

*ANNUAL MEETING WARRANT
MAY 11, 2021*

*ANNUAL ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT MEETING
FIRE DISTRICT WARRANT*

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Berkshire, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Adams,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Adams, qualified to vote in Fire District elections and Fire District affairs, to meet at the polling place in the Fire District Building at Three Columbia Street on Tuesday, the eleventh day of May, two thousand twenty-one, at 11:45 A.M., for the following purposes to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting and all District Meetings until the next Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To choose by ballot the following officers:

One Prudential Committeeman for a term of three years
One Clerk & Treasurer for a term of three years

For these purposes, the polls shall be opened at 12:00 Noon and shall be closed at 6:00 P.M.

And in the name of the Commonwealth, you are further directed to notify and warn the said inhabitants, qualified to vote in Fire District affairs, to meet at the Fire District Building at Three Columbia Street on Tuesday, May eleventh, two thousand twenty-one at 7:00 P.M. then and there to act upon the following articles to wit:

ARTICLE 3. To hear the report of the Prudential Committee and act thereon.

ARTICLE 4. To hear the report of any special committees and act thereon.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Fire District will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Fire District, as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended, and if any of said salary and compensation shall be increased:

Prudential Committee
Clerk and Treasurer
Chief Engineer

or take any other action in relation thereto.

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ARTICLE 6. To see if the Fire District will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate from available funds in the treasury, such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to defray the ordinary expenses of the Fire District's General Fund and Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, and to pay interest and loans maturing during this period, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Fire District will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money to provide for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures, to be known as the Reserve Fund, from which transfers may be made from time to time by vote of the Prudential Committee, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Fire District will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the Stabilization Fund, in accordance with provisions of Section 5B, Chapter 40 of the General Laws, as amended, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Fire District will vote to raise and appropriate and/or appropriate from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the Radio Read Meter Replacement, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Fire District will vote to amend Article XIII of the Bylaws of the Adams Fire District so as to add paragraphs 27 through 30 thereto, which shall read as follows:

(Under Article XIII – Business Operating Rules and Regulations)

27. The Prudential Committee shall have the authority to declare a State of Water Shortage (based upon the criteria set forth in the Massachusetts Drought Management Plan) and restrict nonessential outdoor water use by all persons using water furnished by the District according to the following four-stage classification system:

- (a) Level 1 - Mild Drought;
- (b) Level 2 – Significant Drought;
- (c) Level 3 - Critical Drought;
- (d) Level 4 - Emergency Drought;

In general terms, nonessential outdoor water use constitutes all uses of water that are not required either for health or safety reasons, by regulation, for the production of food or fiber, for the maintenance of livestock, or to meet the core function of a business. Subject to the limitations imposed by this general definition, in the context of the restrictions referred to in paragraph 28 below, such use more specifically consists of:

- i. Watering lawns, plants, trees, and other vegetation- - whether via sprinkler, irrigation system, hand-held hose or watering can.
- ii. Washing vehicles at any place other than a car wash (business) - - except insofar as necessary for operator safety or to prevent damage and/or maintain performance of agricultural or construction vehicles or equipment.
- iii. Refilling swimming pools.
- iv. Washing of driveways, walks, patios, sidewalks or gutters - - except as necessary to apply paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement or cement.

28. Subject to the exceptions referred to in paragraph 29 below, the following restrictions shall apply to nonessential outdoor water use:

- A. Level 1 - Mild Drought: Nonessential outdoor water use shall only be allowed one day per week during the hours after 5:00 P.M. and before 9:00 A.M., with such day of the week to be determined by the Prudential Committee.

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- B. Level 2 – Significant Drought: Nonessential outdoor water use limited to hand-held hoses or watering cans during the hours after 5:00 P.M. and before 9:00 A.M.
- C. Level 3 – Critical Drought: Ban on all nonessential outdoor water use.
- D. Level 4 – Emergency Drought: Ban on all nonessential outdoor water use.

29. Notwithstanding the restrictions set forth in paragraph 28 above, the following nonessential outdoor water uses are permitted during Level 1 (Mild Drought) through Level 2 (Significant Drought) - - albeit not Level 3 and 4 (Critical and Emergency Drought) - - if and only if they have been reviewed and approved by the Prudential Committee:

- Irrigation of public parks and recreation fields outside the hours of 5:00 P.M. and 9:00 A.M.
- Irrigation to establish replanted or re-sodded lawn or plantings.
- Irrigation of newly planted lawns seeded and sodded in the current calendar year for homes or businesses newly constructed in the previous twelve months.
- Filling of privately-owned outdoor pools that were previously unfilled or in construction at the time of the drought conditions.

30. Persons violating the use restrictions set forth in paragraphs 27 through 29 above shall be subject to the following graduated penalties:

- (a) Level 1 Mild Drought:
 - 1st offense - - verbal warning
 - 2nd and subsequent offense - - written warning
- (b) Level 2 Significant Drought:
 - 1st offense - - written warning
 - 2nd offense - - \$100.00
 - 3rd and subsequent offense - - \$200.00
- (c) Level 3 Critical Drought:
 - 1st offense - - written warning
 - 2nd offense - - \$250.00
 - 3rd and subsequent offense - - \$300.00
- (d) Level 4 Emergency Drought:
 - 1st offense - - \$300.00
 - 2nd offense - - \$350.00
 - 3rd and subsequent offense - - \$500.00

Penalties for the foregoing offenses shall compound throughout the four stages.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Fire District will vote to amend Article XIII, Section 19 of the Bylaws of the Adams Fire District, which shall read as follows: “No person or persons shall attach anything to any fire hydrant, or obstruct access thereto. Any person or persons opening or interfering with the fire hydrants supplied water by the District without permission of the Fire District Superintendent shall be subjected to a fine of three hundred (\$300.00) dollars. In the event of fire or other emergency situations, which require the use of a hydrant, any Engineer of the Fire Department shall have the same jurisdiction as the Fire District Superintendent.”

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Fire District will vote to authorize the Prudential Committee to sell timber, from time to time, upon such terms and conditions as the Prudential Committee deems advisable, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 13. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

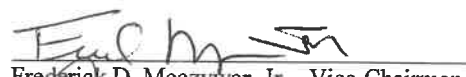
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You are to serve this warrant by posting in two or more public places, in said Town of Adams, within the territory of the Adams Fire District, true and attested copies thereof, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT and make due return to the Clerk of the Adams Fire District at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this **twenty-six of April**, in the year of our Lord, two thousand twenty-one.


Thomas A. Satko - Chairman

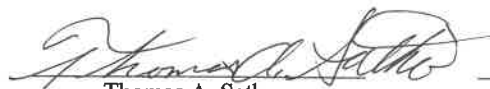

Frederick D. Meczywor, Jr. - Vice-Chairman


Richard G. Kleiner - Member

**PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE
ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT**

CONSTABLE'S RETURN


I have served the foregoing warrant by posting in two or more places in the Town of Adams, within the territory of the Adams Fire District, true and attested copies thereof, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.


Thomas A. Satko
Constable of the Town of Adams

4-27-21
Date

A true copy,

Attest:


Thomas A. Satko, Constable of the Town of Adams

April 27, 2021