

The Barnstable Bulletin

A MONTHLY
TOWN OF BARNSTABLE
NEWSLETTER

January 2017

From the Town Manager

Dear Reader:

We have many new resolutions here at Town Hall. We are working on a balanced budget that lives within our financial means. We resolve to follow the Town of Barnstable's Mission which is: To provide the best possible services consistent with our budget policy, to respond to the needs of our community and to openly involve all in protecting our unique character and quality of life. We were pleased to receive word from that the Government Finance Officers Association that the Town of Barnstable has again received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

Growth Management Department Director Jo Anne Miller Buntich will be leaving on January 3rd. I have appointed Elizabeth Jenkins, Regulatory/Design Review Planner as Interim Growth Management Director and will work with the chairs of the Planning and Zoning Boards on a permanent replacement. We are grateful to Jo Anne for her dedicated years of service to the Town of Barnstable and wish her well in the future.

This issue of the Barnstable Bulletin provides us with the opportunity to recognize our employees celebrating milestones with their years of service to the Town of Barnstable. In addition to recognizing folks who retired during the past year, we also recognize those achieving milestone years from five to forty-five! These are the people who are on the front line in providing service to our residents and visitors all year long. We are truly grateful for the service all of our employees provide.

We hope 2017 brings each of you peace and joy. Happy New Year to all!

Regards,

Mark S. Ellis

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On-line version has two additional pages.

**Town Hall will be closed Monday, January 2, 2017
In observance of the New Year's Day Holiday.
We will also be closed on Monday, January 16, 2017
in observance of the Presidents' Day Holiday.**

News You Can Use

Happy New Year to all of you from all of us at the Town Clerk's office!

We hope you and yours had a wonderful holiday and may this year bring you good health and much happiness.

During the General Election we had a large number of voters that had to spend time filling out the information to prove they are still living in the town. Don't let that happen to you again!

We will be mailing out the Census/Voter Registration forms in mid-January to each household. By responding to the census, you are providing proof of your residency to protect your voting rights. If all the information on your census is correct, simply sign the bottom of the census and send it back to us.

Also, if someone has moved out of your household and is a voter – please give us their address, email or phone number so that we may contact them to obtain verification. We cannot remove a voter without their verification; thus many people stay on the census for 4 years until we can, by law, remove them. If anyone has been added to your household, just put their information down on one of the blank lines. Make any and all corrections on the form.

You cannot register to vote on the census form. You need to pick up a voter registration form at your local library, fill it out and send it in; or if you have computer access you can go directly to the Secretary of State's website and register on line at www.sec.state.ma.us. Then click on "Elections and voting" to register to vote; or come in to the Town Clerk's office and spend a few minutes with us as we enter your voter registration into our computer.

For those residents that live part of the time here in Barnstable, and part of the time in a warmer climate, you fill out the census form using the following guidelines:

You are a Town of Barnstable resident if:

- ✓ This is your permanent address
- ✓ This is where are you registered to vote
- ✓ On your Massachusetts drivers license you have a Town of Barnstable address

As always, if you have any questions, please call the office at 508-862-4044, we will be happy to help you,

Ann M Quirk CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk



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Superintendent's Corner

Happy New Year!

As we ring in the New Year in Barnstable Public Schools, we approach the mid-point of the school year. Our staff and students have accomplished much during the first half of the year, from new academic content, to new friends, to new ways of teaching and learning. What's not new is the commitment of our staff and students to help the Barnstable community in untold ways. Over the holiday season we witnessed our staff and students engage in volunteerism and community service to help those in need. We commend our BPS community for continuing to make a difference in our community!

The New Year also brings us into budget season for Barnstable Public Schools. We are beginning to identify our needs for the 2017-18 school year and beyond. We have submitted our Capital Improvement Projects to the Town for review as we maintain taxpayer investment in our school buildings and grounds. As we develop the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget, school principals and department heads are drafting budgets that place student-centered needs at the forefront of their budget recommendations.

As I complete the first phase of my entry plan – learning about Barnstable from Barnstable – I have learned there is an overwhelming sense of pride about the school system. More so, parents, students, staff, and community members value the wide range of opportunities that exist for our students. Our goal during budget development is to continue and expand upon those opportunities for students, offering a comprehensive, engaging, and high quality education for our 5,100 students. I remain convinced that BPS is an outstanding system, and welcome our community to become engaged in our budget process. The Barnstable School Committee will hear the initial presentation of the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget on February 1st in the Town Hall Hearing Room and will hold a Public Hearing on March 15th.

Happy New Year!

Meg

**Superintendent of Schools
Barnstable Public Schools**

Meg Mayo-Brown

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[@meg_bps](#)



Years of Service 2016

The Town of Barnstable celebrated its Years of Service for 19 Retirees and 94 Employees on Friday, December 9, 2016 with Town Manager Mark Ells and Town Councilor President Jessica Rapp Grassetti. Congratulations and Thank You to the following Employees:

Retired

Lawrence Avallone (33 years) DPW-Highway; Barbara Bennett (33 years) Information Systems; David Cameron (36 years) Police; James Ellis (31 years) Police; Charles Genatossio (35 years) DPW-Highway; Paul Henderson (33 years) Airport; Sheila Jones (23 years) DPW-Highway; John Juros (11 years) DPW-Administration; Thomas Lynch (8 years) Town Manager's Office; Steven Maderios (44 years) HYCC-Recreation; Stephen McGuire (33 years) Police; Lauren O'Brien (13 years) Police; Thomas Perry (20 years) Building Division; Anthony Podlesney (9 years) Assessing; Roy Ricci (27 years) Police; Frank Schlegel (32 years) DPW-Engineering Division; Eric Shufelt (22 years) Marine & Environmental Affairs Division; Mitchell Trott (32 years) DPW-Structures & Grounds Division); and Ellen Waddington (11 years) Health Division.

5 Years of Service

Donna Andrews, Airport; Christopher Botsford, Police; Geraldine Clark, Assessing; Sarah Colvin, Town Manager's Office; Brenda Coyle, Building; Sean Crowell, Golf; Jennifer Cullum, Town Council; Eric Dufault, DPW-Administration; Joshua Dunn, HYCC; Thomas Edwards, Police; Kevin Fullam, Police; Jessica Rapp Grassetti, Town Council; Karen Herrand, Growth Management; Christopher Holden, DPW-Structures & Grounds; Craig Hurwitz, Police; Joseph Izzo, HYCC; Spencer Jackson, Police; Joseph Keating, DPW-Highway; Joshua Maloney, Police; Scott McCarthy, HYCC; Erin McRae, DPW-Water Pollution Control; Mariann Mosher, Senior Services; Scott Provencher, DPW-Highway; Ann Quirk, Town Clerk; Christopher Ross, Police; Richard Scali, Regulatory Services; Judith Scichilone, Senior Services; Charles Thompson, Golf; Michael White, DPW-Highway; and Martin Wunderly, Conservation.

10 Years of Service

Sarah Beal, Information Systems; Barry Bekeshka, DPW-Highway; Debra Blanchette, Treasury; Brendan Burchell, Police; Richard Cohen, Consumer Affairs; Frank Cox, DPW-Highway; James Derosa, DPW-Structures & Grounds; Mary Enos, Senior Services; Nancy Finch, Assessing; Stephanie Foster, DPW-Solid Waste; Susan Greenlaw, Town Clerk's office; Brian Jones, Police; Matthew Marais, DPW-Sold Waste; Robert McKechnie, Building Division; Charles McLaughlin, Legal; Timothy O'Connell, Health; Carol Puckett, Growth Management; Jeffrey Rudziak, Assessing; Daniel Ruth, Police; Kim Slezak, Recreation; James Smith, DPW-Water Pollution Control; Douglas Tarr, DPW-Structures & Grounds; and Tara Way, Human Resources.

15 Years of Service

Theresa Boggi, Treasury; Claudette Bookbinder, Conservation; Dennis Bouvier, Information Systems; Andrew Cormier, DPW-Highway; Kevin DeCollibus-Information Systems; Jennifer Ellis, Police; Kevin Foster-Information Systems; Samantha Garfield-Treasury; Stacey Hurwitz, Growth Management; Hans Keijser, DPW-Water Supply Division; Patrick Kelliher-DPW-Sold Waste Division; Michael Kondracki, Airport; Kenneth Mattoon, DPW-Highway; Maureen Niemi, Town Collector; Donald Peterson, Golf; Richard Poole, DPW-Structures & Grounds; Donna Silva, Police; and David Stanton, Health Division.

20 Years of Service

James Benoit, Information Systems; Ronald Ghetti, Information Systems; Peter Gibbs, DPW-Highway; Merry Holway, Golf; Joseph Linnell, DPW-Solid Waste; and Bonny Ross, DPW-Administration.

25 Years of Service

Robin Anderson, Building Division; Susan Atkins, Human Resources; and Valerie Hemmila, Police.

30 Years of Service

Debra Barrows, Building Division; Benjamin Baxter, Police; Creighton Brown, DPW-Highway; Michael Damery, Police; Mark Palmer, Police; Dale Saad, DPW-Engineering Division; and Jane Zulkiewicz, Consumer Affairs.

35 Years of Service

Paul MacDonald, Police; Steven McCarthy, DPW-Structures & Grounds; and Stephen Sundelin, DPW-Structures & Grounds.

40 Years of Service

Robert Bain, DPW-Highway

45 Years of Service

Pictured from left to right: Bob Bain, whose last day was Friday, December 9th, receives a parting gift from Highway Supervisor Mike Perry while Town Manager Mark Ells looks on.



News You Can Use

2017 Parking Permits/Beach Stickers

We are pleased to announce that 2017 Parking Permits are now available through our mail-in process. For those of you that supplied Barnstable Recreation with your e-mail address, you should be receiving your application via e-mail. If you do not receive it, or did not supply an e-mail address, applications may be downloaded from our website at www.town.barnstable.ma.us under the Recreation Division link. In order to reduce our postage costs, we will not be sending out applications via the postal system. If you do not have access to a printer and need an application mailed to you, please feel free to submit your request in writing to:

Town of Barnstable – Parking Permits
141 Bassett Lane
Hyannis, MA 02601

Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope so we can mail the application to you.

Types of permits and fees:

Resident: \$40 offered to year-round residents and/or taxpayers. This permit allows entry to all beaches (public and private). Valid vehicle registration and taxpayer status is required to purchase this permit.

Landlord: \$300 offered to taxpayers who rent their property during the summer season. This permit allows entry to all beaches (public and private). Taxpayer status is required to purchase this permit.

Seasonal: \$250 offered to summer residents. This permit allows entry to **public beaches only**.

Weekly: \$70 per week (seven consecutive days). This permit allows entry into **public beaches only**.

Replacement: \$5. This permit is offered at a reduced rate should you sell your vehicle or install a new windshield **after** purchasing your initial permit. **You must present your original permit to receive the reduced rate.**

Handicap: \$15 per permit (limit of two per household). Available to resident and/or taxpayer handicap individuals who have a valid driver's license and own a vehicle registered in **their** name.

RESIDENT PARKING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED YEAR ROUND (1/1/17 THRU 12/31/17) AT ALL RESIDENT BEACHES AND TOWN WAYS TO WATER

Private/Resident Beaches: (Resident Permit required)

Covell's Beach, 857 Craigville Beach Rd, Centerville
Doweses Beach, 348 East Bay Road, Osterville
Eugenia Fortes Beach, Marstons Ave., Hyannisport
Hamblin's Pond, 415 Route 149, Marstons Mills
Joshua's Pond, 290 Tower Hill Road, Osterville
Loop Beach, 281 Ocean View Ave, Cotuit
Lovell's Pond, 1444 Santuit-Newtown Road, Marstons Mills
Millway Beach, 307 Millway, Barnstable
Wequaquet Lake, 460 Shootflying Hill Road, Centerville

Public Beaches:

Craigville Beach, 997 Craigville Beach Rd, Centerville
Hathaway's Pond, 1431 Phinney's Lane, Barnstable
Kalmus Beach, 670 Ocean Street, Hyannis
Ocean Park, Craigville Beach Road, Centerville
Sandy Neck, 590 Sandy Neck Road, W. Barnstable
Keyes (Sea Street) Beach, 175 Ocean Street, Hyannis
Veteran's Beach, 480 Ocean Street, Hyannis

Walk-in purchases will begin on Monday, May 1, 2017 at the Hyannis Youth & Community Center, 141 Bassett Lane, Hyannis, MA 02601. Monday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sundays/Holidays, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

News You Can Use

LAST CALL!!! **TO RENEW YOUR BURGLAR ALARM REGISTRATION**



All burglar alarm registrations within the Town of Barnstable expired on **December 31, 2016**. If you are an Alarm User, commercial or residential, monitored or non-monitored, and you have not renewed your Alarm Registration please complete a 2017/2018 Alarm Registration renewal form and submit with a \$25.00 registration fee. 2017/2018 Registration forms are available at the Barnstable Police Department or online at www.barnstablepolice.com. This is the last reminder to renew your registration – false alarms received on unregistered alarms after this month will be subject to unregistered alarm fines.

If you have already submitted your alarm registration for 2017/2018 please disregard this notice.

Thank you for your continued assistance and diligence in reducing false alarms in our Town!

Happy New Year from The Marine and Environmental Affairs Office!



Look for Renewals in your mail

Slip renewal deposit invoices due: **January 31st**

Marina waiting list renewals due: **February 15th**

Mooring Permit Waiting List due: **February 15th**

Mooring Permit Renewals due: **February 28th**

Renew early to avoid missing the deadlines

Any questions see our webpage

www.townofbarnstable.us/HarborMaster

Or call our office at (508) 790-6273

Barnstable Adult Supportive Day Program Supporting Elders and Caregivers in our Community for 18 years

Located in the Barnstable Senior Center, 825 Falmouth Road, Hyannis, (508) 862 - 4765

The Barnstable Adult Supportive Day Program is a community based, professionally operated program which has been an integral part of the Town of Barnstable and a trusted resource for local families for over 18 years. The Adult Supportive Day Program provides a safe, comfortable and welcoming environment to elders/seniors who cannot, or wish not to stay home alone during the day.

If you are a caregiver in need of respite, or a senior who may benefit from the Adult Supportive Day Program, we would be happy to meet with you and discuss how we may help meet your needs. Please call **(508) 862-4765** to schedule a tour and a Free Trial Day.

News You Can Use

Barnstable Residents – become involved in your town's government, apply for a position on a board, committee or commission

The Town of Barnstable has over 40 boards, committees, and commissions with approximately 291 seats. Our citizen participation is exemplary and the Town Council appreciates each and every member who serves.

If you are resident of Barnstable and are interested, please consider submitting an application. The appointments committee, made up of five Town Councilors, will interview applicants and make recommendations to the Town Council who vote to appoint members at their regular meetings.

Town Council Committee Appointment Opportunities:

1. **Agricultural Commission/** 4 members
2. **Board of Health /** 1 alternate member
3. **Community Preservation Committee /** 1 member - Planning Board rep
4. **Comprehensive Financial Advisory Committee /** 1 member
5. **Cultural Council /** 2 members
6. **Disability Commission /** 3 members
7. **Economic Development Commission/** 2 members
8. **Housing Committee/** 2 members
9. **Human Services Committee /** 2 members
10. **Hyannis Main Street Waterfront Historic District Appeals Committee/** 2 members
11. **Hyannis Main Street Waterfront Historic District Committee/** 1 member - an Historical Commission representative
12. **Personnel Board /** 1 member
13. **Renewable Energy Commission/** 4 members
14. **Water Quality Committee /** 1 member
15. **Youth Commission /** 1 member
16. **Zoning Board of Appeals /** 1 member

If you are a resident and registered to vote in the Town of Barnstable and are interested in serving on a board or committee, please visit our webpage linked from the town website and fill out the application: <http://www.townofbarnstable.us/towncouncil/committeeapp.pdf>, for a more detailed description and responsibilities of the committees listed please contact the Town Council office: council@town.barnstable.ma.us or phone 508-862-4738 for more information.

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE THE BARNSTABLE BULLETIN EVERY MONTH

Please call Lynne Poyant at **508-862-4956** or email barnstablebulletin@town.barnstable.ma.us to add your name to our mailing list.

Road Construction Updates



For the most up-to-date information on Road Construction, please visit: www.townofbarnstable.us and click on the Road Work notices button on the right-hand side of the page.



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and Twitter!**

Become a fan of the Town of Barnstable on both Facebook and Twitter and stay in touch with all the Town of Barnstable happenings. You can get more information through the Town of Barnstable's website: www.townofbarnstable.us.

Barnstable Libraries' Corner

There's lots going on at the Village Libraries of Barnstable

Visit a Barnstable Library today!



Sturgis Library in Barnstable Village
www.sturgislibrary.org
Centerville Public Library
www.centervillelibrary.org
Cotuit Library
www.cotuitlibrary.org
Hyannis Public Library
www.hyannislibrary.org

Marstons Mills Public Library
www.mmpl.org
Osterville Village Library
www.ostervillevillagelibrary.org
Whelden Memorial Library in West Barnstable
www.wheldenlibrary.org

News You Can Use

News from the Town Collector

Happy 2017! We hope it is a happy, healthy and prosperous year for all.

The FY2017 Real Estate and Personal Property tax bills were mailed December 30, 2016. The three part billing has the remittance coupon for February 1st and the remittance coupon for May 3rd and a Taxpayer's copy.

Payment Schedule for Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes for Fiscal 2017

Preliminary Tax Bills mailed by July 1, 2016

- √ First Quarter **due** August 1, 2016
- √ Second Quarter **due** November 2, 2016

Actual Tax Bills mailed by December 30, 2016

- √ **Third Quarter due February 1, 2017**
- √ **Fourth Quarter due May 3, 2017**

Please check this bill very carefully as this is the Actual tax bill that reflects any change in the tax rates, assessment, betterment/lien and exemptions. If you have any questions regarding the assessment of the property, you should contact the Assessor's office at 508-862-4022 immediately.

A few tips: If you use your own online bill payment system, please take a moment to make sure you have the correct information in the system. **Check should be made payable to: Town of Barnstable, P.O. Box 40, Hyannis, MA 02601-0040** and NOT the Lockbox Service, which is the address on the return envelope enclosed with your bill. The Lockbox Service processes the payments electronically for us and without an encoded payment coupon, your own online check can not be processed this way. Your check needs to be processed manually. You should always **use the parcel id# as the identifying account number for real estate** as this number does not change each year. If the check is addressed to the Lockbox, it is rejected and mailed back to our office, which causes a delay in the posting of your payment and makes your payment late.

Check the Town website at: www.town.barnstable.ma.us to explore the option of scheduling your payment online. If you pay with a checking/savings account, the fee is 40 cents. If you use a debit/credit card, there is a percentage based fee of 2.95% of the amount being paid. These fees are not collected by the Town of Barnstable. If you need any assistance with registering to use the online bill payment system, please feel free to contact my office at 508-862-4054.

A happy, healthy, and prosperous 2017 to all,

Maureen E. Niemi

Town Collector

And Staff of Gislaine, Golda, and Laurel

The Treasurer of the Town of Barnstable

has issued a list of Owners of Checks previously issued by the Town which have not been cashed. This list along with information on how to claim these funds can be found on the Town of Barnstable Website at www.townofbarnstable.us on the Homepage under the Notifications Section or by calling the Town of Barnstable Treasurer's Office at 508.862.4653

Events & Activities

News from the Hyannis Youth and Community Center



Here at the Hyannis Youth & Community Center, we are ringing in the New Year with lots of activities for the whole family during the winter months! Daily public skate and open gym times are available, as well as specialized programs for age groups like stroller skating, playgroup, yoga and more! There are hockey and basketball practices and games taking place every day, providing lots of opportunities for spectators to see some local talent, up close and affordable! All proceeds from ticket sales help to keep the costs down for the teams. The whole community benefits and we all appreciate the support! Updated schedules can be found at www.townofbarnstable.us/hycc or call 508-790-6345.

Did you know an annual membership for the HYCC is only \$20? It includes use of the popular indoor walking track from 7AM-close every day; scheduled Open Gym and Game Room times; and three coupons for free public skating! They make a great gift for anyone at all occasions! Plus, the HYCC now offers money-saving transferable punch cards for frequent skaters and individual gift certificates for public skate, walk-on, stick time and youth center day passes! Affordable fun for all ages! Purchase them at the Skate Rental Booth downstairs!

BLACKLIGHT ZUMBA PARTY - Friday, January 6th 6-8PM - Come glow, shake, sweat and shout! Join us for a night of fun as we bring in the New Year dancing to music and having fun with friends, old and new! Register in advance at the YMCA of Cape Cod or come a little early day of! Adults: \$10 Kids: \$5. For more info call 508-362-6500.

Be sure to check out the fun and exciting programs at the Hyannis Youth & Community Center. Visit the HYCC page at www.town.barnstable.ma.us or call 508-790-6345.

Senior Center Happenings

Yoga for the Unbendable Person **New Jan. 5-26, 5-6 p.m. Fee-\$24**



This class will help you attain your goals of flexibility, strength & fluidity. The instructor will use movement, relaxation & breath work to teach you how you can have a happier, healthier body that can continue to move in all the ways you need it to move. Movement is the key to a life well lived. Stephanie's classes explore multiple pathways to movement; no two classes are the same. You will learn how to keep your mind, body and spirit moving and grooving in this class—at your own pace. Instructor is Stephanie Blaisdell.

Watercolor for the Beginner **NEW Jan. 10-Feb. 14, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Fee-\$60 Materials Fee \$15 Paid to the Instructor**

This course is designed for the beginning level student by Karen Pinard and for those who want to learn about the art of watercolor painting. The emphasis of this course is to take the mystery out of watercolor painting and reduce the uncertainty or even fear of watercolor. The following supplies will be provided: paints, various papers, supports, **palette**, mat board. Additional supplies needed include a 3 ring binder, and the following brushes # 6 and 12 round and a 1" wash. The painting includes a variety of watercolor studies that will provide the student the opportunity to understand and practice the course material. The instructor will set up simple still life options for each class.

Aromatherapy for a Healthy Winter Jan. 10, 11a.m -12 p.m. Fee-\$5

Winter can be a difficult season on your physical and emotional health. The days are shorter, it is cold, and colds and the flu are more prevalent. During any season there are a few basics that can help to maintain optimal physical and mental health, such as eating healthful foods, drinking lots of water, exercising regularly, and getting enough sleep. How about a little extra support to get for the short winter days and long winter nights? Essential oils can help you strengthen physical wellness, improve your emotional balance, and fill your home with safe, purifying products. All participants will receive an essential oil to bring home. This program is facilitated by Judi Pregot, of Bayside Holistic Wellness.

Be sure to check out the fun and exciting programs at the Barnstable Senior Center. Visit the Senior Center page at www.town.barnstable.ma.us or call 508-862-4750.

BARNSTABLE'S OPEN BUDGET

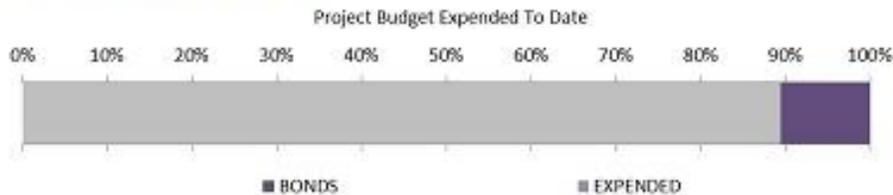
Explore Capital Budgets: Amounts as of November 30th for fiscal 2017

The Gateway Marina Dredging project is in full swing!

Location: 135 South Street, Hyannis, MA



This project involves the maintenance dredging of the Gateway Marina within Hyannis Harbor to a depth of 6 feet below mean low water (MLW), with over dredge (approximately 2,500 cubic yards of sediment now based upon recent hydrographic survey). This dredging is important in order to maintain free access by shallow draft boats to the floats behind the Maritime Museum. Gateway Marina has experienced shoaling for several years and is now at the point where some of our slip holders and transient boaters are experiencing difficulties accessing slips at mid to low tides. The Marina is at the end of Hyannis Inner Harbor where the flushing is poor and sediment tends to collect. Harbor staff has had to rearrange some slip assignments because of this as well. As shoaling continues, more of the marina will become inaccessible and the marina will have to operate at less than full capacity.



Description: Excavator and Barge



Summary: The Gateway Marina Dredging project has expended 89% of approved budget year-to-date.



The Town of Barnstable's operating and capital budgets are now online at <http://budget.townofbamstable.us>

News You Can Use

News from Consumer Affairs- Sealer of Weights and Measures

Net Weight Turkey Dinner Sampler Survey

The Barnstable Weights and Measures Division Inspector Kevin Friel conducted a net content compliance test inspection survey of most of the items you would purchase for your Thanksgiving Dinner. This inspection is the determination of the conformance of the results of the packaging to legal requirements for net weight declarations. As with most of our inspection there is a tolerance +/- that is acceptable to the correctness of the inspection; we conduct these inspections in the interests of both the consumer and merchant.

Your rights when buying goods by weight or measure

Is the weight of the package included?

Goods bought by weight or measure must be sold to you by net weight or measure. This means that the weight of any packaging must be excluded from the weight or measure statement.

When goods are weighed in front of you

Goods weighed, measured or counted at the time of sale must be done so in front of you and you must be able to see the whole operation. Most modern weighing instruments have a tare button. This should be used to zero the weight of the packaging or container before the goods are weighed. Where goods are pre-packed on the premises, you can request that they be re-weighed, measured or counted in front of you.

Inspector Friel was given the task to replicate all the items you would buy for Thanksgiving Dinner to be checked for net weight compliance some items include Turkey, cranberries, potatoes, carrots, cheese and shrimp.

Most of the commodities weighed were accurate to the weight declared. Using the Maximum Allowable Variation (the limit of the reasonable minus variation) and procedures outlined, all the commodities passed inspection. These are a few of the more interesting samples;

Thirty-six turkeys were checked; 15 were correct 10 were underweight and 11 were overweight; these were brought to the store manager's attention and re-weighed. An overall savings to the customer of \$452.60 and \$36.50 savings for the merchant by having these turkeys checked.

Twenty four bags of potatoes resulted in two correct, 11 underweight and 11 overweight based on the calculations the errors were so minimal in the underweight bags that the actual savings were for the merchant of \$470.85.

A 12 count cheese sampler was checked; one was correct, zero underweight and 11 overweight; this was certainly a bargain for any customer but in fairness was brought to merchant attention and based on the 12; the savings resulted in \$6,781.70 to the merchant.

Various meats filet mignon, sirloin tips, top roast all weighed slightly overweight in a sample of 15 items checked. Overall, this sample proved you are getting what you pay for and in some cases slightly more.

If you ever come across a discrepancy on a purchase or if you have any questions or concerns regarding the performance of a commercial weighing or measuring device used for trade, bring it to the attention of the merchant. If the problem is not resolved, contact the local Weights & Measures office for advice and/or assistance. The Barnstable Weights & Measures jurisdiction includes; Barnstable, Bourne, Brewster, Chatham, Dennis, Harwich, Mashpee, Orleans, Sandwich and Yarmouth.

We can be contacted at: 508-862-4671

OR www.town.barnstable.ma.us

link to Regulatory Services, link to Consumer Affairs Division, link to Weights & Measures.

Best Regards, Jane Zulkiewicz -Sealer of Weights and Measures

January 2017 Board and Committee Meetings

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>Room</u>
<u>Tuesday, 1/3</u>		
Airport Infrastructure Sub-Committee Meeting	4:30 PM	Airport
<u>Wednesday, 1/4</u>		
Airport Finance Sub-Committee Meeting	8:30 AM	Airport
Student Council Meeting	6:00 PM	HR
School Committee Meeting	7:00 PM	HR
<u>Thursday, 1/5</u>		
Formal Site Plan Review Meeting	9:00 AM	HR
Town Hearing for Shellfish Applications	9:00 AM	SCR
Town Council Meeting	7:00 PM	HR
<u>Monday, 1/9</u>		
Recreation Commission Meeting	5:30 PM	HR
Land Acquisition and Preservation Committee Meeting	5:30 PM	GMCR
Homelessness Committee Meeting	6:00 PM	SCR
Comprehensive Financial Advisory Committee Meeting	7:00 PM	GMCR
Planning Board Meeting	7:00 PM	HR
Sandy Neck Board Meeting	7:30 PM	SCR
<u>Tuesday, 1/10</u>		
Golf Committee Meeting	5:30 PM	Olde Barnstable
Conservation Commission Hearing	6:30 PM	HR
<u>Wednesday, 1/11</u>		
Old King's Highway Historic District Committee Meeting	6:30 PM	WB Community
Barnstable Youth Commission	6:30 PM	HYCC
Mid-Cape Cultural Council Meeting	7:00 PM	GMCR
Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing	7:00 PM	HR
<u>Thursday, 1/12</u>		
Town Manager Hearing—2 Taxi Hearings/1 Parking Lot	9:00 AM	HR
<u>Tuesday, 1/17</u>		
Housing Committee Meeting	8:00 AM	SCR
Joint Meeting of Public Works Commission and Water Pollution Control Board	1:00 PM	DPW
Conservation Commission Hearing	3:00 PM	HR
Hyannis Water Board Meeting	3:00 PM	GMCR
Airport Commission Meeting	4:00 PM	Airport
Barnstable Historical Commission Meeting	4:00 PM	SCR
<u>Wednesday, 1/18</u>		
Council on Aging Meeting	9:00 AM	Senior Center
Barnstable Disability Commission Meeting	10:00 AM	Senior Center
Water Resources Advisory Committee Meeting	5:30 PM	HR
Hyannis Main Street Waterfront Historic District Commission Meeting	6:30 PM	SCR
<u>Thursday, 1/19</u>		
Formal Site Plan Review Meeting	9:00 AM	HR
Town Council Meeting	7:00 PM	HR
<u>Monday, 1/23</u>		
Licensing Authority Hearing	9:30 AM	HR
Community Preservation Committee Meeting	5:30 PM	HR
Planning Board Meeting	7:00 PM	HR
<u>Tuesday, 1/24</u>		
Barnstable Economic Development Commission Meeting	2:30 PM	SCR
Board of Health Meeting	3:00 PM	HR
Conservation Commission Hearing	6:30 PM	HR
Waterways Committee Meeting	7:00 PM	SCR
<u>Wednesday, 1/25</u>		
Old King's Highway Historic District Committee Meeting	6:30 PM	WB Community
Barnstable Youth Commission	6:30 PM	HYCC
Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing	7:00 PM	HR
<u>Monday, 1/30</u>		
Comprehensive Financial Advisory Committee Meeting	7:00 PM	GMCR
<u>Tuesday, 1/31</u>		
Board of Health—Pond Front Wastewater Mgmt Workshop	3:00 PM	HR

Please see Location Key on next page.

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Airport = Barnstable Municipal Airport Meeting Room

Assessor= Assessor’s Office

GMCR = Growth Management Conference Room, 3rd floor of Town Hall

HR = Hearing Room, 2nd floor of Town Hall

Olde Barnstable = Olde Barnstable Fair Grounds /Golf Course Clubhouse

Procurement= Procurement Conference Room

SCR = Selectmen’s Conference Room, 2nd floor of Town Hall

Senior Center = 825 Falmouth Road, Hyannis

SGCR = Structures & Grounds Conference Room

TCCR = Town Council Conference Room

WB Community = West Barnstable Community Building,Route 149

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INSIDE BARNSTABLE TOWN GOVERNMENT WINTER CLASSES

The twenty-fourth session of *Inside Barnstable Town Government, A Citizens Leadership Academy* will begin Tuesday, January 31, 2017. The academy is an 11-week commitment with the goal of educating the citizens of Barnstable about the operations of town government, while also obtaining valuable feedback and participation from those citizens participating in the Academy. The program is designed to advance understanding of and participation in civic affairs as well as to increase awareness of the challenges facing municipal government.

The classes will be on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-9:00 pm and will be held in various locations throughout the Town. The Academy also includes a bus tour of the seven villages. The classes will be conducted by Town staff and provide interactive learning experiences, group discussions, and site tours. **The program is free of charge and open to anyone who resides or works in the Town of Barnstable.** Class size is limited. Please register early to avoid the waiting list.

Applications are available at the Town Manager's Office, 367 Main Street, Hyannis or online at www.town.barnstable.ma.us. To receive an application by mail or fax, please call 508-862-4610. For specific information, you may call Academy facilitators Susan French at 508-362-2864 or Arthur Caiado: 508-221-0412.

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