

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
TURNERS FALLS FIRE DISTRICT
APRIL 18, 2017**

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 18, 2017 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, 2017 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 raise and appropriate, raise from revenues of the **Ambulance Service Enterprise fund**, or transfer from available funds a sum of money for operations of said enterprise for Fiscal Year 2018 as specified in the Annual Report, or take any action relative thereto.

Amount Requested.....\$ 49,772

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, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 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.

Amount Requested.....\$ 2,794,183

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 provide additional funds to **purchase and equip a used ambulance**, including any incidental or related costs, or take any action relative thereto.

Amount Requested.....\$30,000

ARTICLE 7. 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 and equip a ladder truck** for the Fire Department; and further to **authorize District Treasurer with the approval of the Prudential Committee to borrow** said sum under and pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, Section 9 or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the District therefor, or in the alternative, to authorize the Prudential Committee to **enter into a lease purchase agreement** in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 44, sec 21C for a period in excess of three years for the purchase of said ladder truck and to appropriate a sum of money for the first year payment of such agreement, or take any action relative thereto.

Amount Requested.....\$150,000
(for first year payment of lease-purchase)

Amount Requested.....\$996,000
(for purchase)

ARTICLE 8. 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 **replacement of air bottles** for the Fire Department or take any action relative thereto.

Amount Requested.....\$23,500

ARTICLE 9. 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 an **emergency reporting system** for the Fire Department, including any incidental or related costs, or take any action relative thereto.

Amount Requested.....\$4,800

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 designing, engineering and constructing a **water main connection with Greenfield on the General Pierce Bridge**, including any incidental or related costs, or take any action relative thereto.

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

ARTICLE 11 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 **cleaning and inspection** of the **Wills Hill water storage tanks**, including any incidental or relate costs, or take any action relative thereto.

Amount Requested.....\$11,000

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 **insulation and other building improvements** on the **Water Department and Fire District Office**, including any incidental or related costs, or take any action relative thereto.

Amount Requested.....\$9,500

ARTICLE 13. To see if the District will vote to re-authorize, in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2, and authorized by Chapter 170 Section 1 of the Acts of 2015, the establishment of a **revolving fund for land management for Fiscal Year 2018**, 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 14. To see if the District will vote pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §53 ½ , as most recently amended, to amend the District Bylaws by inserting a **new bylaw establishing revolving funds**, specifying the departmental receipts to be credited to each fund, the departmental purposes or programs for which each fund may be expended, and the entity authorized to expend each fund, such bylaw to provide as follows:

Revolving Funds

1 There are hereby established in the Turners Falls Fire District pursuant to the provisions of G.L. C 44, §53 ½, the following revolving funds:

Program or
Purpose
Land
Management

Representative or
Board Authorized to Spend
Water Superintendent
with approval of the
Water Commissioners

Departmental Receipts
Fees and charges received
from forestry services

2 Expenditures from each revolving fund set forth herein shall be subject to the limitation established annually by District Meeting or any increase herein as may be authorized in accordance with G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2.

Or take any action relative hereto.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the District will vote to re-accept GL, c. 32B, §20, which updates the provisions governing the **Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund**, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16. 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, 2017 through June 30, 2018, or take any action relative thereto.

Amount requested.....\$0

ARTICLE 17 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 25, 2017 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; one PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE member for two (2) years; one WATER COMMISSIONER for three (3) years; one TREASURER for three (3) years; one DISTRICT CLERK for three (3) years, and one MODERATOR 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 Twenty Third Day of March, Two Thousand Seventeen.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

WATER COMMISSIONERS

David J. Zamojski, Chairman

Kenneth G. Morin, Chairman

Jay D. DiPucchio

Stephen T. Call

John A. Greene

Bruce A. Merriam

Return of service of the Warrant for the April 18, 2017 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