

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
TURNERS FALLS FIRE DISTRICT
APRIL 19, 2016**

FRANKLIN Ss.

To: Debra A. Bourbeau
Clerk of the Turners Falls Fire District

GREETINGS

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Turners Falls Fire District legally qualified to vote in said District Meeting, to meet in the **Montague Elementary Hillcrest School Auditorium, 30 Griswold Street**, Turners Falls on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. then and there to transact the following business:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the District will vote to accept the reports of the District Officers as published and further vote to hear and accept the reports of any committee appointed by the Moderator and take any relative action thereon, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the District will vote to authorize its Treasurer, with the approval of the Prudential Committee and Water Commissioners to borrow monies from time to time in anticipation of revenue or water rates for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and issue a note or notes therefore, payable one (1) year within and renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one (1) year, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 17, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the District will vote to require a bond from a fidelity company for its Treasurer, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the District will vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c.44, §53F½, as authorized by Chapter 170 of the Acts of 2015, for the purpose of **establishing an Ambulance Services Enterprise Fund** beginning in Fiscal Year 2017, and in connection therewith, to raise and appropriate, raise from revenues of the enterprise, or transfer from available funds a sum of money for **operation of said enterprise** for Fiscal Year 2017, as specified in the Annual Report approved by the Finance Committee and printed in the warrant, or take any action relative thereto.

Amount Requested.....\$35,000

ARTICLE 5. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide any sum or sums of money for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017 for the purpose of **operating said District** and such amounts as are requested and proposed in the Annual Report for such operational purposes, or take any action relative thereto.

Prudential Committee & Water Commissioners' Amount Requested...\$2,741,334

Finance Committee Amount Requested.....\$2,660,837

ARTICLE 6. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide any sums or sums of money to purchase a **new truck** for the **Fire Department**, or take any action relative thereto.

Amount Requested.....\$50,000

ARTICLE 7. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide any sum or sums of money for the purpose of paying separation pay for **1/3 of unused sick leave** to the **retiring Fire Chief**, or take any action relative thereto.

Amount Requested.....\$25,300

ARTICLE 8. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide any sum or sums of money for the purpose of paying **unused vacation pay** to the **retiring Fire Chief**, pursuant to the employee's contract, or take any action relative thereto.

Amount Requested.....\$14,700

ARTICLE 9. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide any sums or sums of money to provide additional funds for the **Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) obligation**, or take any action relative thereto.

Amount Requested.....\$20,000

ARTICLE 10. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide any sum or sums of money for the purpose of purchasing a **new truck** for the **Water Department**, or take any action relative thereto.

Amount Requested.....\$52,000

ARTICLE 11. To see if the District will vote to authorize the Water Commissioners and the Prudential Committee to **lease** all or a portion of approximately **5.95 acres of land**, located on Lake Pleasant Road, described in a deed to the District recorded with the Franklin County Registry of Deeds at Book 879, Pages 37, 152, and 137, held by the District for general District purposes, for a period in excess of three years, said leasing to be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of G.L. c. 30B, §16 and shall be under such terms and conditions as the Water Commissioners and the Prudential Committee determine to be in the best interest of the District, and to authorize the Water Commissioners and the Prudential Committee to enter into such agreements and execute such documents as are necessary to effectuate the purpose of this article, or take any action relative thereto.

Amount Requested.....\$100,000

ARTICLE 12. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide any sum or sums of money for the purpose of **reducing** an outstanding U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) **loan balance**, or take any action relative thereto.

Amount Requested.....\$60,000

ARTICLE 13. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide any sum or sums of money for the purpose of **repairs to Well #1**, or take any action relative thereto.

Amount Requested.....\$8,000

ARTICLE 14. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide any sum or sums of money for the purpose of the **installation of hardware on two existing doors** at the **Water Department and Fire District Office**, for the purpose of providing **disability access**, including any costs incidental and related thereto, or take any action relative thereto.

Amount Requested.....\$25,000

ARTICLE 15. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide any sum or sums of money for the purpose of **roof repairs and other building improvements** on the **Lake Pleasant Pump Station**, or take any action relative thereto.

Amount Requested.....\$5,000

ARTICLE 16. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide any sum or sums of money for the purpose of **improving an existing road on District property** shown on a plan on file in the District Clerk's office, as maintained by the Water Department, including any costs incidental and related thereto, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the District will vote, in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2, to establish a **revolving fund for land management**, as authorized by Chapter 170 Section 1 of the Acts of 2015, into which fund will be placed the fees collected from forestry services, and further to authorize the Water Superintendent with the approval of the Water Commissioners, to **expend up to a maximum of \$5,000** from said land management fund for the purpose of land conservation ,maintenance and surveying of District property, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the District will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to use any sum or sums of money from available unappropriated funds for the purpose of reducing District Taxes for the fiscal year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, or take any action relative thereto.

Amount requested.....\$0

ARTICLE 19. To see if the District will vote to authorize the Prudential Committee and/or the Water Commissioners to **apply for and accept grants** from the Federal Government, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or any other source and to expend the same for purposes received without further appropriation, or take any action relative thereto.

And you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Turners Falls Fire District to meet in the Turners Falls Fire District Offices, 226 Millers Falls Road, Turners Falls on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 12:00 O'clock, noon until 7:00 O'clock in the afternoon, then and there to vote for the following officers of the Turners Falls Fire District, viz.: one PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE member for three (3) years; and one WATER COMMISSIONER for three (3) years.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by causing attested copies thereof to be posted in not less than five (5) public places within the District, at least seven (7) days before the time of said meeting.

Whereof fail not, and make due the return of the Warrant to the Prudential Committee and Water Commissioners at time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this First Day of April, Two Thousand Sixteen.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

WATER COMMISSIONERS

David J. Zamojski, Chairman

Kenneth G. Morin, Chairman

Jay D. DiPucchio

Stephen T. Call

Richard J. Kuklewicz

Bruce A. Merriam

Return of service of the Warrant for the April 19, 2016 Annual District Meeting.

I have posted copies of the above Warrant in not less than five (5) public places within the District at least seven (7) days before the time of said Meeting as directed by the Prudential Committee and the Water Commissioners.

A TRUE AND ATTESTED COPY

Debra A. Bourbeau, District Clerk