

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SOUTH HADLEY, MASS

WARRANT – FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2

In accordance with the District By-laws, the Prudential Committee, and Water Commissioners make the following recommendations for expenditures for the Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025.

April 10, 2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampshire, S.S.

To: Barbara Miller, Clerk of said District:

You are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of Fire District No. 2, in the Town of South Hadley and the Town of Granby qualified to vote in District affairs to meet at the Headquarters Building at 20 Woodbridge Street on Monday, May 6th, 2024 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening then and there, to act on the following articles:

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

ARTICLE 1: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Prudential Committee Operating budget: Salaries & Wages \$61,347.00, Expenses \$539,243.00 or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended Amount \$600,590.00, or a lesser or greater amount.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Operations of the Fire Department to include a sum of money to pay firefighters for time spent in firefighting, drills and other duties, and for leave with pay to incapacitated officers and firefighters as authorized by Chapter 41, Section 111-F of the General Laws: Salaries and Wages \$678,635.00, Expenses \$115,000.00 or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended Amount \$793,635.00, or a lesser or greater amount.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used for the operations of the District No. 2 Ambulance service: Salaries and Wages \$172,518.00, Expenses \$167,000.00 or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended Amount \$339,518.00, or a lesser or greater amount.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used for the payment of principal and interest against the District Building Addition debt or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended Amount \$70,460.00, or a lesser or greater amount.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used for the payment of principal and interest against the ambulance debt or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended Amount \$23,700.00, or a lesser or greater amount.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to

be used for the payment of principal and interest against the Rescue Truck lease debt or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended Amount \$24,334.00, or a lesser or greater amount.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used for the Operations of the Water Department: Wages and Salaries \$406,900.00, Expenses \$495,491.00 or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended Amount \$902,391.00 or a lesser or greater amount.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used as payment of principal and interest for the Water Department Capital Expense debt or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended Amount \$54,200.00, or a lesser or greater amount.

ARTICLE 9: **Fiscal Year 2024** To see if the District will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Water Department Capital Receipt Revenue (Water Surplus) into the Water Systems Improvement Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto. (This amount of money shall be the receipts received from May 1, 2023 through and including April 30, 2024), or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended Amount \$205,000.00, or a lesser or greater amount.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for body work on the Water Dept.'s Truck 3, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended Amount \$10,000.00, or a lesser or greater amount.

ARTICLE 11: **Fiscal Year 2024** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds (Water Systems Improvement Stabilization Fund) a sum of money to be used for Water System Capital Improvements: O & M Manual (DEP), Chapel Hill Pumps and Motors, Dry Brook Tree Work, Garage Door Openers w/safety beams, Brockway and Stanton Ave, Tabulators, Drought Signage and Chem X wash station, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended Amount \$130,500.00, or a lesser or greater amount.

ARTICLE 12: FY2024: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$16,143, or a greater or lesser sum, to pay the third year cost of a three year lease agreement for a backhoe for the Water Department, or to take any other action relative thereto.

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ARTICLE 13: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$16,500.00, or a greater or lesser sum, to extend the current lease agreement or to pay the first year cost of a new three year lease agreement for a rubber tired excavator for the Water Department, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, or to take any other action relative thereto.
Recommended Amount \$16,500.00, or a lesser or greater amount.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be added to the District Stabilization Fund or take any other action relative thereto.
Recommended Amount \$5,000.00, or a lesser or greater amount.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be added to the Fire Department Capital/Vehicle Replacement Stabilization Fund or take any other action relative thereto.
Recommended Amount \$88,000.00, or a lesser or greater amount.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used as a 5% Assistance to Firefighters Grant match, for the purchase of portable radios, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, or take any other action relative thereto.
Recommended Amount \$12,000.00 or a lesser or greater amount.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds (Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation) a sum of money to be added to the Ambulance Stabilization Fund or take any other action relative thereto.
Recommended Amount \$25,000.00 or a lesser or greater amount.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the District will vote to amend the By-Laws Article II, Section 4, by striking out the word "Forty" and inserting in its place "Thirty", to read as follows:

ARTICLE II, SECTION 4. Thirty voters shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the District. Election of officers shall not be considered a meeting for the purposes of this section.

No Dollar Amount

ARTICLE 19: To see if the District will vote to authorize the Prudential Committee to defend all suits that may be brought against the District during the Fiscal Year 2025, and further to

prosecute all suits on behalf of the District, to engage counsel for same and to settle such suits as they deem advisable or take any other action relative thereto.

No Dollar Amount

ARTICLE 20: To see if the District will vote to authorize the Prudential Committee to sell and/or dispose of any excess personal property belonging to the Fire District or take any other action relative thereto.
No Dollar Amount


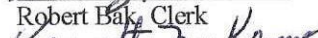
ARTICLE 21: To see if the District will vote to allow the Prudential Committee, the Water Commissioners or the Fire Chief with the approval of the Prudential Committee, to apply for, accept and expend any state or federal grants that may come available for Fiscal 2025, or to accept any gifts given to the District, or take any other action relative thereto.
No Dollar Amount

ARTICLE 22: To see if the District will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with approval of the Prudential Committee, to borrow in anticipation of the revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 in accordance with General Laws, as amended, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or take any other action relative thereto. No Dollar Amount

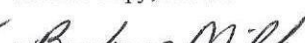
ARTICLE 23: To see if the District will vote to authorize the Prudential Committee and/or the Water Commissioners as the case may be, during Fiscal Year 2025, to acquire on behalf of the District any and all easements for any public purpose that they may deem in the best interest of the District, including but not limited to any of the following purposes: roads, sidewalks, vehicular and/or pedestrian access or passage, water, sewer, drainage and utilities, provided however that such authorization pertains only to easements acquired at no cost to the District; and, further, to authorize the Prudential Committee and/or the Water Commissioners as the case may be, subsequent to a public hearing, during Fiscal Year 2025 to abandon or relocate easements acquired for any of the foregoing purposes; or otherwise act thereon.
No Dollar Amount

Given under our hands this 4th day of April, 2024:


Kenneth LeBlanc, Chair


Robert Baker, Clerk

Kenneth McKenna, Member
Prudential Committee

A True Copy, Attest:


Barbara Miller
District Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have published such on the district and/or town website, posted in three public places and made copies available to the general public not less than fourteen days before the day of the meeting.