



Town Council Meeting
May 7, 2020



The May 7, 2020 meeting of the Barnstable Town Council was physically closed to the public to avoid group congregation.

A quorum being duly present, President Paul Hebert called the May 7, 2020 Town Council meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. from a remote location.

An announcement was made by President Hebert regarding the meeting being televised live and questioning if anyone was actively taping the session to please make their presence known. This session is recorded and broadcast on Channel 18.

PRESENT: (On Zoom) Britt Beedenbender, David Bogan, Kristine Clark, Jennifer Cullum, Debra Dagwan, Jessica Rapp Grassetti, Paul Hebert, Matthew Levesque, Paul Neary, Paula Schnepf, Tracy Shaughnessy, Gordon Starr (7:10 P.M.); Eric Steinhilber.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Hebert; followed by a moment of silence.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Laura Cronin asked Council for a list of the hotels which were housing Covid-19 patients. She urged Council to help the nursing homes and move the infected Covid-19 patients to other care facilities.

Patrick Daubert felt the funding for the Centerville Conservatory was a great use of money. He agreed with the group's mission and hoped the trailblazing would be kept to a minimum so it would not disrupt or destroy the area allowing the animals to maintain their habitat.

Theresa Mitchell hope Council would support the funding of the Centerville Conservatory. She added the area deserved to be saved.

Close public comment

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

There is only one hotel which has partnered with the Duffy Health Center and the Cape Cod Healthcare to quarantine homeless who are awaiting their Covid-19 test results.

Doug Hempel felt there has been more speeding on the roads during this Covid-19 pandemic. He urged residents to please be more careful and mindful of one's speed and please stay off your phones.

TOWN MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS:

Mark Ells discussed nursing home as they were on the forefront of the Town's concerns regarding Covid-19. He mentioned he was meeting regularly, while still observing correct social distancing with the Barnstable Health Director, Hyannis Fire Chief, and the Barnstable Police Chief to discuss all issues related to Covid-19 in the Town.

Governor Baker issued Order
Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget
Cape Cod Reopening Task Force
Cape Cod & Island Water Protection Fund Board
Wastewater Pump Station in Mother's Park
Clearing Trees at the Barnstable Airport
Steamship Authority support letter

Councilor questions and comments:

What is the plan for opening of our golf courses? [Be mindful of safety and physical distancing if that is not maintained then the golf course will be closed] Thank you for all the coverage and programming of Channel 18.

Elizabeth Jenkins, Planning and Development Director, discussed the small business assistance fund for eligible areas of Town. She added there was a grant program as well which had closed May 7th, 2020. [Elizabeth Jenkins is leading the Barnstable Economic Recovery Program. It is a program to understand how we will open our Town]. The recovery of small business is very important. We need increased support from the State for individual municipalities. What about the beaches? [We will not be able to conduct business as usual due to Covid-19. Residents normally conjugating around lifeguard stand at beach will need to disburse. We have to keep correct social distancing rules]. Please look into garbage being left at our beaches.

Nate Mayo Development and Policy Manager for Vineyard Wind discussed the phases of the Vineyard Wind project. He gave an overview of a PowerPoint Presentation. He spoke about the underground cable at Covell's Beach. He noted the 3-million-dollar savings for the Town's duct work. He felt this project would also help in the Covid-19 recovery. Chris Rodstream from Vineyard Wind, talked about permits needed during Phase 1 which would be starting in 2023. He reiterated their outreach program and noted they had participated in 66 community events.

Councilor Neary off dais

ACT ON MINUTES:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2020 as written.

VOTE: PASSES 11 YES 1 ABSTAIN (DAGWAN) 1 ABSENT (NEARY)

COMMUNICATIONS- from elected officials, boards, committees, staff commission reports, correspondence and announcements:

Today is a National Day of Prayer. Thank you to all the Houses of Worship which are observing the Covid-19 regulations. Zoning and Regulatory Sub Committee postpone meeting to May 14th, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Please strive to exceed and go beyond meeting the standard when it comes to education and our children.

Councilor Neary returned to the dais

When is the next strategic planning meeting? September/ October no set date yet due to the Covid-19 virus. [Vineyard Wind was a late arrival for our agenda they needed to meet due to a May 15th, 2020 Massachusetts Environmental Protection Agency (MEPA) filing].

Please make sure all meetings are posted to the Town Calendar and to the respective committee's agenda page. All meetings must be posted to the official agenda page – legally posted notices. There was an issue with a Zoning & Regulatory Sub Committee meeting with the absence of its agenda on the Town Calendar and the Committee webpage. The meeting in question met the Attorney General's recommendation for legally posted notices.

2020-141 APPROPRIATION AND TRANSFER ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$425,000.00 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUNDS FOR THE CREATION AND ACQUISITION OF CONSERVATION RESTRICTION ON THREE WOODED LOTS ADDRESSED 150 AND 180 GREAT MARSH ROAD AND 55 HAYES ROAD, CENTERVILLE 6.2 ACRES ± INTRO: 04/16/2020, 05/07/2020

Lindsey Counsel, Chair of the Community Preservation Committee, gave the rationale. He noted there was no sewer in this area.

Open Public Hearing

Jeff Thibodeau felt this was a great project which was needed in the area.

Theresa Mitchell agreed with Jeff Thibodeau and applauded the efforts for future generations.

Amy Daubert felt the property was an amazing property for wildlife. She urged Council not to let it be developed for watershed.

Close Public Hearing

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

ORDERED: That pursuant to the provisions of the community Preservation Act, G.L. c. 44B, the sum of Four Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand and NO/100 (\$425,000.00) Dollars be appropriated and transferred from the amount set aside for open space in the Community Preservation Fund for the creation and acquisition of a conservation restriction for open space and passive recreation on three wooded lots addressed 150 and 180 Great Marsh Road and 55 Hayes Road, Centerville totaling approximately 6.2 acres; that the conservation restriction is hereby approved in the form approved by the Land Acquisition and Preservation Committee and Town Manager subject to further approval by the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs; that the Town Manager is authorized to expend the amount appropriated on behalf of the Town for the creation and acquisition of conservation restriction on three wooded lots addressed and that the President and Town Manager are authorized to execute, receive, deliver and record any written instruments for the stated purposes.

VOTE: PASSES 13 YES

2020-142 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,000 FOR THE BARNSTABLE POLICE DEPARTMENT FISCAL YEAR 2020 OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE HIRING OF PATROL OFFICERS TO FILL CURRENT VACANCIES INTRO: 04/16/2020, 05/07/2020

Police Chief Sonnabend gave the rationale. He noted the dollars were actually \$38,381. He discussed the need for the eight police officers which were comprised of 6 new officers and 2 transfer officers from other communities.

Open public hearing seeing no one close public hearing

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was to amend the dollar amount to \$38,381.00

VOTE: PASSES 13 YES

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was as amended

ORDERED: That the sum of \$38,381, be added to the Fiscal Year 2020 Police Department General Fund Operating Expense Budget for the purpose of funding a portion of the expenses related to hiring and equipment purchases for nine officers.

VOTE: PASSES 13 YES

2020-171 ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$525,000 FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – AERONAUTICS DIVISION INTRO: 05/07/2020

Katie Servis, Barnstable Airport Manager, gave the rationale. She explained this was a traffic clearing effort.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

RESOLVED, that the Airport Commission by and through the Town Council hereby accepts a grant in the amount of **\$525,000.00** from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation – Aeronautics Division, and that the Airport Commission is authorized to contract for and expend the grant monies for the purpose specified therein.

VOTE: PASSES 13 YES

2020-172 ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$172,938.00 FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – AERONAUTICS DIVISION INTRO: 05/07/2020

Katie Servis, Barnstable Airport Manager, gave the rationale.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

RESOLVED, that the Airport Commission by and through the Town Council hereby accepts a grant in the amount of **\$172,938.00** from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation – Aeronautics Division, and that the Airport Commission is authorized to contract for and expend the grant monies for the purpose specified therein.

VOTE: PASSES 13 YES

2020-173 TRANSFER ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$101,000 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 AIRPORT CAPITAL BUDGET INTRO: 05/07/2020

Katie Servis, Barnstable Airport Manager, gave the rationale.

Councilor questions and comments:

Thank you Katie Servis for a great job.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

ORDERED: That the sum of \$101,000 be transferred from the available funds under Town Council appropriation order 2014-090 to Town Council appropriation order 2019-104, resulting in a revised appropriation total of \$591,000 in Town Council order 2019-104, for the purpose of funding fiscal year 2020 Airport capital expenses associated with the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Building Roof Replacement project; and to authorize the Airport Commission to contract and expend the funds for this purpose.

VOTE: PASSES 13 YES

2020-174 APPROPRIATION AND TRANSFER ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000.00 FROM THE SET ASIDE HISTORIC RESOURCES IN THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND FOR THE PHASE II PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION, OLDE COLONIAL COURTHOUSE, 3046 MAIN STREET (ROUTE 6A), BARNSTABLE

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

ORDERED: That, pursuant to the provisions of the Community Preservation Act, G. L. c 44B, the sum of Seventy-five thousand and No/100 (75,000.00) Dollars be appropriated and transferred from the amount set aside for historic resources in the Community Preservation Fund and that the Town Manager is authorized to contract for and expend the appropriation made available for Phase II preservation and restoration work on the historic resource consisting of the Olde Colonial Courthouse, 3046 Main Street (Route 6A), Barnstable, including permanent preservation and restoration by augmenting the first floor framing support structure in the oldest part of the building, subject to oversight by the Community Preservation Committee.

VOTE: PUBLIC HEARING ON 05/21/2020 - PASSES 13 YES

VOTE: ADJOURNMENT:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

VOTED TO ADJOURN:

Adjourned at 9:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet E, Murphy
Assistant Town Clerk/Town of Barnstable

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: 05/21/2020

EXHIBITS:

A. Town Manager update for period April 17, 2020 through May 7, 2020