

**PALMER FIRE DISTRICT NUMBER ONE AND
PALMER WATER DISTRICT NUMBER ONE
ANNUAL FIRE DISTRICT MEETING**

REPORT ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Town of Palmer

Submitted to the Voters of Palmer Fire District Number One and Palmer Water District Number One at the Annual Meeting held on the 9th of MAY, 2023. The Annual District Meeting was held at the Palmer Public Library, 1455 N. Main Street, in Depot Village, of said Palmer. There were 24 registered voters present and a quorum was met. William K. Cole, District Clerk read the warning, and opened the meeting.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at the meeting.
Motion made by James St Amand for Joseph White to serve as moderator; second, by Daniel Belanger. No other nominations made. A motion was made to close nominations by James St Amand seconded by Daniel Belanger.
It was voted 24-0 to close nominations.
On the motion for Moderator voted 24-0, for Joseph White to be moderator for the meeting

ARTICLE 2. To choose by ballot the following officers:

For a term of one (1) year
One (1) Auditor William K. Cole-1 Vote*:

For a term of three (3) years:
One (1) Water Commissioner Andrea Mastalerz-20 Votes*
Karl Baer 1 Vote

For a term of three (3) years:
One (1) Member Prudential Committee James L. St Amand -19 votes*

*indicated voted into office

There were 22 ballots cast for elected positions. Under Article 2 polls were opened and will remain open until 9:01 pm.

ARTICLE 3. To hear and act on reports of District officers and committees.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to pay the salaries expenses and operating expenses for the Fire Department for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2023, or take any other action relative thereto.

Your Finance Committee recommends that the District vote to raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$858,983.29 to pay the salaries expenses and operating expenses for the Fire Department for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023. Moved and seconded by the Finance Committee, voted 20 yes 4 no

ARTICLE 5. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to pay the salaries expenses and operating expenses for the District Treasurer, District Clerk, Tax Collector, Assessors and Auditor for fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2023, or take any other action relative thereto.

Your Finance Committee recommends that the District vote to raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$166,143.19 to pay the salaries expenses and operating expenses for District Treasurer, District Clerk, Tax Collector, Assessors and Auditor for fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2023. Moved and seconded by the Finance Committee, voted 24 yes 0 no.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the District will vote to empower the Water Department, through the use of its receipts and revenues, to expend funds to defray the expenses for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023, or take any other action relative thereto.

Your Finance Committee recommends that the District vote to empower the Water Department, through the use of its receipts and revenues, to expend \$1,081,978.90 from its receipts, and the sum of 10,000.00 from the Water Surplus account, to defray its expenses for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023, and that the said sums be so appropriated from Water Department receipts and revenues, and from the Water Surplus account in the amounts recommended, for the Water Department Budget. Moved and seconded by the Finance Committee, voted 20 yes 4 no.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the District will vote to transfer any sums of money from Free Cash to reduce the tax levy for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2023, or take any other action relative thereto.

Your Finance Committee recommends that \$20,000.00 be transferred from free Cash to reduce the Tax Levy for the fiscal Year commencing on July 1. 2023. Moved and seconded by Finance Committee, voted 24 yes 0 no.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the District will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Prudential Committee, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2023, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and acts in amendment thereof, or take any other action relative thereto.

Your Finance Committee recommends favorable action on this Article. Moved and seconded by the Finance Committee, voted 24 yes 0 no.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide a sum of money to a Reserve Fund-Fire Account for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2023, or take any other action relative thereto

Your Finance Committee recommends that the District vote to raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$25,000.00 to a Reserve Fund-Fire Account for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2023. Moved and seconded by the Finance Committee, voted 24 yes 0 no.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the District will vote to establish a Reserve Fund-Water Account and to appropriate from water receipts a sum of money to the Reserve Fund-Water Account in accordance with Section 5C of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

Your Finance Committee recommends that the District vote to establish a Reserve Fund-Water Account and to appropriate from water receipts the sun of \$30,000.00 to the Reserve Fund-Water Account in accordance with Section 5C of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws. Moved and seconded by the Finance Committee, voted 23 yes 1 no.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

Your Finance Committee recommends that the District vote to raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$25,000.00, to the Stabilization Fund Account. 24 yes 0 no.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide a sum of money to repay an obligation to Farmer's Home Administration for the remodeling of the Fire Station, or take any other action relative thereto.

Your Finance Committee recommends that the District vote to raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$13,441.00 to repay an obligation to Farmer's Home Administration for the remodeling of the Fire Station. Moved and seconded by the Finance Committee, voted 24 yes 0 no.

ARTICLE 13 To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide a sum of money to purchase a 2024 Brush Truck, or take any other action relative thereto.

Your Finance Committee recommends that the District vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of \$200,000.00 for a 2024 Brush Truck. Moved and seconded by the Finance Committee, voted 24 yes 0 no.

ARTICLE 14 To see if the District will vote and raise and appropriate or otherwise provide a sum of money to purchase a 2023 UTV w/Skid Unit, Fire & Rescue Mount & utility Trailer, or take other action relative thereto.

Your Finance Committee recommends that the District vote to raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$40,000.00 to purchase a 2023 UTV w/Skid Unit, Fire & Rescue Mount & Utility Trailer Moved and seconded by the Finance Committee, voted 22 yes 2 no.

ARTICLE 15 To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide a sum of money to repay an obligation to Monson Saving Bank for the new pumper fire truck, or take any other action relative thereto.

Your Finance Committee recommends that the District vote to raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$37,222.89 to repay an obligation to Monson Saving Bank for the new pumper fire truck. Moved and seconded by the Finance Committee. voted 24 yes 0 no.

ARTICLE 16 To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide a sum of money to replace second Floor Windows and Training Room Exterior Doors and Windows, or take any other action relative thereto

Your Finance Committee recommends that the District vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of \$20,000.00 to replace second Floor Windows and Training Room Exterior Doors and Windows. Moved and seconded by the Finance Committee, voted 24 yes 0 no.

ARTICLE 17 To choose committee and give them instructions. The following were appointed to the Finance Committee: Gerald Senecal, David Droz, Bonny Rathbone, Thoms Fournier and Rocky Blazejowski.

There was no other business before the voters: the warrant was dissolved at 7:40 pm. The polls remained open until 9:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**William K. Cole
District Clerk
May 12, 2023**

**A True Copy
Attested by**

