

Annual Report



2002

DISTRICT OFFICERS - 2002

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Timothy J. Lancaster, Chairman
David Breault
John R. Furtado

Term Expires 2003
Term Expires 2005
Term Expires 2004

DISTRICT CLERK

John D. Foster

Term Expires 2005

DISTRICT TREASURER

John D. Foster

Term Expires 2005

BOARD OF ENGINEERS

John Alcaldinho, Chief Engineer
Stephen W. Howland, 1st Assistant Engineer
Charles M. Ormonde, 2nd Assistant Engineer

Term Expires 2005
Term Expires 2004
Term Expires 2003

BOARD OF AUDITORS

Marc J. Andre
Troy D. DeCouto
Paul O. Ferro

Term Expires 2003
Term Expires 2005
Term Expires 2004

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

John Furtado, Chairman
Robert Michaud, Clerk
Kevin Abrantes

Term Expires 2003
Term Expires 2005
Term Expires 2004

TOWN COLLECTOR

Deborah L. Piva

Appointed

MODERATOR

Atty. Randall Weeks

Term Expires 2003

FIRE DISTRICT PERSONNEL - 2002

BOARD OF ENGINEERS

John Alcaldinho, Chief Engineer
Stephen W. Howland, 1st Assistant Engineer
Charles M. Ormonde, 2nd Assistant Engineer

CAPTAINS

Stanley Bettencourt, Jr.
Richard Ferreira
John Judson
Joseph Ormonde
Gerald Smith

LIEUTENANTS

Antone Andre
Marc J. Andre
Kimball A. Baker, III
Paul Breault
Jeffrey Costa
Antonio J. Melo

FIREFIGHTERS

Peter Andrade
Timothy Andre
David Breault
Edmund Cabral
Michael A. Cabral
Manuel Costa
Peter Costa
Troy D. DeCouto
Alfred DeMelo, Jr.
John D. Foster
Paul Galego
Kenneth E. Gidley, III
Timothy J. Lancaster
Joseph Medeiros

Rick J. Melo
Paul J. T. Mendonca
Mark Noseworthy
David M. O'Neill
Anthony Poente, Jr.
Skott Rebello
Richard Russell
Clifford Silveira
Scott Stanton
Joseph Sylvia
Erick Turcotte
Eric Vanasse
Ryan Vaz

VIDEOGRAPHER

Charles Viera

PHOTOGRAPHER

James Lancaster

FIRE PREVENTION AND LIFE SAFETY REPORT

When it is time for spring-cleaning, remember a clean house is a safer house. The Fire Prevention Bureau suggests that you take a few moments to check some areas in your house for hazards that could cause a fire.

LIVING OR FAMILY ROOM

- Eliminate overloaded electrical outlets.
- Minimize the number and length of extension cords.
- Allow space around the TV and stereo equipment to prevent overheating.
- Use a metal screen in front of the fireplace.
- Have large, deep ashtrays for smokers and make sure all smoking materials have been extinguished before disposal.

KITCHEN

- Keep surfaces clean and free of grease.
- Do not leave the kitchen while the stove or oven is in use. Many fires begin during unattended cooking.
- Turn pot handles in so they cannot be knocked off or pulled down by small children.
- If you have a grease fire, put a lid on it! Using water will spread the fire.

BEDROOMS

- Make a firm rule not to allow anyone to smoke in bed.
- Working smoke detectors should be installed outside each sleeping area. Test the detectors monthly and change the batteries twice a year.
- Have a home fire escape plan and practice it with your family.

BASEMENTS, GARAGE AND STORAGE AREAS

- Have the furnace, wood or coal burning stoves or any other heating appliance inspected by a professional prior to each heating season.
- Keep areas around heating equipment free of papers, rags or flammable liquids.
- Store gasoline or other flammable liquids in safety cans outside your home.

THROUGHOUT THE HOUSE

- Keep matches and lighters stored where children cannot find them.
- Post Emergency numbers on all phones.
- Do not let papers or trash accumulate.
- Unplug appliances when not in use.

It only takes a few minutes to check your home for fire hazards. You could be preventing a fire and possibly saving a life . . . the life of your family.

Respectfully submitted,
John Alcainho, Chief Engineer
Stephen W. Howland, 1st Assistant Engineer
Charles M. Ormonde, 2nd Assistant Engineer

IN CASE OF FIRE - BE PREPARED

Recognizing the possibility that fire may strike your home, decide now how you would be able to save your family's lives were you to awake and smell smoke tonight!

Plan two possible routes to the ground from any upstairs bedroom. It is unlikely that flames would cut off both escape routes during the early stage of fire. We recommend that every home with children conduct regular home fire drills, showing the children where to go and what to do if the normal escape route is blocked by fire.

If Fire Starts:

1. Arouse everyone in the house. Make it your first duty to get everyone out of the house.
2. Call the Fire Department at once.
 - (a) Have number posted near phone. **9-1-1**
 - (b) Know location of nearest Fire Alarm Box.

If Trapped on 2nd or Upper Floors:

3. Jump only as a last resort.
4. Close door leading to hall.
5. Keep low, on hands and knees crawl to window.
6. Open window, top and bottom, place head out window and wait for help.
7. Use porch roof if possible.

ESCAPE RULES

1. Keep close to the floor.
2. Take short breaths and cover face with wet cloth.
3. Keep out of excessive heat and smoke. Feel doors, if hot don't open.
4. Have outside gathering point. Is everyone out?
5. Never re-enter the burning building.

'May They Not Be Forgotten'

Brother when you weep for me,
Remember that it was meant to
be.

Lay me down and when you
leave,
Remember I'll be at your sleeve.

In every dark and choking hall.
I'll be there as you slowly crawl.
On every roof in driving snow,
I'll hold your coat and you will
know.

In cellars hot with searing heat,
At windows where a gate you
meet,

In closets where young children
hide,
You know I'll be there at your
side.

The house from which I now
respond,
Is overstaffed with heroes gone.

Men who answered one last bell
Did the job and did it well.

As firemen, we understand
That death's a card dealt in our
hand-
A card we hope we never play.
But one we hold there anyway.

That card is something we
ignore,
As we crawl across a weakened
floor.

For we know that we're the only
prayer
For anyone that might be there.

So remember, as you wipe your
tears,

The joy I knew throughout the
years.

As I did the job I loved to do,
I pray that thought will see you
through.

The Fireman's Prayer

When I am called to duty, God, wherever flames may rage, give me strength to save some life,
whatever be its age. Help me embrace a little child before it is too late, or save an elder person
from the horror of that fate. Enable me to be alert to hear the weakest shout, and quickly and
efficiently to put the fire out.

I want to fill my calling and give the best in me, to guard my every neighbor and protect his
property, and if, according to your will, I have to lose my life, please bless, with your protecting
hand, my children and my wife.

-Amen.

ANNUAL ELECTION - 2002

The Annual Election of Officers of Dartmouth Fire District No. 1 was held at the Engine House, 10 Bridge Street, on Monday, April 29, 2002.

The Polls were open from 11:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. 140 registered voters cast ballots, with the results being as follows:

CHIEF ENGINEER - THREE YEAR TERM

John Alcaidinho	128
Blanks	11
Write-Ins	1

DISTRICT CLERK - THREE YEAR TERM

John D. Foster	127
Blanks	13

DISTRICT TREASURER - THREE YEAR TERM

John D. Foster	125
Blanks	15

MEMBER OF PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE - THREE YEAR TERM

David Breault	111
Blanks	29

MEMBER BOARD OF AUDITORS - THREE YEAR TERM

Troy D. DeCouto	108
Blanks	32

All officers were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties.

ATTEST:

John D. Foster, District Clerk

DARTMOUTH FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING
MAY 13, 2002

Pursuant to a Warrant duly issued by the Prudential Committee of the District, the Annual Meeting of the District was held on Monday, May 13, 2002. The Meeting was called to order by the District Clerk at 8:08 P.M. who declared that 35 registered voters being present and that 35 comprise a quorum, a quorum in fact was present. Additional voters arrived after the meeting commenced totaling 38.

The Clerk noted that the Warrant was posted in accordance with the By-Laws of the District in the several locations throughout the District as well as in the Chronicle on April 24, 2002.

A Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of silence for those of the District who have died since our last meeting.

The Clerk noted that all appropriations for the meeting would be raised from the Tax Levy unless otherwise stated in the motion.

The District Clerk then took up action on Article 1 of the Warrant.

ARTICLE 1: To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.

MOVED and seconded to elect Randall Weeks to the position of Moderator

MOVED, seconded and unanimously voted to close nominations for the position of Moderator.

Comes now the vote on the main motion.

VOTED unanimously at 8:12 P.M.

The Moderator was sworn to the faithful performance of his duties, and took over the meeting.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the District will vote to compensate firefighters at the rate of \$17.00 per hour for toned incidents and \$15.00 per hour for details, maintenance, snorkel and garage duty.
Unchanged from last year.

MOVED, seconded and unanimously voted at 8:12 P.M. that the District compensate firefighters at the rate of \$17.00 per hour for toned incidents and \$15.00 per hour for details, maintenance, snorkel and garage duty.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$295,000. for the SUPPORT OF THE DISTRICT.

The fiscal year 2002 appropriation was \$290,000.

MOVED, seconded and unanimously voted at 8:13 P.M. that the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$295,000. for the SUPPORT OF THE DISTRICT.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500. for TRAVEL AND TRAINING.
The fiscal year 2002 appropriation was \$5,000.

MOVED, seconded and voted at 8:14 P.M. that the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500. for TRAVEL AND TRAINING.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the District will vote to fix the salaries of the several District Officers, the Assessors, and the Tax Collector for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002 and to appropriate a sum of money therefore.

Chief Engineer	\$48,080.
First Assistant Engineer	\$ 8,000.
Second Assistant Engineer	\$ 8,000.
District Clerk	\$ 2,500.
District Treasurer	\$ 7,500.
Prudential Committee (3 @ \$1,000.)	\$ 3,000.
Auditors (3 @ \$550.)	\$ 1,650.
Oil Burner Inspector	\$ 1,600.
Assessors (3 @ \$125.)	\$ 375.
Tax Collector	\$ 125.
Moderator	<u>\$ 125.</u>
	\$80,955.

Chief Engineer 3% increase, District Treasurer \$500. increase, and Prudential Committee \$200. increase per member.

MOVED, seconded and unanimously voted as read at 8:15 P.M.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000. for the BUILDING ACCOUNT for maintenance and running expenses of the land and building owned by the District.
Unchanged from last year.

MOVED, seconded and unanimously voted at 8:15 P.M. that the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000. for the BUILDING ACCOUNT for maintenance and running expenses of the land and building owned by the District.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the District will vote to authorize the Board of Engineers, with the approval of the Prudential Committee, to sell or otherwise dispose of any surplus equipment belonging to the District.
This article is an annual request.

MOVED, seconded and unanimously voted at 8:16 P.M. that the District authorize the Board of Engineers, with the approval of the Prudential Committee, to sell or otherwise dispose of any surplus equipment belonging to the District.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000. for the RESERVE FUND.
The Reserve Fund is utilized for extraordinary and unforeseen expenditures. The unencumbered balance will revert back to Surplus Revenue at the end of the fiscal year.

MOVED, seconded and unanimously voted at 8:16 P.M. that the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000. for the RESERVE FUND.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the following specific purposes:

- A: Pagers and Pager Cases \$22,500.
- B: Generator Panel Upgrade \$13,000.
- C. Radio / Telephone Recorder \$10,000.
- D: Dive Team Equipment \$ 3,870.

MOVED, seconded and unanimously voted at 8:17 P.M. that the District raise and appropriate \$49,370. for the following specific purposes:

- A: Pagers and Pager Cases \$22,500.
- B: Generator Panel Upgrade \$13,000.
- C. Radio / Telephone Recorder \$10,000.
- D: Dive Team Equipment \$ 3,870.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the District will vote to transfer \$400,000. from the STABILIZATION FUND, \$100,000. from SURPLUS REVENUE, and raise and appropriate \$100,000. for a fully equipped PLATFORM LADDER TRUCK.

The total estimated cost for this vehicle is \$790,000. It is the intent of the Prudential Committee to return for the remaining balance at the next annual district meeting. Specifications for the new vehicle will be available at the engine house. The existing 1983 Snorkel Truck will be sold outright by the District or taken in trade by the successful bidder.

MOVED, seconded and unanimously voted at 8:17 P.M. that the District transfer \$400,000. from the STABILIZATION FUND, \$100,000. from SURPLUS REVENUE, and raise and appropriate \$100,000. for a fully equipped PLATFORM LADDER TRUCK.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the District will vote to amend Article II, Section 1 of the By-Laws to read as follows:

The officers of the District shall consist of a Chief Engineer, a First Assistant Engineer, a Second Assistant Engineer, a Clerk, a Treasurer, a Prudential Committee of three, and three Auditors. Officers shall be chosen by ballot and serve for a term of three years each. **Each Engineer shall have a minimum of five years experience in the fire service.** All officers are to serve until their successors are chosen and qualified. Terms of Elected Officers shall expire on April 30.

Article 11 was retracted by the Prudential Committee.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the District will vote to amend Article II, Section 2 of the By-Laws to read as follows:

The officers of the District shall receive respectively for their services such compensation as the District may determine at its annual meeting.

Delete second paragraph.

MOVED, seconded and unanimously voted at 8:19 P.M. that the District amend Article II, Section 2 of the By-Laws as read.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the District will vote to amend Article II, Section 3 of the By-Laws to read as follows:

In the event of a vacancy in the office of Chief Engineer the First Assistant Engineer shall become Chief Engineer and the Second Assistant Engineer shall become First Assistant Engineer

to serve until the next annual election. A vacancy in the office of the First Assistant Engineer shall be filled by the Second Assistant Engineer until the next annual election. A vacancy in the office of Second Assistant Engineer shall be filled by a majority vote at a joint convention of the Board of Engineers and the Prudential Committee. The officer so chosen shall serve until the next annual election. If the Treasurer is prevented from performing his official duties, or if the office is vacant, the Prudential Committee shall in writing appoint a temporary Treasurer, who shall give bond in like manner as the Treasurer and shall hold his office until another is chosen. If the Clerk is prevented from performing his official duties, or if the office is vacant, the Prudential Committee shall in writing appoint a temporary Clerk who shall hold his office until another is chosen. A vacancy in the office of Auditor shall be filled by a majority vote at a joint convention of the Auditors and the Prudential Committee. The officers so chosen shall serve until the next annual election. If a vacancy occurs on the Prudential Committee prior to sixty (60) days before the annual district election, the vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote of the Prudential Committee and the District Clerk.

MOVED, seconded and unanimously voted at 8:21 P.M. that the District amend Article II, Section 3 of the By-Laws as read.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the District will vote to amend Article IV, Section 7 of the By-Laws to read as follows:

Fees for permits and certificates granted by the Chief of the Fire Department of Dartmouth Fire District No. 1 shall be those as described in the "Schedule of Fee's" in accordance with MGL Chapter 148, 527. CMR, MGL Chapter 248, section 10, MGL Chapter 66, section 10, 780 CMR, and local by-law. All such fees, except inspection of smoke detectors, collected shall be turned over to the Treasurer in accordance with Section 53 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Smoke detectors (Per Dwelling Unit)	\$ 10.00
Sprinkler system (Per Building)	\$ 40.00
Install/remove aboveground fuel storage tank	\$ 10.00
Install/remove underground fuel storage tank	\$ 40.00
Blasting permit	\$ 10.00
Supervised display of fireworks	\$ 10.00
Storage of LP gas	\$ 10.00
Storage of flammable fluid gas solid	\$ 5.00
Storage of smokeless powder	\$ 5.00
Reissue permits	\$ 5.00
Copy of fire report	\$ 5.00
Tank truck inspection	\$ 10.00
Oil burner inspection	\$ 10.00
Initial master box connection	\$100.00
Ammunition storage license	\$ 5.00

MOVED, and seconded that the District amend Article IV, Section 7 of the By-Laws as printed in the warrant.

Discussion ensued.

MOVED, and seconded to amend the main motion to delete the phrase "except inspection of smoke detectors" and add "Chief Engineer" in place of Chief in the first line.

Motion passed.

Comes now the vote on the main motion.

VOTED unanimously as amended at 8:23 P.M.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the District will vote to amend Article IV, Section 8 of the By-Laws to read as follows:

3. Whenever three (3) or more false alarms are caused within a twelve (12) month period (within the fiscal year July 1, through June 30), the owner/s or person/s in control of said alarm shall be subject to paying a fine for each and every occurrence starting with the third false alarm. **The fine shall be in increasing increments of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per occurrence. (ie. 3rd \$100., 4th \$200., 5th \$300., etc.)** Any fines imposed and collected under this section shall be turned over to the Treasurer of the District in accordance with Section 53 of Chapter 44 of MGL.

MOVED, seconded and unanimously voted at 8:24 P.M. that the District amend Article IV, Section 8 of the By-Laws as read.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the District will vote to accept a By-Law to be added to Article IV - Finances, as section 10, as follows:

The Board of Engineers and the Prudential Committee shall develop a long range capital plan related to acquiring, maintaining and improving the District's land, buildings and equipment. They will place articles in the warrant at the District's annual meeting for the purpose of funding capital items, which are necessary for the following fiscal year.

The Prudential Committee shall adopt guidelines for implementing and maintaining the capital plan.

MOVED, seconded and unanimously voted at 8:25 P.M. that the District add to Article IV - Finances, section 10, as read.

There being no further business to come before the meeting it was: MOVED, seconded and unanimously voted that the meeting stand adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

ATTEST:

John D. Foster, District Clerk

**DARTMOUTH FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2002**

Pursuant to a Warrant duly issued by the Prudential Committee of the District, the Special Meeting of the District was held on Wednesday, December 11, 2002. The Meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 6:48 P.M. who declared that 35 registered voters being present and that 35 comprise a quorum; a quorum in fact was present.

The Clerk noted that the Warrant was posted in accordance with the By-Laws of the District in the several locations throughout the District as well as in the Chronicle on December 4, 2002.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the District will vote to transfer \$160,000. from the STABILIZATION FUND to pay the remaining balance on the PLATFORM LADDER TRUCK.

MOVED, seconded and unanimously voted at 6:49 P.M.

There being no further business to come before the meeting it was: MOVED, seconded and unanimously voted that the meeting stand adjourned at 6:49 P.M.

ATTEST:

John D. Foster, District Clerk

REPORT OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

We herewith submit our annual report for the year ending December 31, 2002.

The Prudential Committee, following the annual election, organized as follows:

Timothy J. Lancaster – Chairperson
David Breault – Clerk
John Furtado

During the year, regular monthly meetings were held, at which time business was transacted and bills approved. The committee approved all vouchers appearing on treasury warrants.

Requests by the Board of Engineers for new equipment and repairs to present equipment were granted in order to maintain the efficiency of the department.

The Prudential Committee, together with the Board of Engineers, continue to study the future needs of the District. Currently a committee consisting of the Board of Engineers, the Prudential Committee, and the District Training Officer are beginning to actively research the possibility of purchasing a parcel of land West of the Padanaram Bridge. If purchased, this new parcel would be utilized immediately for training purposes and be sufficient in size that it could be used for a second station in the future. With ever increasing overcrowding at the current Bridge Street station and the addition of several new sub-divisions and the new high school the need for a second station is developing.

At the annual warrant meeting the Prudential Committee put forth an article through the Districts' By-Law Committee to implement a Capital Improvement Plan. This plan was unanimously approved by the voters and will greatly assist our committee in the financial planning necessary to manage a growing department. The Prudential Committee has worked diligently for the past two years to see that this plan becomes a reality. Currently the committee is working to develop a main portion of the plan regarding the Districts' property and buildings.

Over the course of the past year, the Prudential Committee has continued to improve and maintain the District property. Repairs to both the apparatus garage and offices were handled promptly.

The Prudential Committee wishes to thank the officers and men of the District for their cooperation and assistance during this calendar year.

Respectfully submitted,

The Prudential Committee
Timothy J. Lancaster, Chairperson
David Breault, Clerk
John Furtado

Dartmouth Fire District No. 1

10 Bridge Street

So. Dartmouth, Mass. 02748

Telephone 996-1596

Board of Engineers Report

The Board of Engineers is continuing working with the other two districts and the police department. With this, all three Fire Chiefs meet on a weekly basis, along with meetings with a Police Department member, to work on new policies and procedures to better serve the town. The board is working hard to make sure there is a truck stationed on the west side of the bridge along with automatic response from District Two when the Padanaram Bridge is closed to motor vehicle traffic.

The Fire Prevention Program has added a fifth member to the S.A.F.E. program in our local schools. With this, our S.A.F.E program has expanded to include three more day cares and after school programs this year. This year the S.A.F.E. program was awarded a \$ 2,000 grant. The program was able to purchase new training material from the National Fire Protection Association.

All apparatus maintenance has been done in house or sent out for repair so that the equipment can be kept in top running order. The department's three aerial devices have been tested by American Test Center as required by National Fire Protection Association and all equipment passed and was certified. The department's pumpers will be tested in the spring for their certification. The department's entire fleet has been sent out for their annual State and Department of Transportation inspections with no problems found.

The Fire Prevention Crew once again this year has inspected all commercial buildings that are required for their license renewal. The crew is working on doing all commercial buildings in our jurisdiction. The department has also upon request, begun to do walk throughs of individual homes at the occupant's request at no charge. Call the department to set up for an inspection.

Once again the Board of Engineers would like to thank all the firefighters for their outstanding job and cooperation in attending the departments drills and incidents that have occurred this year. We would also like to thank all the Districts residents for their continued support throughout the year.

Respectfully Submitted:

John R. Alcainho Chief Engineer

INCIDENT SUMMARY-2001

2001 Incidents	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
SMOKE SCARE	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	1	1	2	1	1	11
BRUSH FIRE	1	0	0	4	5	6	5	8	2	0	2	1	34
VEHICLE FIRE	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	2	10
MUTUAL AID	0	0	2	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	2	9
SYSTEM MALFN.	2	4	2	0	1	4	5	4	8	4	5	3	42
HAZ MAT SPILL	1	0	3	2	0	0	2	2	1	3	2	1	17
FALSE ALARM	4	4	3	5	3	4	5	6	8	5	3	1	51
MVA/ASSIST PD	3	1	1	1	2	6	9	3	4	1	2	5	38
C.O.DETECTOR	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	9
STRUCTURE FIRE	1	2	2	0	2	1	4	3	0	1	0	4	20
EXPLOSIVES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ELEC.POLE/WIRE	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	10
MISCELLANEOUS	2	6	3	3	1	2	4	3	6	1	3	7	41
TOTAL	20	21	18	16	18	28	35	34	37	18	20	27	292

Permits Issued-2001

Certificate of Compliance	301
Occupancy Permits	95
Plan Review	317
Underground Tank Removal	10
Underground Tank Installation	2
Propane Storage Permits	33
Commercial Inspections	47
School Inspections	20
Oil Burner Permits	36
Blasting Permits	2
Planning Board Review & Board of Appeals Review	15
Open Burning Permits	369
TOTAL	1247

Respectfully Submitted:
John R.Alcainho Chief Engineer

Dartmouth Fire District No. 1

10 Bridge Street

So. Dartmouth, Mass. 02748

Telephone 996-1596

District Radio / Call Numbers

Trucks

401 Pumper
402 Pumper
403 Tanker
404 Pumper & Tanker
406 Heavy Rescue
Tower One

Engineers

407 Chief John Alcainho
408 2nd Assistant Charles Ormonde
409 1st Assistant Stephen Hawland

Captains

410 Captain Gerald Smith
411 Captain Richard Ferreira
412 Captain Joseph Ormonde
413 Captain Stanley Bettencourt
414 Captain John Judson

Specialty Equipment

415 Fire Alarm Truck
416 Fire / Rescue Boat

Lieutenants

421 Lieut. Antone Melo
422 Lieut. Antone Andre
423 Lieut. Kimball Baker III
424 Lieut. Paul Breault
425 Lieut. Jeffery Costa
426 Lieut. Mark Andre

Respectfully Submitted:

John R. Alcainho Chief Engineer

REPORT OF THE TRAINING COMMITTEE

During 2002, Training Committee meetings were conducted monthly for the purpose of developing and implementing drills and training programs to address the continuing needs of the Department and the District.

At this time, the Training Committee, representing all ranks within the department, consists of the following members.

1st Assistant Engineer Stephen W. Howland
Training Officer Captain John Judson
Lieutenant Marc Andre
Lieutenant Kimball Baker, III
Lieutenant Jeffrey Costa
Firefighter John D. Foster
Firefighter Troy DeCouto

During 2002, Lieutenant Antone Andre submitted his resignation from the Training Committee. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Tony for his dedication and contributions during his years of service.

This past year, through the generosity of Mrs. Carol Pettway, her daughter Letitia Costa, and son-in-law Firefighter Peter Costa, the department received the unique opportunity to conduct live training exercises at a house to be razed on the Pettway property. During the months of January through April, various training evolutions involving the use of thermal imaging devices, search and rescue, ventilation, and structural fire attack techniques were conducted at this location. It is noted that in appreciation for her contributions to the Department, Carol Pettway was recognized as the Fireman's Friend award recipient for 2002.

During March, a weekend training class was presented by the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy utilizing the academy's mobile flashover simulator trailer. This exercise enabled members of the department to participate in live training evolutions designed to recognize and identify the warning and danger signs associated with flashover conditions.

Throughout the remainder of 2002, bi-monthly drills were conducted on the first and third Wednesday of each month under the supervision of the department officers. The policy of conducting Friday morning drills has also continued to accommodate those members unable to attend on Wednesday evenings. Training efforts have continued to focus on practical fire ground applications, with emphasis on apparatus training and operations, particularly during summer months. In anticipation of the opening of the new high school this past September, walk-throughs were conducted at various times throughout the year to familiarize members with this facility. As required by law, all firefighters are also currently certified in both C.P.R. and First Responder training.

At this time the Training Committee would like to thank the officers and firefighters of the Department for their cooperation and participation in training throughout the past year, and ask for their continued commitment and dedication in the future in serving the District.

Respectfully submitted,

Dartmouth Fire District No. 1
Training Committee

AUDITORS REPORT

We the undersigned Auditors of Dartmouth Fire District No.1, hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of John D. Foster, Treasurer of the District, and find that there is a cash balance on hand of \$127,233. in the General Fund June 30, 2002. We further certify that all Treasury Warrants were audited as required by Section 4 of the Article VI of the District By-Laws.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc J. Andre
Troy DeCouto
Paul O. Ferro

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

FISCAL YEAR 2003 TAX RATE RECAPITULATION

Gross amount to be raised	\$ 1,095,165.60
Less: Other revenue sources	\$ <u>500,000.00</u>
Tax Levy	\$ 595,165.60
Real Property Valuation	\$1,431,340,900.
Personal Property Valuation	\$ <u>20,282,518.</u>
Total Valuation	\$1,451,623,418.
Tax Rate per \$1,000. valuation	\$ 0.41

Respectfully submitted,

John Furtado, Chairman
Kevin Abrantes, Clerk
Robert Michauds

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
TAX RATE RECAPITULATION**

FISCAL 2003

of
DARTMOUTH FIRE #1
District

I. TAX RATE SUMMARY

Ia. Total amount to be raised (from IIe)

Ib. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (from IIIe)

Ic. Tax levy (Ia minus Ib)

Id. Distribution of Tax Rates and levies

\$ 1,095,165.60
500,000.00
\$ 595,165.60

CLASS	(b) Levy percentage (from LA-5)	(c) IC above times each percent in col (b)	(d) Valuation by class (from LA-5)	(e) Tax Rates (c) / (d) x 1000	(f) Levy by class (e) / 1000
Residential	94.8743%	564,659.20	1,377,217,100	0.41	564,659.01
Exempt					
Open Space	0.0000%	0.00	0		
Commercial	3.5646%	21,215.27	51,745,100	0.41	21,215.49
Exempt					
Industrial	0.1639%	975.48	2,378,700	0.41	975.27
SUBTOTAL	98.6028%		1,431,340,900		586,849.77
Personal	1.3972%	8,315.65	20,282,518	0.41	8,315.83
TOTAL	100.0000%		1,451,623,418		595,165.60

Board of Assessors of

DARTMOUTH FIRE #1

District

Date

Tel. No.

508 910 1509

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Reviewed By

Date

Approved:

Director of Accounts

Date

This form approved by
Commissioner of Revenue

II. Amounts to be raised

Ila. Appropriations (col. (b) through col. (e) from Page 4) \$ 1,092,825.00

Ilb. Other amounts to be raised

1. Amounts certified for tax title purposes
2. Debt and interest charges not included on page 4
3. Final court judgments
4. Total overlay deficits of prior years
5. Total cherry sheet offsets (see cherry sheet 1-ER)
6. Revenue deficits
7. Offset receipts deficits Ch. 44, Sec. 53E
8. Authorized deferral of teachers' pay
9. Snow and ice deficit Ch. 44 Sec. 31D
10. Other (specify on separate letter)

TOTAL Ilb (Total lines 1 through 10)

0.00

Ilc. State and county cherry sheet charges (C.S. 1-EC cols. 1 and 2)

Ild. Allowance for abatements and exemptions (overlay)

Ile. Total amount to be raised (Total Ila through Ild)

2,340.60
\$ 1,095,165.60

III. Estimated receipts and other revenue sources

Illa. Estimated receipts - State

1. Cherry sheet estimated receipts (C.S. 1-ER Total)
2. Cherry sheet overestimates (C.S. 1-EC Part E col. 3)

TOTAL Illa

0.00

Illb. Estimated receipts - Local

1. Local receipts not allocated (Page 3, col. (b), Line 23)
2. Offset receipts (See Schedule A-1)
3. Enterprise funds (See Schedule A-2)
4. Community preservation funds (See Schedule A-4)

TOTAL Illb

0.00

Illc. Revenue sources appropriated for particular purposes

1. Free cash (Page 4, col. (c))
2. Other available funds (Page 4, col. (d))

TOTAL Illc

500,000.00

Illd. Other revenue sources appropriated specifically to reduce the tax rate

1. a. Free cash...appropriated on or before June 30, 2002
- b. Free cash...appropriated on or after July 1, 2002
2. Municipal light source
3. Teachers' pay deferral
4. Other source : _____

TOTAL Illd

0.00

Ille. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources
(Total Illa through Illd)

\$ 500,000.00

IV. Summary of total amount to be raised and total receipts from all sources

a. Total amount to be raised (from Ile) \$ 1,095,165.60
b. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (from Ille) \$ 500,000.00
c. Total real and personal property tax levy (from Ic) \$ 595,165.60
d. Total receipts from all sources (total IVb plus IVc) \$ 1,095,165.60

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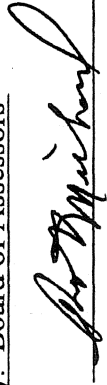
**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
DIVISION OF LOCAL SERVICES**

ASSESSMENT/CLASSIFICATION REPORT FY2003

DARTMOUTH FIRE #1 as of January 1, 2002
District

PROPERTY TYPE	ACCT/ PARCEL COUNT	CLASS 1 Residential Assessed Value	CLASS 2 Open Space Assessed Value	CLASS 3 Commercial Assessed Value	CLASS 4 Industrial Assessed Value	CLASS 5 Personal Property Assessed Value
101	4,359	1,102,216,800				
102	199	70,422,900				
Misc 103,109	67	39,267,000				
104	235	36,909,600				
105	29	4,813,600				
111-125	15	22,154,600				
130-132, 106	1,034	84,249,400				
200-231	0		0			
300-393	129			40,963,100	1,998,200	
400-452	6					
CH 61 Land	2			24,600		
CH 61A Land	17			309,500		
CH 61B Land	22			4,677,600		
012-043	64	17,183,200	0	5,770,300	380,500	
501	343					3,608,098
502	58					2,160,850
503	0					
504,550-552	2					11,112,340
505	3					3,401,230
506	0					0
TOTALS	6,584	1,377,217,100	0	51,745,100	2,378,700	20,282,518
REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TOTAL VALUE						
						1,451,623,418
					EXEMPT VALUE	44,295,300

Submitted by: Board of Assessors







11-18-02

Date

DARTMOUTH FIRE DISTRICT NO.1

STABILIZATION FUND

June 30, 2002

INVESTMENTS (MMDT Dividend bearing) \$1,170,577.10

FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2002 **\$1,170,577.10**

FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2001 \$1,141,545.12
ADD: DIVIDEND INCOME \$ 29,031.98
\$1,170,577.10

FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2002 **\$1,170,577.10**

DARTMOUTH FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
BALANCE SHEET
GENERAL FUND
June 30, 2002

CASH ON HAND AND IN BANKS	\$ 405,794.17	WARRANTS PAYABLE	\$ 21,169.86
CASH HELD BY COLLECTOR	\$ 10,880.84	ADVANCED 2003 TAX COLLECTIONS	\$ 1,969.62
TAXES RECEIVABLE:		PROVISIONS FOR ABATEMENT	\$ 432.44
TAX TITLE RECEIVABLE	\$ 5,421.23	SELF INS. FUND (CH. 310 ACTS 1985)	\$ 165,424.78
DEFERRED R/E CL. 41A	\$ 236.80	DEFERRED REVENUE	\$ 5,658.03
2003 PRELIMINARY TAXES	\$ 245,112.71	2003 PRELIMINARY TAXES	\$ 245,112.71
2003 REVENUE	<u>\$ 992,825.00</u>	2003 APPROPRIATION	\$1,092,825.00
		ARTICLES CARRIED FORWARD	\$ 444.98
		SURPLUS REVENUE	<u>\$ 127,233.33</u>
			\$1,660,270.75

NOTE:

Included in the above is \$10,880.84, which as of June 30, was held by the Dartmouth Tax Collector and subsequently turned over to the District Treasurer.

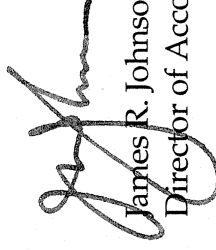


February 11, 2003

TO THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE/WATER COMMISSIONERS
TREASURER

Based upon the unaudited balance sheet submitted by the District, I hereby certify that the amount of available funds "free cash" as of July 1, 2002 for the Darmouth Fire District #1 is \$127,233. This certification is in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 23, as amended.

Very truly yours,


James R. Johnson
Director of Accounts

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