification to arrival on scene was five minutes or less, with the majority of calls requiring Advanced Life Support level care.

Call distribution within the District was as follows: Centerville 49.3%, Marstons Mills 30.6%, Osterville 18.1%, with the remaining calls consisting of mutual aid responses to neighboring communities.

EMS crews completed 2,643 transports to Cape Cod Hospital, with additional transports to Falmouth Hospital and other off-Cape facilities, or instances where patients declined transportation.

Monday was the busiest day of the week, while July was the busiest month, followed by August and March. The most common EMS incidents involved falls, followed by motor vehicle accidents, difficulty breathing, and chest pain.

Throughout the year, C-O-MM paramedics and EMTs continued to provide advanced prehospital care, initiating more than 1,300 IV lines and performing 1,780 EKGs in the field.

Our personnel remain committed to maintaining the highest standards of patient care through continuous training and professional development. The Department also maintains a comprehensive Quality Improvement and Quality Assurance program to ensure consistent performance and ongoing system improvement.

Community feedback is always welcome. Questions or comments may be directed to our fulltime EMS Officer Lt. Jason Davern: JDavern@commfiredistrict.com

On behalf of the paramedics and EMTs of C-O-MM Fire, thank you for your continued support. We remain ready to serve our community.

FIRE PREVENTION REPORT

Our Fire Prevention Division focuses on the 3-Es of Fire Prevention: Education, Enforcement and Engineering. We conduct annual business inspections of all commercial properties throughout the district, as well as residential resale/transfer of properties in accordance with M.G.L. c148 § 26F. We work in conjunction with the Town of Barnstable Building Department providing permits for specific job-related tasks. We also provide early education for our elementary school students, as well as a robust “Senior Safe” program for our more senior residents.

Created in 2023, the Community Risk Reduction team continues to grow in membership and community engagement. Our main focus is our two most vulnerable populations, the elderly and children. The team now incorporates all interested members of the department. Team members perform such tasks as “Senior Safe” home visits, educational opportunities in schools and daycares, as well as fire safety presentations throughout the community. Team members also attend various community events such as parades, story time with a firefighter at the libraries, and Senior Safety Day at the Barnstable Adult Community Center. In October, our outreach members hosted our first “Intro to CPR and Stop the Bleed” class at the Osterville Library. It was well received, and there are more classes planned for 2026. Our goal for the near future will be to host additional Intro to CPR/Stop the Bleed classes. We also aim to incorporate additional resources such as car seat installation.

Residential and Commercial Inspections

In 2025, our Fire Prevention Division saw a slight decrease in the number of inspections from the previous year. The most common types of inspections were resale/transfer of existing homes, as well as new construction, additions, and renovations. The housing market remained unpredictable throughout the year. Fire alarm permitting for new homes, additions, and renovations was also down 3%. Commercial construction was steady in 2025 but continues to be a small amount of the overall construction within the district. Most of the commercial projects in the district continue to be tear-down rebuild or renovations due to the very limited amount of commercially zoned open land available. Business inspections also accounted for a large part of our inspection totals, along with some larger scale events such as “Best Buddies” at Craigville Beach, village strolls & events, firework displays, road races & triathlon, and large-scale private functions.

Total Inspections/Events in 2025:	1,307(-3% from 2024)
Total Permits Issued in 2025:	815(+10% from 2024)

Senior Safe/Community Risk Reduction Program

2025 marked another successful year of “Senior Safe” program within our community. The program provides home safety visits for any district resident 65 years or older. The program consists of testing life safety devices, installing smoke and CO protection, changing batteries, installing lockboxes, and many other life safety and preventive measures. Each year our department receives grant funding from the state to help fund the program, and these funds originate from the state’s tobacco tax; the remainder of the program is budgeted from our own department. We have built a strong relationship with the local chapter of the American Red Cross, who supplies us with battery operated smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. These alarms are primarily for the senior safe program and are installed for residents in need. We continue to receive tremendous feedback regarding the program and if you, or a loved one, may be interested please

contact our Fire Prevention Office at (508) 790-2375 extension 1, or email fireprevention@commfiredistrict.com.

Senior Safe Totals for 2025:

- Number of seniors reached: 341
- Number of home visits: 284
- Number of smoke alarms installed: 57
- Number of carbon monoxide alarms: 75
- Number of lock boxes: 26
- Number of house numbers installed: 0
- Number of batteries replaced: 1,420

Educational Programs

Our Jr. Firefighter Programs consists of monthly visits to 1st and 2nd graders at both Centerville and West Villages Elementary. We are excited to report that we have added 1st and 2nd graders from Cape Cod Academy this year to the program. The program runs the entirety of the school year with a range of topics such as smoke and CO alarms, exit drills in the home (EDITH), ice and cold weather emergencies, and a “Touch-a-Truck” presentation. More importantly, it serves as an early introduction to the fire service and allows us to interact with these children at a young, impressionable age. We also visit all area daycares and preschools at the beginning of each school year for a “Touch-a-Truck” presentation along with a “Firefighter Storytime” where a firefighting themed book is read by us to the children.

In Closing

A good deal of the work in the fire service lies in prevention and education. As we move into a new year our focus remains on customer service, as well as providing preventive education to those in need. At C-O-MM Fire we value the relationships we share with the members of the public and we’re always willing to assist in any way. For inquiries pertaining to fire prevention or general fire safety, please contact our Fire Prevention office at 508-790-2375 extension 1 during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., or visit us at www.commfire.org.

DIVE TEAM REPORT

Established in 1986, the C-O-MM FD Underwater Search and Recovery Team is the oldest continually operating public safety dive unit in Barnstable County. Currently, the Team is comprised of 16 department members: nine diver/tenders, and seven trained specifically as support tenders. The Team trains twelve months per year in all types of weather conditions, including sub-ice, at various water bodies within the District and surrounding region.

The Team utilizes fully encapsulated diving systems including full facemasks and dry suits, to protect from cold exposure and hazardous materials such as body fluids and fuel. The majority of diving evolutions are in low to no visibility due to the mud and silt conditions found in most lakes, ponds, bays, and rivers. Tenders direct diving search patterns through wireless communication systems, as well as a tether-based communications language using line pull signals.

The unit is activated within the District for all reports of missing swimmers, persons through the ice, and boating accidents with reports of persons in the water. The Team has made many victim

recoveries from drownings due to swimming and boating casualties, jumping accidents, and sunken vessel entrapment.

The team is also deployed regionally as part of the Barnstable County Dive Team and works closely with the Town of Barnstable Harbormaster’s Office and Barnstable Police Department.

Team Members:

Divers

Capt. C. Adams (Co-Team Leader/Divemaster)	FF. P. Cox
Lt. J. McGonigle	FF. M. DePippo
Lt. M. Miskiv	FF. R. DiPilato
Lt. L. Sassone (Co-Team Leader)	FF. Z. Hammond
FF. J. Bedford	

Tenders

FF. M. Looney	FF. J. Mosher
FF. A. Corey	FF. P. Sparrow
FF. J. Green	FF. E. Swartz
FF. C. White	

DISPATCH REPORT

C-O-MM FD responded to 5,373 District emergency and non-emergency calls in 2025, up 72 calls from the 2024 recorded record of 5,301.

Call volume has trended upward historically — roughly +1,000 calls per decade.

Five-year call volume snapshot

- **2026:** *5,725 (estimated, on pace)
- **2025:** 5,373
- **2024:** 5,301
- **2023:** 5,425
- **2021:** 5,134

Call type breakdown (C-O-MM and Cotuit combined)

- EMS/Medical responses: 63%
- Fire/Fire Alarm: 17%
- Fire Prevention: 5%
- Investigations: 4%
- Service Calls: 3%
- Mutual Aid: 3%
- MVC: 2%
- Service calls: 3%
- Misc. call types: 2%
- Marine: 1 %

C-O-MM also provides emergency and non-emergency dispatch for the Cotuit Fire District — 1,136 calls in 2025, up 77 runs from the 2024 record of 1,059.

Total combined calls for C-O-MM + Cotuit in 2025: 6,509 a difference of 203 over the 2024 total of 6,306 runs.

Call intake sources

- 58% of combined calls (C-O-MM + Cotuit) came via 9-1-1 lines.
- 20% via business lines and dedicated alarm company lines.
- 22% from Barnstable Police and other sources.

Staffing & Capabilities

C-O-MM Dispatch serves as a Secondary Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) to Barnstable Police Department who serves as Primary PSAP with transfers of Fire/Rescue calls. The Communication Center is staffed 24/7. One full-time supervisor and three full-time dispatchers work solo, their shift work is as follows: 2 ten-hour day tours followed by 2 fourteen-hour night tours then 4 consecutive days off. The shift work rotates every 8 days.

- Full-time dispatchers are APCO-certified Telecommunicators and certified Emergency Medical Dispatchers. Two are also EMTs.
- Three part-time dispatchers work per diem as needed.
- The Center monitors building entrances via video and serves as a public access point for district business.

Open Burning Program

- Dispatch monitors the seasonal open burning window (Jan 15–May 1).
- Daily burn status posted on the district website and available by phone on the “Burning Line” (508-771-2089 or 508-771-2471).
- Website: www.commfire.org

Reminder: always call 9-1-1 for emergencies, and text 9-1-1 when you can't.

TRAINING REPORT

C-O-MM Fire’s training program is designed to directly support the department’s mission by ensuring personnel are prepared to deliver exceptional fire, rescue, and emergency medical services to the community. Guided by the principle “Prepared to Protect,” the department ensures all personnel are trained, equipped, and ready to operate safely and effectively in an evolving emergency response environment.

Training and continuing education remain vital to C-O-MM Fire, as it is the single most important element in ensuring a safe, professional, and effective fire department. It is imperative that all members are properly trained in all aspects of firefighting to effectively carry out the department’s mission and provide the highest level of service to the community.

Each month, following a master training calendar, training is assigned to all firefighters and officers to be completed while on-duty through a combination of station-based and department-wide training activities. These trainings include building and school walkthroughs, area familiarization, driver training and roadway safety, extrication and specialized rescue, cancer awareness, pump operations, ladder operations, policies and procedures, monthly EMS training, water rescue, marine operations, brush, and wildland/urban interface training.

The department continues to meet all mandated Federal and State training requirements, as well as ISO considerations, including SCBA/N95 mask fit testing, firefighter safety and survival, hearing protection, heat illness prevention, hazardous materials recognition and identification, and respiratory protection.

A key advancement this year was the implementation of a Learning Management System (LMS) utilizing Fire Engineering training, which enhances delivery, tracking, and documentation of training while improving consistency, accountability, and record-keeping across the department.

Training this year emphasized hands-on evolutions focused on mastering the basics and reinforcing firefighter survival skills. Personnel also participated in acquired structure training, with a focus on search operations and Rapid Intervention Team (RIT), providing realistic environments to strengthen coordination, decision-making, and firefighter survivability.

The department expanded training on emerging hazards, specifically lithium-ion battery and electric vehicle fires, through classroom instruction and live fire vehicle prop evolutions addressing fire behavior, suppression challenges, and scene safety. Members also participated in classroom sessions with an industry expert, coordinated in collaboration with the C-O-MM Firefighters Association, to further enhance understanding of these evolving risks.

Company-level training remains an important component of the program, with officers and firefighters conducting regular drills, equipment reviews, and operational discussions to reinforce daily readiness and proficiency.

All new hires complete an intensive two-week (84-hour) orientation program prior to shift assignment, introducing department policies, procedures, equipment, and apparatus to ensure a consistent operational foundation.

C-O-MM Fire remains committed to strengthening its training program to meet evolving challenges while maintaining a high level of operational readiness in support of the community we serve.

HONOR GUARD REPORT

The C-O-MM Fire Honor Guard continues to represent our department with pride and professionalism. The unit currently consists of 13 members, comprised of both retired and active personnel. This year we added Firefighters Cox, Mosher, and Robbins to our ranks. We remain grateful for the ongoing support of C-O-MM Fire Administration, as well as the financial contributions provided by the C-O-MM Firefighters Association and C-O-MM Firefighters Local 2346.

Over the past year, the Honor Guard has been privileged to participate in a variety of ceremonies and events across the Commonwealth. Notably, we presented the colors at Fenway Park once again during a Boston Red Sox game, as well as at the Hyannis Ice Rink for a benefit hockey game alongside the Falmouth Fire Honor Guard. We also had the honor of leading the Osterville Village Day parade this summer. These opportunities allow us to proudly represent our department while honoring important community traditions.

A core mission of the Honor Guard is to pay tribute to those who have passed. This year, we provided funeral and memorial honors in support of our partners at the Barnstable Police

Department, Dennis Fire Department, and West Barnstable Fire Department. In addition, members of our Honor Guard will represent C-O-MM Fire at the annual memorial service hosted by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation on the campus of the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD, where 204 firefighters from across the country will be honored in May. Closer to home, we participated in the annual 9/11 Memorial Service and stood in honor of several of our own retired members and their loved ones at C-O-MM Fire memorial services throughout the year.

We also continue to strengthen our partnerships with fellow honor guard units, including the Hyannis Fire Honor Guard and the Massachusetts State Police Honor Guard. Through joint training and shared services, these collaborations enhance our capabilities and reinforce the strong sense of unity among public safety agencies.

The Honor Guard takes great pride in contributing to the traditions and public image of C-O-MM Fire within our community. We look forward to expanding our membership and continuing to serve at meaningful events as we celebrate C-O-MM's 100th birthday in the year ahead. The continued support of the district, administration, staff, association, union leadership, and community are sincerely appreciated.

On behalf of the entire Honor Guard team, thank you for your ongoing support.

Active Honor Guard Team Members:

- Captain Sean Greene (Retired)
- Lieutenant Jason Davern
- Lieutenant Christopher Koretski
- SFPO Michael Grossman (Retired)
- SFPO Shawn Lehane
- FF Thomas Long (Retired)
- FF David Ferola
- FF Patrick Cox
- FF Tucker Laffey
- FF Zachary Hammond
- FF Abigail Corey
- FF Jessica Mosher
- FF Nicholas Robbins

BARNSTABLE COUNTY TECHNICAL RESCUE TEAM (BCTRT)

The C-O-MM Fire Department is proud to support three members of the Barnstable County Technical Rescue Team (BCTRT). This team includes firefighters from across Cape Cod who are specially trained to handle complex rescue situations that go beyond the standard emergency response.

Team members train every month to maintain their advanced skills. These include rope rescues, rescues on steep or elevated surfaces, trench and excavation rescues, building collapse responses, confined space rescues, wide area search operations, and swift water rescues.

The BCTRT also works as part of the Southeastern Massachusetts Technical Rescue Team, a larger regional team that serves Barnstable, Plymouth, Bristol, and Norfolk counties. In addition, we coordinate with the Barnstable County All Hazards Incident Management Team during their deployments.

Due to the ongoing sewer construction projects in and around our district, which involve significant excavation work, the team remains especially prepared to respond to trench-related

emergencies such as the one handled by the team during the significant trench collapse in November in Yarmouth trapping several workers.

Over the past year, C-O-MM members assigned to the BCTRT completed more than 100 hours of training and responded to over two dozen incidents. Two of these responses occurred within our district and involved searches for missing individuals, both of whom were successfully located. Team members also assisted with several notable incidents across the Cape, including rescuing a person suspended inside a water tower in Yarmouth, assisting an injured person on the rocks below Nobska Lighthouse in Falmouth, rescuing and recovering victims from the Yarmouth trench collapse, recovering two individuals along with dive teams from the waters off of Eastham, and safely rescuing a dog trapped in a 10-foot-deep sinkhole that opened up in a back yard recently in Falmouth. In addition, the team supported multiple search efforts for missing individuals throughout Cape Cod, from Bourne to Provincetown at all hours and in all weather.

Team members also trained this year alongside the C-O-MM Fire Dive Team near the Osterville drawbridge, focusing on safely supporting dive operations in strong currents using specialized rope systems to control the movement of the rescue diver in a certain area.

The professionalism, training, and dedication of every member of the BCTRT are exceptional. C-O-MM Fire is fortunate not only to have access to this specialized team, but also to have our own firefighters serving as a part of it. The continued support of our administration, staff, firefighters, and community makes it possible for us to remain prepared to respond to any emergency, no matter how complex across Cape Cod and beyond.

Active Barnstable County Technical Rescue Team Members from C-O-MM Fire:

- Lt. Christopher Koretski
- FF Zachary Hammond
- FF Seth Karter

PERSONNEL

This past year marked a significant period of transition for our department. Through these changes, our members continued to step up, take on new responsibilities, and help move the organization forward in a positive direction. We said farewell to several dedicated members, welcomed new faces into our ranks, and promoted individuals who are eager to lead and serve in new roles.

Retirees:

Richard Sahl, Firefighter, July 2025
William Monroe, Lead Dispatcher, August 2025
Joe Desrosiers, Maintenance, September 2025

Zachary Hunter, Lieutenant, December 2025
Tom Goodearl, Captain, March 2026

New Hires:

Nicholas Robbins, Firefighter, July 2025
Molly Larrivee, Dispatcher, August 2025
James Craven, Firefighter, September 2025

William Botelho, Firefighter, September 2025
Dominic Diauto, Maintenance, September 2025
Christopher Taylor, Firefighter, March 2026

Promotions:

Julie Perkins, Lead Dispatcher, August 2025
Charles “Gus” Riley, Lieutenant, December 2025
Ryan Scott, Captain, March 2026
Christopher Koretski, Lieutenant, March 2026

Congratulations to all. We extend our sincere appreciation to the dedicated members who have recently retired after years of service to this department and community. Their contributions have left a lasting impact and will not be forgotten.

To those stepping into new roles through promotion, we wish you the very best as you take on these new responsibilities. Your leadership and commitment will help carry this department forward.

GRANTS/REIMBURSEMENTS

Ambulance Certified Public Expenditure (CPE) Program

The Ambulance Certified Public Expenditure (CPE) Program provides ambulance providers with the opportunity to receive additional Medicaid reimbursement up to the eligible cost of services delivered to MassHealth members. This program is administered in partnership with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services.

We are pleased to share that for Fiscal Year 2025, the C-O-MM Fire Department received \$106,727.50 in state funding through this program.

SAFE & Senior SAFE Grant (Community Risk Reduction)

Each year, the C-O-MM Fire Department applies for the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services Student Awareness of Fire Education SAFE Grant. This is a highly competitive program that requires departments to meet specific criteria in order to qualify. These funds, distributed among 266 departments across the Commonwealth, play a vital role in strengthening early fire safety education in our schools, while also supporting fire prevention outreach and education for our senior population.

We are grateful to have been awarded \$8,100.00 in grant funding last year to support our SAFE and Senior SAFE programs. We sincerely appreciate this continued support and look forward to seeing what funding may be available to us for FY27.

Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant

Each year, the C-O-MM Fire Department applies for the Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant Program, provided by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security and the Department of Fire Services. This year, we were fortunate to receive \$18,999.96 in funding through this program.

This year’s plan is to begin purchasing non-structural firefighting extrication gear for our members. This lightweight gear is not intended for firefighting operations, but is well suited for routine EMS responses, motor vehicle extrication incidents, and other situations where full structural PPE is not necessary. This investment will help reduce unnecessary time spent in full firefighting gear, improving both comfort and long-term safety for our personnel.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Over the past fiscal year, the Centerville-Osterville-Marstons Mills Fire Department leadership has remained committed to the strategic planning and execution of critical capital infrastructure improvements across our facilities.

At the Centerville Station, the department completed a full replacement of the exterior parking lot lighting system. This project involved the removal of the original fixtures, many of which had become faded or inoperable over time. The installation of new, energy-efficient LED lighting has significantly enhanced visibility and safety within the parking area for both personnel and the public. We're also excited to share that we've kicked off a multi-phase interior painting project to bring some fresh color and new life to the station. In addition, plans are underway to replace our aging underground fuel storage tanks with a modern, environmentally friendly, above-ground fuel management system.

Additionally, the Marstons Mills Station underwent a long-needed upgrade to its HVAC system. For many years, the station experienced unreliable air conditioning, impacting the comfort and operational readiness of our members. This year, a new HVAC system incorporating modern technology was installed, resulting in a substantial improvement in indoor climate control and overall living conditions within the facility.

None of this would be possible without the incredible support of our district members, thank you for helping us make these important improvements for our department and our community!

IN CLOSING

We'd like to once again thank the members of this district for your continued support throughout the year. It truly does not go unnoticed, and it means a great deal to all of us who have the privilege to serve this community.

As our department grows along with the community, it's important to understand that this is not growth for the sake of growth. It's about making sure we keep the right balance between our workload, the safety of our personnel, and the expectations of the people we serve. Our goal is to continue providing the level of service this community depends on, while also taking care of the firefighters who make that service possible.

At the end of the day, it comes down to doing what's right for our community. That's what you deserve, and it's a responsibility we are proud to carry every day.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
Mark Macallister, Chair
Douglas Brown
Craig Coombs



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2025-2026 PERSONNEL

Craig A. Crocker, Superintendent (1992)*
Glenn E. Snell, Assistant Superintendent (2013)*
Samuel A. Nickerson (1990)*
Kevin J. Ferguson (1994)*
Roger P. Raymond (1998)*
Matthew Pistone (2002)*
Beth Flick (2004)
Timothy Picard (2005)*
Serena Chase (2016)
Brian Paradise (2018)*
Elizabeth Sousa (2024)
Michael Ramsey (2024)*
Michael DiBuono (2024)*

* State Certified Drinking Water Operators

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Water Commissioners would like to thank the voters of our District for your continued support in our endeavor to supply the best quality of drinking water possible. We ask that you continue your conservation efforts. They are crucial to protect our future resources and to control the current cost of water. Also, the MASS DEP is proposing to cut our permitted withdrawal amount thus effectively forcing us to impose mandatory restrictions and to possibly restrict new connections. For information and materials on conserving water contact our office at 508-428-6691 or visit our web site (www.commwater.org).

The goal of the Centerville-Osterville-Marstons Mills Water Department is to contribute to the well-being of our community by supplying affordable high-quality drinking water. We pledge to be a model Water Department providing the best service possible. We strive for excellence through education and communication with our community and within our organization.

Public Relations

The Department mailed out the annual Water Quality Report along with the January 2026 water bills. The report contains information on the safety and quality of water for the year 2025. Please visit our web site www.commwater.org for links to information such as the emerging PFAS-6 issue. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to call, write, or email the office.

Again, for 2026, we ask for your Voluntary Conservation efforts to control the cost of water, to protect the environment, and to avoid mandatory water restrictions.

- Please avoid all outside water use between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Residents with automatic irrigation systems residing in homes on the EVEN numbered sides of streets are asked to water lawns and gardens on MON & WED only. Residents residing on ODD numbered sides of streets are requested to water lawns and gardens on TUES & THUR only.
- Water only when necessary. Please be aware of the advance weather forecast. If wind/rain is forecast, adjust your watering schedule to minimize water consumption.
- Maintain your lawn at a height of at least two (2) inches. This practice will protect roots and retain soil moisture.
- Install rain sensor shutoff devices/smart controllers on automatic irrigation systems.

Water Conservation kits are available at no charge upon request. Use water wisely!

Budget & Water rates

The water rates can be found at www.commwater.org. We rely on revenue derived from water rates and fees to operate and fund capital improvements. This policy demands that we make every effort to operate efficiently. Our FY 2027 budget reflects increased Department efficiency while continuing with the upkeep of necessary infrastructure improvements and preparing for the future.

The budget has prioritized spending in all areas of operations. The FY 2027 operation & maintenance budget has increased 5.5% due mainly to the anticipated increase in insurance and healthcare related costs.

Pump Stations and Equipment

In 2025 we recorded withdrawals over one billion gallons for the year. The equipment performed well with no major problems. In fact, the equipment is in excellent condition due to regular maintenance and scheduled replacement. The annual well cleaning and performance testing has allowed us to identify pumping equipment that is not operating efficiently and correct any problems. The proposed water treatment plant (WTP) at the Hayden wellfield was approved by DEP. We are selecting a designer/engineer to assist with the design/plan for the facility. This process will take 2-3 years with an estimated construction start date of 2029. Work continues with our consultants to install PFAS treatment as necessary. Funds from the settlement with PFAS manufacturers will be used for design of facilities. We recently performed all necessary sampling for the UCMR-5 EPA requirements. The results are posted on EPA website and at www.commwater.org. Negotiations with Avangrid for the wind project landing at Craigville beach are on a pause at time of printing this report.

Distribution System Expansion & Improvements

Our consumption breakdown is 86.5% residential, 4% commercial, 6% municipal, and 3.5% unaccounted. We are pleased to report that the water supply system received a Class 1 rating (highest) from Insurance Services Office Inc. (ISO) from the last conducted Public Protection Classification (PPC) survey. Most insurers use the PPC classifications for underwriting and calculating premiums for residential, commercial, and industrial properties.

To make public water supply available, and to enhance fire protection to all residents of the District, the Board of Water Commissioners will continue to install water mains for existing streets and subdivisions that file a petition and meet the requirements. The Board aims to simplify the procedure and facilitate connections to the water system for these residents. To date, public water supply has been made available to over six hundred residential lots over the past fifteen years.

System improvements have been focused on the streets that the Town has scheduled for reconstruction and sewer installation. We have attempted to coordinate the necessary upgrades prior to this paving.

Cross- Connection Program

The Department will continue the cross-connection program by re-surveying and testing all necessary facilities. A cross-connection occurs whenever a potable drinking water line is directly or indirectly connected to a non-potable (fire service, irrigation system, cooling systems, boilers, etc.) piece of equipment or piping. An unprotected or inadequately protected cross connection on your premises could contaminate the drinking water in your dwelling, and in neighboring dwellings. The most common potential cross-connection is the garden hose. The Department installs a check valve with all new residential hookups & provides hose bib vacuum breakers to prevent back siphonage. Throughout the District there are 175 testable backflow prevention

devices installed in commercial buildings, schools, apartment complexes and other necessary buildings.

Control your costs: home leak detection

It is important for residents to implement a periodic leak-detection survey in their own homes. Most homes have a low-flow indicator on their water meters, which is a small red diamond-shaped dial on the head of the meter. Turn off all water fixtures and look at the red dial. If the dial is moving, there is a leak in your home. In most cases the leak is a result of a toilet leak, which over time can add up. The purchase of a moisture sensor on automatic irrigation systems is also a good water saving idea. Residents need to learn as much as possible about how to consciously conserve water and how to make these changes become part of a regular routine. Contact the Department for assistance and free conservation kits or check out our website. ***Please conserve and use water wisely!***

Water Quality Sampling

The Department samples monthly for coliform bacteria throughout the system. We recently performed all necessary sampling for the UCMR-5 EPA requirements. The Department also samples for over 98 regulated and unregulated substances throughout the year. Laboratories certified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts analyze all samples. Sample results are sent to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for analysis. Please refer to the table of your water quality report to see what is in your drinking water.

Training

Distribution operators are certified by the Massachusetts Board of Certification of Operators of Drinking Water Supply Facilities. The maintenance of these licenses requires training contact hours. Training classes are scheduled through various associations and provide our staff with “hands-on” training from customer service to safety. We would like to congratulate all staff members that continue their professional development.

In addition to thanking District customers, the Board of Water Commissioners extends our thanks and appreciation to our dedicated employees, the Prudential Committee, the Fire Department, the Clerk/Treasurer’s office and the various Town of Barnstable agencies for their welcome assistance and cooperation throughout the year. We are proud of the staff and management of the Department and are confident that consumers will continue to receive the best service we can provide.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
Scott E. Crosby, Chairman
Peter Hansen, Vice Chairman
Kevin Medeiros, Clerk

**CENTERVILLE-OSTERVILLE-MARSTONS MILLS WATER DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL STATISTICS**

2025 ANNUAL PUMPAGE

January	38,960,000
February	38,154,000
March	43,510,000
April	50,533,000
May	96,574,000
June	165,898,000
July	210,346,000
August	225,432,000
September	164,840,000
October	96,034,000
November	42,643,000
December	44,005,000

2025 TOTAL 1,216,929,000 GALLONS

FACTS ABOUT YOUR SYSTEM

Maximum Day: August 8, 2025 - 9,721,000 Gallons

Maximum Week: August 11, 2025 - August 17, 2025 - 54,613,000 Gallons

12 – New Services installed in 2025

12,396 – Service connections

106 – Services repaired/replaced in 2025

0.01 Miles of new & replaced water main installed in 2025

253.08 – Total miles of water mains

2,028 – Hydrants in service

15 – Hydrants repaired in 2025/ 3 Hydrants replaced

3,998 – Work orders issued

662 – Acres of watershed property

32 – Buildings

3 – Storage tanks

20 – Ground water sources



**Please visit www.commwater.org or call
508-428-6691 to obtain a copy of the
Water Quality Report.**



FY2027

Proposed Budgets

And

Warrant Articles*

**explanations on articles are for informational purposes only*

**CENTERVILLE-OSTERVILLE-MARSTONS MILLS FIRE DISTRICT
PRUDENTIAL OPERATION BUDGET**

	Appropriated FY 2025	Appropriated FY 2026	Proposed FY 2027	AMOUNT INC/(DEC)	% INC OR DEC
SALARIES (52 Week Pay Year):					
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00	0.00%
CLERK/TREASURER	105,560.00	110,838.00	115,830.00	4,992.00	4.50%
ASST. CLERK/TREASURER	61,360.00	64,480.00	67,392.00	2,912.00	4.52%
LONGEVITY PAY/SICK BUYBACK-RETIREMENT	1,160.00	2,340.00	2,300.00	(40.00)	-1.71%
PART-TIME/ELECTION	2,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.00%
OVERTIME (Office Staff)	1,500.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00%
TAX COLLECTOR	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.00%
MODERATOR	300.00	300.00	300.00	0.00	0.00%
Subtotal District Salaries:	186,380.00	195,958.00	203,822.00	7,864.00	4.01%
DISTRICT EXPENDITURES:					
GROUP INSURANCE	3,477,232.00	3,650,670.00	4,138,600.00	487,930.00	13.37%
HEALTH	3,032,344.00	3,160,150.00	3,480,000.00	319,850.00	10.12%
MEDEX	175,085.00	215,448.00	340,000.00	124,552.00	57.81%
DENTAL	124,406.00	122,909.00	130,000.00	7,091.00	5.77%
LIFE	2,568.00	2,542.00	2,600.00	58.00	2.28%
MEDICARE	136,815.00	143,607.00	180,000.00	36,393.00	25.34%
SOCIAL SECURITY	6,014.00	6,014.00	6,000.00	(14.00)	-0.23%
RETIREMENT ASSESSMENT	1,841,109.00	2,040,807.00	2,369,124.00	328,317.00	16.09%
INSURANCE	438,000.00	396,194.00	444,166.00	47,972.00	12.11% *
FINANCIAL ADVISOR/BANKING	5,000.00	3,000.00	2,500.00	(500.00)	-16.67%
PRINTING & ADVERTISING	12,000.00	9,200.00	9,000.00	(200.00)	-2.17%
ELECTION/ADM	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00%
STREETLIGHTS	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	0.00%
Subtotal District Expenditures:	5,823,341.00	6,151,871.00	7,015,390.00	863,519.00	14.04%
CONTINGENCY FUND	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	0.00	0.00%
EDUCATION & PROF. DUES	7,500.00	8,500.00	10,000.00	1,500.00	17.65%
PROFESSIONAL FEES	65,000.00	62,500.00	60,000.00	(2,500.00)	-4.00%
TELEPHONE (Local, Long Dist & Computer T-1)	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	(2,000.00)	-100.00% all move to IT
OFFICE SUPPLIES	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	0.00	0.00%
OFFICE EQUIPMENT & SERVICES	4,000.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00	0.00%
Subtotal Office Expenses:	144,000.00	142,000.00	139,000.00	(3,000.00)	-2.11%
PRUDENTIAL/TREASURER EXPENSES:	6,153,721.00	6,489,829.00	7,358,212.00	868,383.00	13.38%

*IOD Deductible move to Indemnity Fund

**CENTERVILLE-OSTERVILLE-MARSTON'S MILLS FIRE DISTRICT
INFORMATION SYSTEM BUDGET**

	Appropriated FY2025	Appropriated FY2026	Proposed FY2027	AMOUNT INC/(DEC)	% INC OR DEC
SALARIES					
I.T. DIRECTOR	56,000.00	57,200.00	66,000.00	8,800.00	15.38%
EXPENSES					
COMPUTER SYSTEMS - IT SUPPORT SERVICES	98,400.00	102,000.00	112,000.00	10,000.00	9.80%
COMPUTER SYSTEMS - INTERNET SERVICE	5,500.00	5,500.00	18,000.00	12,500.00	227.27%
COMPUTER SYSTEM - SOFTWARE MAINTENANC	53,500.00	56,500.00	56,500.00	0.00	0.00%
SOFTWARE LICENSES (SUBSCRIPTIONS)	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,500.00	500.00	7.14%
LEGAL & PROFESSIONAL	10,000.00	10,000.00	6,000.00	(4,000.00)	-40.00%
SUPPLIES	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.00%
TELEPHONE SYSTEM SERVICE	4,400.00	4,600.00	12,000.00	7,400.00	160.87%
COMPUTER SYSTEM - EQUIPMENT MAINTENAN	18,400.00	18,400.00	18,400.00	0.00	0.00%
INFORMATION SYSTEMS BUDGET TOTALS	255,700.00	263,700.00	298,900.00	35,200.00	13.35%

**CENTERVILLE-OSTERVILLE-MARSTONS MILLS FIRE DISTRICT
FIRE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION BUDGET**


	Appropriated FY2025	Appropriated FY2026	Proposed FY2027	AMT OF INC. OR (DEC)	% INC OR DEC
APPARATUS & REPAIR					
A. Personnel & Training	92,831.25	83,900.00	86,500.00	2,600.00	3.10%
B. Auto Repair/Maintenance/Service	213,300.00	213,300.00	214,000.00	700.00	0.33%
C. Firefighter Equip, Supplies & Contracts	143,000.00	140,500.00	115,000.00	(25,500.00)	-18.15%
D. EMS	158,250.00	158,500.00	191,000.00	32,500.00	20.50%
E. Fire Prevention, Investigation & Education	33,200.00	34,000.00	34,000.00	0.00	0.00%
TOTAL APPARATUS & REPAIR	640,581.25	630,200.00	640,500.00	10,300.00	1.63%
BUILDING & UPKEEP					
A. Station & Office Supplies	21,800.00	22,000.00	22,500.00	500.00	2.27%
B. Bldg Services & Contracts	46,600.00	56,000.00	46,450.00	(9,550.00)	-17.05%
C. Bldg , Grounds/Supplies & Materials	75,000.00	77,000.00	85,000.00	8,000.00	10.39%
TOTAL BUILDING & UPKEEP	143,400.00	155,000.00	153,950.00	(1,050.00)	-0.68%
UTILITIES & ADDITIONAL EXPENSES					
A. Fuels/Natural Gas	69,454.00	66,000.00	60,000.00	(6,000.00)	-9.09%
B. Light/Power	76,956.00	75,000.00	92,000.00	17,000.00	22.67%
C. Telephone/Communications	34,000.00	34,000.00	10,000.00	(24,000.00)	-70.59%
D. Legal Services & Public Relations	25,000.00	26,000.00	22,000.00	(4,000.00)	-15.38%
E. Ambulance Billing Service	52,000.00	54,000.00	57,000.00	3,000.00	5.56%
TOTAL UTILITY & ADDITIONAL EXPENSES	257,410.00	255,000.00	241,000.00	(14,000.00)	-5.49%
FIRE CHIEF (includes education, longevity, stipends)	178,232.34	194,062.29	211,500.00	17,437.71	8.99%
DEPUTY CHIEF (includes education, longevity, stipends)	146,968.75	170,212.29	185,500.00	15,287.71	8.98%
ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONN (includes longevity)	205,878.80	211,918.00	222,700.00	10,782.00	5.09%
FIREFIGHTER SALARIES (includes holidays, education, lon	5,223,456.90	6,296,345.96	6,636,460.00	340,114.04	5.40%
DISPATCHER SALARIES (includes holidays night diff, FLS,	345,591.91	407,000.00	395,230.72	(11,769.28)	-2.89%
FIREFIGHTER OVERTIME	1,260,503.70	1,303,000.00	1,370,000.00	67,000.00	5.14%
OTHER OVERTIME (Dispatch/Civilian)	52,187.89	61,000.00	72,500.00	11,500.00	18.85%
HOLIDAY PAY (Moved to Dept Salaries)	348,753.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
FIRE COMMISSIONERS-(\$3000 per commissioner)	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00	0.00%
CUSTODIAN	63,211.00	65,891.60	69,000.00	3,108.40	4.72%
MECHANIC	85,696.00	88,192.00	93,475.00	5,283.00	5.99%
MECHANICAL SERVICES/OVERTIME	9,225.00	9,225.00	10,000.00	775.00	8.40%
RETIREMENT BUYOUT	120,000.00	150,000.00	120,000.00	(30,000.00)	-20.00%
TRAINING	31,000.00	42,000.00	52,000.00	10,000.00	23.81%
UNIFORMS FIREFIGHTER	58,500.00	56,000.00	70,000.00	14,000.00	25.00%
UNIFORMS DISPATCH	2,600.00	2,600.00	3,000.00	400.00	15.38%
BURNING PERMIT (DISPATCH)	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
TRANSITION/CONTINGENCY	496,548.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
TOTAL SALARIES	8,639,353.53	9,066,447.14	9,520,365.72	453,918.58	5.01%
FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET TOTALS	9,680,744.78	10,106,647.14	10,555,815.72	449,168.58	4.44%

**CENTERVILLE-OSTERVILLE-MARSTONS MILLS WATER DEPARTMENT
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION BUDGET**

Operation & Maintenance	Appropriated	Appropriated	Proposed	Amount	% INC
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	INC/(DEC)	OR DEC
CHEMICAL COSTS	327,000.00	327,000.00	327,000.00	0.00	0.00%
D.E.P. ASSESSMENT	11,610.00	10,410.00	10,815.00	405.00	3.89%
ELECTRICITY	342,000.00	342,000.00	342,000.00	0.00	0.00%
EQUIPMENT OPERATING EXPENSES	52,000.00	52,000.00	52,000.00	0.00	0.00%
GENERAL OPERATION	123,900.00	128,000.00	128,000.00	0.00	0.00%
NEW EQUIPMENT	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00%
OFFICE SUPPLIES	52,000.00	53,000.00	53,000.00	0.00	0.00%
PUMP STATIONS	161,000.00	170,000.00	175,000.00	5,000.00	2.94%
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	65,000.00	65,000.00	65,000.00	0.00	0.00%
TELEPHONE	12,500.00	12,500.00	12,500.00	0.00	0.00%
WATER SYSTEM	123,975.00	128,000.00	128,000.00	0.00	0.00%
PROFESSIONAL FEES	12,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	0.00%
SALARIES					
SUPERINTENDENT	142,506.00	152,618.00	159,486.00	6,868.00	4.50%
ASST SUPERINTENDENT	110,772.00	119,175.00	124,538.00	5,363.00	4.50%
PUMP STATION OPERATOR	73,714.00	78,936.00	82,496.00	3,560.00	4.51%
WATER TECHNICIANS (6)	457,046.00	479,900.00	501,496.00	21,596.00	4.50%
OFFICE PERSONNEL (3)	161,274.00	169,338.00	176,959.00	7,621.00	4.50%
LONGEVITY & CONTINGENCY	41,207.00	26,653.00	21,240.00	(5,413.00)	-20.31%
OVERTIME	99,996.00	99,970.00	99,970.00	0.00	0.00%
WATER COMMISSIONERS	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00	0.00%
BUDGET TOTALS	2,380,000.00	2,440,000.00	2,485,000.00	45,000.00	1.84%
Prudential Costs, Group Health & Business Ir	1,003,830.00	943,421.45	1,085,220.46	141,799.01	15.03%
TOTAL BUDGET	3,383,830.00	3,383,421.45	3,570,220.46	186,799.01	5.52%

WATER DEPARTMENT BUDGET & ARTICLES

FY 2027

EXPENSES		FUNDING 								Totals	
		Total	Taxation	Auth. To Borrow	Water Income (Estm)	SDC Estm. Recept.	Water Surplus Fund	PFAS Settlement	Transfer from Stabilizaton		Transfer from Available Funds
Article #		Appropriation			3,554,185.44	35,000.00	707,987.47	1,614,738.81	344,920.26	637,535.71	6,894,367.69
3	Water Budget	2,485,000.00			2,485,000.00						2,485,000.00
6	Prior Year Bills	2,946.25			2,946.25						2,946.25
7	Maturing Debt	232,118.66					232,118.66				232,118.66
8	Maturing Interest	16,018.73			16,018.73						16,018.73
	Indirect Costs (toPC)	1,085,220.46			1,050,220.46	35,000.00					1,085,220.46
Sp Articles											
17	Hayden wells	402,944.00					146,868.00		256,076.00		402,944.00
18	New Truck	84,295.67					76,000.00		8,295.67		84,295.67
19	OPEB Liability Trust	75,000.00					75,000.00				75,000.00
20	Reserve Account	45,636.45							45,636.45		45,636.45
21	Asset Plan	78,000.00					78,000.00				78,000.00
22	PFAS Facility	818,368.98					100,000.81	390,840.58		327,527.59	818,368.98
23	PFAS Stabilization	1,223,898.23						1,223,898.23			1,223,898.23
		6,549,447.43	0.00		3,554,185.44	35,000.00	707,987.47	1,614,738.81	0.00	637,535.71	6,549,447.43
	REMAINING				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	344,920.26	0.00	344,920.26

May 19, 2026

**NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
AND
ANNUAL MEETING WARRANT**

Centerville-Osterville-Marstons Mills Fire District

Town of Barnstable

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

To the Clerk of the Centerville-Osterville-Marstons Mills Fire District:

Greetings:

You are hereby required and directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Barnstable residing within the territory comprising the Centerville-Osterville-Marstons Mills Fire District, qualified to vote in the District elections and affairs, to meet on Monday, May 18, 2026, at the Centerville Fire Station, 1875 Falmouth Road, Route 28, Centerville, Massachusetts, where the polls shall open at 8:00 a.m., and close at 7:00 p.m., and then and there to vote upon the following officers, to wit:

One Prudential Committee Member for three years
One Water Commissioner for three years
One Fire Commissioner for three years

And to meet on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at the Centerville Fire Station, Centerville, Massachusetts, at 7:00 p.m., to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE #1. To accept the Reports of the Prudential Committee, Information Systems, Fire Commissioners, and Water Commissioners as shown in the book.

Requested by the Prudential Committee, Recommended by the Prudential Committee

ARTICLE #2. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,272,991.54** and transfer and appropriate from the income of the Water Department **\$1,050,220.46** and transfer and appropriate from the Water System Development Charges **\$35,000.00**, for the ordinary operating expenses of the Prudential Committee totaling **\$7,358,212.00** for Fiscal Year 2027, to be expended under the direction of the Prudential Committee, or to take any other action thereon.

Requested by the Prudential Committee, Recommended by the Prudential Committee

Explanation: This article represents the budget of the Prudential Committee as shown on page 35.

ARTICLE #3. To see if the District will vote to appropriate from the income of the Water Department the sum of **\$2,485,000.00**, for the ordinary operating expenses of the Water Department for Fiscal Year 2027, or to take any other action thereon.

Requested by the Board of Water Commissioners, Recommended by the Prudential Committee

Explanation: This article represents the FY27 budget of the Board of Water Commissioners as shown on pages 38-39.

ARTICLE #4. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$8,816,669.55** and transfer and appropriate from the income of the Ambulance Account the sum of **\$1,739,146.17** for the ordinary operating expenses of **\$10,555,815.72** of the Fire Department for Fiscal Year 2027, or to take any other action thereon.

Requested by the Board of Fire Commissioners, Recommended by the Prudential Committee

Explanation: This article represents the FY27 operating budget of the Fire Department as shown on page 37.

ARTICLE #5. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$298,900.00** for the ordinary operating expenses of the Information Systems Department for Fiscal Year 2027, to be expended under the direction of the Prudential Committee, or to take any other action thereon.

Requested by the Prudential Committee, Recommended by the Prudential Committee

Explanation: This article represents the FY27 budget of the Information Systems Department as shown on page 36.

ARTICLE #6. To see if the District will vote to transfer and appropriate from the income of the Water Department the sum of **\$2,946.25** for the payment of prior fiscal year bills as follows:

<i>Envirotech</i>	<i>Water Testing</i>	<i>\$2,667.25</i>
<i>Alarm New England</i>	<i>Alarm Monitoring</i>	<i>\$ 138.00</i>
<i>Alarm New England</i>	<i>Alarm Monitoring</i>	<i>\$ 141.00</i>
<u>TOTAL</u>		<i>\$2,946.25</i>

Requested by the Board of Water Commissioners, Recommended by the Prudential Committee

Explanation: This article is a request to pay bills from FY25 that were received after the end of the fiscal year.

ARTICLE #7. To see if the District will vote to transfer and appropriate from Water Surplus the sum of **\$232,118.66**, to pay maturing debt of the Fire District incurred by or for the Water Department, and to transfer and appropriate from Certified Free Cash the sum of up to **\$151,000.00** to pay maturing debt of the Fire District *not* incurred by or for the Water Department as it becomes due and payable during Fiscal Year 2027, or to take any other action thereon.

Requested by the Prudential Committee, Recommended by the Prudential Committee

Explanation: This article represents the payments for maturing debt that will become due during FY 2027.

ARTICLE #8. To see if the District will vote to transfer and appropriate from the income of the Water Department the sum of **\$16,018.73** to pay accruing interest on the debt of the Fire District incurred by or for the Water Department, and to transfer and appropriate from Certified Free Cash the sum of up to **\$29,020.41** to pay accruing interest on the debt of the Fire District not incurred by or for the Water Department as it becomes due and payable during Fiscal Year 2027, or to take any other action thereon.

Requested by the Prudential Committee, Recommended by the Prudential Committee

Explanation: This article represents the payments for the interest that will accrue and become due on District debt during FY 2027.

ARTICLE #9. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$36,785.00** to be paid, in accordance with MGL c.41 §108B or other applicable law, to the Town of Barnstable as compensation for assessors, tax collectors and any certified collectors expenses incurred on behalf of the District, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Prudential Committee, or take any other action thereon.

Requested by the Prudential Committee, Recommended by the Prudential Committee

Explanation: The Fire Districts in the Town appropriate \$80,000.00 to the Town of Barnstable each year for the expenses incurred for assessing and tax collection services. This article represents C-O-MM's proportionate share of that amount.

ARTICLE #10. To see if the District will vote to authorize the Prudential Committee to either employ an outside auditor to audit the books and accounts of the District, including those of the Treasurer and Water Department; or to request an audit under the provisions of MGL c.44 §35, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2026.

Requested by the Prudential Committee, Recommended by the Prudential Committee

Explanation: It is prudent and customary to ensure that the public's financial interests are monitored, and the auditor ensures that the financial statements are materially correct.

ARTICLE #11. To see if the District will authorize the Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal Year 2027, as permitted by MGL c.44 §53F, as amended.

Requested by the Prudential Committee, Recommended by the Prudential Committee

Explanation: These are agreements between banking institutions and the District Treasurer for services provided by the banks in consideration for funds on deposit. The Commissioner of Revenue of Massachusetts approves this form of agreement for such procedures.

ARTICLE #12. To see if the District will vote to transfer from Certified Free Cash the sum of **\$750,000.00** to be added to the Fire Apparatus Stabilization Fund established per MGL c.40 §5B at the 2024 Annual District Meeting or take any other action thereon.

Requested by the Prudential Committee, Recommended by the Prudential Committee

Explanation: This fund was established to allow us to put aside monies to mitigate or defray entirely the borrowing costs for upcoming Fire Department apparatus needs, including the purchase of two new pumpers and a new ladder truck.

ARTICLE #13. To see if the District will vote to transfer the balance of the Capital Roof Settlement fund the amount of **\$40,181.12** to be added to the Capital Building Stabilization Fund established per MGL c.40 §5B at the 2024 Annual District Meeting or take any other action thereon.

Requested by the Prudential Committee, Recommended by the Prudential Committee

Explanation: This fund was established to allow us to put aside monies to mitigate or defray borrowing costs for any upcoming Capital Building Improvements to the Fire Stations. The Capital Roof Settlement fund was set up in 1996 as a remedy by the contractor for faulty roof tiles that were replaced at the time

with shorter life roofing materials. Placing the funds into this stabilization is a legal mechanism suggested by the audit firm to keep the funds segregated for building repairs.

ARTICLE #14. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate **\$200,000.00**, and vote to transfer from Certified Free Cash funds the sum of **\$800,000.00**, for a total appropriation of **\$1,000,000.00** to be added to the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund to apply to the unfunded liability as described in MGL c.32B §20 with the approval of the Prudential Committee or take any other action thereon.

Requested by the Prudential Committee, Recommended by the Prudential Committee

Explanation: This article will contribute to the fund established for the liability identified by government accounting standards to provide for Other Post Employment Benefits to current and future retirees and their eligible dependents in accordance with Section 20 of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 32B.

ARTICLE #15. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$40,000.00** to fund the Injury Leave Indemnity Fund for FY27 or take any other action thereon.

Requested by the Prudential Committee, Recommended by the Prudential Committee

Explanation: This article would allow for annual funding of \$40,000 to cover the deductible that must be met before insurance begins covering costs for injured on duty firefighters. This fund was adopted in FY26 to provide a mechanism to pay such costs outside of the operating budgets therefore normalizing the department budgets and reducing impacts due to a long-term injury.

ARTICLE #16. To see if the District will vote to transfer the unexpended balance of **\$43,607.25** of Article 13 of the May 18, 2021 District Meeting to be used for Information Technology Infrastructure upgrades in the District or take any other action thereon.

Requested by the Prudential Committee, Recommended by the Prudential Committee

ARTICLE #17. To see if the District will vote to transfer the unexpended balance of **\$250,000.00** from Article 24 of the May 18, 2021 District Meeting and vote to transfer the unexpended balance from Article 16 from the May 17, 2022 District Meeting the remaining balance of **\$6,076.00** and vote to transfer and appropriate from Water Surplus the sum of **\$146,868.00** for a total appropriation of **\$402,944.00** for the design and engineering for the future installation of an iron & manganese treatment facility to be located at the Hayden wellfield located off Old Post Road in Marstons Mills, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Water Commissioners, with the approval of Prudential Committee, or to take any action thereon.

Requested by the Board of Water Commissioners, Recommended by the Prudential Committee

Explanation: This article will allow for the sizing, locating, and conceptual plans of an iron and manganese removal facility located at the Hayden wellfield (Old Post Road in Marstons Mills). DEP approval of the proposed treatment technique was obtained based on the pilot study performed.

ARTICLE #18. To see if the District will vote to transfer and appropriate from Water Surplus a sum up to **\$76,000.00** and vote to transfer the unexpended balance from Article 25 of the May 20, 2025 District Meeting of **\$4,918.45** and vote to transfer the unexpended balance from Article 26 of the May 20, 2025 District Meeting of **\$3,377.22** for a total appropriation of **\$84,295.67** for the purchase of (1) utility truck and related equipment, and to sell or trade a 2015 Chevrolet truck to offset the cost of such purchase, whichever is in the best interest of the District, said funds to be expended under the direction

of the Board of Water Commissioners, with the approval of Prudential Committee, or to take any other action thereon.

Requested by the Board of Water Commissioners, Recommended by the Prudential Committee

Explanation: This article will allow the purchase of a new truck through the public procurement process and the sale or trade of a high mileage (125k) vehicle. The new vehicle will have increased fuel efficiency and safety features. Our mechanic has recommended replacement of the vehicle based on a review of the fleet. Funding will be transferred from Water Surplus and the remaining balances of two articles from last year.

ARTICLE #19. To see if the District will vote to transfer and appropriate from Water Surplus the sum of **\$75,000.00** to the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund to apply to the water department's portion of the unfunded liability as described in MGL c.32B §20, under the direction of the Board of Water Commissioners with the approval of the Prudential Committee, or to take any other action thereon.

Requested by the Board of Water Commissioners, Recommended by the Prudential Committee

Explanation: This article will contribute to the fund established for the liability identified by government accounting standards to provide for Other Post Employment Benefits to current and future retirees of the water department and their eligible dependents in accordance with Section 20 of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 32B.

ARTICLE #20. To see if the District will vote to transfer the unexpended balance of **\$45,636.45** from Article 28 of the May 20, 2025 District Meeting to a reserve fund account. Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Prudential Committee, pursuant to MGL c.40 §5C, or to take any other action thereon.

Requested by the Board of Water Commissioners, Recommended by the Prudential Committee

Explanation: The funds will allow the Department to meet unforeseen obligations after approval of the Prudential & Water Commissioners. While this fund is not directly appropriated to a particular use, unforeseen expenditures do occur such as price increases of supplies and emergency repairs. Transfers may be approved for the use of all or any portion of the fund to meet these unforeseen events.

ARTICLE #21. To see if the District will vote to transfer and appropriate from the Water Surplus account the sum of up to **\$78,000.00** for an asset management plan, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Water Commissioners, with the approval of the Prudential Committee, or take any other action thereon.

Requested by the Board of Water Commissioners, Recommended by the Prudential Committee

Explanation: This article will allow the development of a plan to address future capital funding needs, create an asset database, and address succession planning.

ARTICLE #22. To see if the District will vote to transfer and appropriate from the PFAS settlement funds the sum of **\$390,840.58**, and vote to transfer and appropriate from the Water Surplus account the sum of **\$100,000.81**, and vote to transfer the unexpended balance of **\$250,000.00** from Article 20 of the May 17, 2022 District Meeting, and vote to transfer the unexpended balance of **\$77,527.59** from Article 14 of the May 17, 2022 District Meeting for a total appropriation of **\$818,368.98** for the engineering, labor, and materials necessary for the construction of treatment facility(s) to remove emerging contaminants from the water supply, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Water Commissioners, with the approval of the Prudential Committee, or take any other action thereon.

Requested by the Board of Water Commissioners, Recommended by the Prudential Committee

Explanation: This article will allow the water department to sub-contract water system facility improvements through the public procurement process. This will continue the upgrade and modifications of the facilities to treat the PFAS detections as needed. The amount requested is based on an estimate to design new facilities and/or modify existing facilities. Funding for this article is to be transferred from available funds, including unrestricted settlement proceeds from class action lawsuits against the manufacturers of PFAS contaminants.

ARTICLE #23. To see if the district will vote to transfer the remaining balance up to **\$1,223,898.23** from the PFAS settlement receipts received in FY26 to the Water Stabilization fund.

Requested by the Board of Water Commissioners, Recommended by the Prudential Committee

Explanation: The remaining proceeds from the lawsuits will be placed in the water stabilization fund for future needs of treating emerging contaminants.

ARTICLE #24. To see if the District will vote to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners, with the approval of the Prudential Committee, to enter into a lease agreement with Industrial Communications Tower & Wireless LLC, with its principle offices at 40 Lone Street, Marshfield, MA 02050, which lease negotiated by the Board of Water Commissioners, and Prudential Committee for the installation and maintenance of wireless communication equipment and facilities under and upon the land and improvements located at 1138 Main Street, Osterville Map 119 lot 9, all in accordance with the Response for Proposal received from the proposed lessee and dated May 1, 2026, or take any other action thereto.

Requested by the Board of Water Commissioners, Recommended by the Prudential Committee

Explanation: The proposal received and evaluated was compared to similar sites and found to be consistent with market rates based on this approach. The ten-year lease has a potential value of \$377,338.00. The lease has been reviewed and approved for signing by our attorney. This is an effort to generate revenue beyond the water meter. The plan is on file at the Prudential office and the Water Department.

ARTICLE #25. To see if the District will vote to rescind the authority to issue the following unissued balance of the authorized bond or note pursuant to the vote adopted under the following article to the extent not previously exercised or take any other action relating thereto.

<u>District Meeting</u>	<u>Article#</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
May 18, 2021	#20	\$600,000	Old Craigville Rd Pressure Filtration System

Requested by the Board of Water Commissioners, Recommended by the Prudential Committee

Explanation: This borrowing authorization is no longer needed for the project.

ARTICLE #26. To see if the District will vote to establish a special stabilization fund pursuant to MGL c.40 §5B to pay for Fire Department Wages and Expenses including, but not limited to, costs associated with training, equipment, wages, overtime, and benefits for sixteen (16) additional firefighter positions or take any other action thereon.

Requested by the Board of Fire Commissioners, Recommended by the Prudential Committee

Explanation: This new stabilization fund is proposed as part of a multi-year plan to fund 16 additional positions for the Fire Department via funding Article 27 for \$1,900,000. Funds not immediately needed to fund costs associated with the additional positions will be deposited into this Fire Department Wage and

Expense Stabilization Fund and used in future years to pay for training, equipment, wages, overtime, and benefits for the 16 additional positions. Creating this stabilization fund ensures the tax dollars raised are spent on the 16 additional firefighters.

ARTICLE #27. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,900,000.00** to pay for the wages, benefits, and expenses associated with hiring sixteen (16) additional firefighters. Of the **\$1,900,000.00, \$940,000.00** will be appropriated into the Fire Department Wage and Expense Stabilization Fund established in the previous Article 26 or take any other action thereon.

Requested by the Board of Fire Commissioners, Recommended by the Prudential Committee

Explanation: *The District seeks to add 16 positions to the Fire Department over the next two years, increasing the annual budget permanently. Since we cannot get all 16 on board at once, we plan to stagger the hiring and training. It will cost \$960,000 for FY27 and what we do not use the first year, we would like to place in a stabilization fund to ensure the funds needed are in place to continue the increase until all 16 are in place. The stabilization fund will help steady further jumps in the tax rate due to the staff increase.*

ARTICLE #28. To see if the District will vote to borrow and appropriate the sum of **\$476,600.00** and to trade/or sell a 2013 ambulance presently in service, to enable the purchase of a new ALS equipped ambulance and related equipment or take any other action thereon.

Requested by the Board of Fire Commissioners, Recommended by the Prudential Committee

Explanation: *With a fleet of 5 ambulances our long-term goal is to maintain a sustainable replacement cycle of one ambulance every other year. Due to current manufacturing demand, estimated lead time for a new ambulance is approximately 3 years. Authorizing this purchase now ensures we remain on schedule with our apparatus replacement plan. This proactive approach helps control future costs, avoid extended service life on aging equipment, and supports continued operational reliability for emergency medical services.*

ARTICLE #29. To see if the District will vote to transfer a sum of **\$240,000.00** from the Capital Building Stabilization Fund for HVAC upgrades and repairs at Station 2 in Osterville or take any action thereon.

Requested by the Board of Fire Commissioners, Recommended by the Prudential Committee

Explanation: *The existing HVAC system is in significant need of replacement and is rendered inoperable. Rather than continuing with temporary, short-term repairs or window units, the Department is looking to fully replace the system with a more reliable and cost-effective long-term solution.*

ARTICLE #30. To see if the District will vote to transfer from Certified Free Cash a sum of **\$171,162.63**, and vote to transfer the unexpended balance of **\$111,967.67** from Article 27 of the May 17, 2022 District Meeting, and vote to transfer the unexpended balance of **\$2,776.85** from Article 22 of the May 16, 2023 District Meeting, and vote to transfer the unexpended balance of **\$3,272.95** from Article 22 of the May 21, 2024 District Meeting, and vote to transfer the unexpended balance of **\$187.34** from Article 24 of the May 21, 2024 District Meeting, and vote to transfer the unexpended balance of **\$4,127.33** from Article 22 of the May 20, 2025 District Meeting, and vote to transfer the unexpended balance of **\$1,505.23** from Article 23 of the May 20, 2025 District Meeting for a total appropriation of **\$295,000.00** for the purchase of six (6) new LifePak 35 cardiac monitors and defibrillators, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Fire Commissioners with approval of the Prudential Committee or take any other action thereon.

Requested by the Board of Fire Commissioners, Recommended by the Prudential Committee

Explanation: The department's current LifePak units are aging and by replacing them all at this time we can take advantage of manufacturer incentives and trade-ins, reducing overall replacement costs.

ARTICLE #31. To see if the District will vote to transfer from Certified Free Cash the sum of up to **\$50,000.00** to replace aging furniture throughout the Fire Department Headquarters Building or take any other action thereon.

Requested by the Board of Fire Commissioners, Recommended by the Prudential Committee

Explanation: The proposed plan is to replace all classroom desks, function chairs and tables, conference room chairs, and miscellaneous coffee and end tables in public areas. The station serves as a workspace for personnel, as well as a central hub for public access, classrooms, functions, and general foot traffic


HEREOF FAIL NOT to make due return of the Warrant and your doings thereon at said meeting. Given under our hands this first day of May, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty Six.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

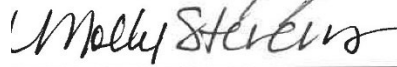
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A TRUE COPY ATTEST:



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