

ANNUAL MEETING WARRANT  
May 13, 2025

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TIME: 10:15 am

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 thirteenth day of May, two thousand twenty-five, 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 officer:

One Prudential Committeeman for a term of three years

**ARTICLE 3.** To determine by ballot whether the position of elected Chief Engineer becomes an appointed Chief Engineer, effective July 1, 2025?

**ARTICLE 4.** To determine by ballot whether the positions of elected Assistant Engineers become appointed Assistant Engineers, effective July 1, 2025?

**ARTICLE 5.** To determine by ballot whether the position of elected Clerk and Treasurer becomes an appointed Clerk and Treasurer, effective July 1, 2025?

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, the thirteenth day of May, two thousand twenty-five at 7:00 P.M. then and there to act upon the following articles to wit:

**ARTICLE 6.** To hear the report of the Prudential Committee and act thereon.

**ARTICLE 7.** To hear the report of any special committees and act thereon.

**ARTICLE 8.** 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 9.** To see if the Fire District will vote to raise and appropriate from District taxes, such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to defray the ordinary expenses of the Fire District's General Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, and to pay interest and loans maturing during this period, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Fire District will vote to raise and appropriate from District taxes, a sum of money for the Town of Adams Support Fee for fiscal year 2026, as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Fire District will vote to raise and appropriate from water rates, such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to defray the ordinary expenses of the Fire District's Enterprise Fund, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, and to pay interest and loans maturing during this period, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Fire District will vote to 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 13.** To see if the Fire District will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury, and to be fully reimbursed by a Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant, a sum of money for firefighter safety equipment, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Fire District will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury, and to be fully reimbursed by a FEMA Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency (Safer) Grant, a sum of money for two full-time firefighters, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Fire District will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Engineering Services for the Glen Street Pumping Station Rehabilitation Design, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Fire District will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Engineering Services for the Installation of Permanent Column Replacement for the existing floor slab, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Fire District will vote to raise and appropriate from water rates, a sum of money for a Utility Truck for the Water Department, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the Fire District will vote to raise and appropriate from water rates, a sum of money for the Cheshire Pilot, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 19.** 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.

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**ARTICLE 20.** To see if the Fire District will vote, as authorized under MGL Chapter 41, Section 1B to change the position of Chief Engineer to an appointed position from an elected position, or take any action in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the Fire District will vote, as authorized under MGL Chapter 41, Section 1B to change the positions of Assistant Engineers to appointed positions from elected positions, or take any action in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 22.** To see if the Fire District will vote, as authorized under MGL Chapter 41, Section 1B to change the position of Clerk and Treasurer to an appointed position from an elected position, or take any action in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the Fire District will vote to amend Article II of the District's By-laws, to be effective July 1, 2025, which shall read as follows:

**ARTICLE II**  
**Officers**

**Section 1.** The officers of the Adams Fire District shall consist of an elected Prudential Committee consisting of three (3) persons, plus the following officers who shall be appointed by the Prudential Committee: one (1) Clerk and Treasurer; one (1) Chief Engineer (also known as Fire Chief); and up to four (4) Assistant Engineers (also known as Assistant Chiefs and/or Deputy Chiefs).

**Section 2.** The term of office of the members of the Prudential Committee shall be three (3) years, with such members to serve staggered terms, such that one such member shall be elected each year. All persons seeking such office shall be legal voters of the Town of Adams residing within the District.

**Section 3.** The term of office of the Clerk and Treasurer, Chief Engineer, and the Four Assistant Engineers, shall be three (3) years.

**Section 4.** All officials shall hold office until their successors are chosen and qualified.

**Section 5.** Vacancies occurring in the office of the Prudential Committee may be filled by written ballot at any legal meeting of the Fire District called for that purpose, and the person elected to fill that vacancy shall do so for the balance of the unexpired term.

In the event a vacancy occurs in the offices of the Clerk and Treasurer or Chief Engineer, or if they are temporarily prevented from performing their duties, the Prudential Committee shall, in writing, appoint an acting Officer to fill the vacancy for the balance of the unexpired term. The acting Clerk and Treasurer shall give bond in a like manner as the appointed Clerk and Treasurer.

In the event a vacancy occurs in an office of an Assistant Engineer, the Prudential Committee may, in writing, appoint an acting Officer to fill the vacancy for the balance of the unexpired term.

**Section 6.** The officers of the District shall respectively receive for their services such compensation as the District may determine at any Annual Meeting.

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**ARTICLE 24.** To see if District voters will authorize the position of an appointed Chief Engineer to become a full-time paid position as of July 1, 2026.

**ARTICLE 25.** To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

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-eight day of April, in the year of our Lord, two thousand twenty-five.

  
Thomas A. Satko - Chairman

  
Richard G. Kleiner - Vice-Chairman

  
Michael J. Lahey - Member

**PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE  
ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT**

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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

4-29-25  
Date

A true copy,

Attest:

  
Thomas A. Satko, Constable of the Town of Adams

April 29, 2025