

Town Council Meeting December 2, 2021



A quorum being duly present, President Matthew Levesque called the December 2, 2021, Town Council meeting to order at 7:11 PM.

An announcement was made by President Levesque 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) Nikolas Atsalis, David Bogan, Kristine Clark, Jennifer Cullum, Jessica Rapp Grassetti, Paul Hebert (7:25), Matthew Levesque, Jeffrey Mendes, Paul Neary, Paula Schnepp, Tracy Shaughnessy, Gordon Starr, Eric Steinhilber

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilor Cullum. Councilor Clark asked for a moment of silence for the family of Andre Sampou.

Councilor Bogan stated that for the election that will be occurring later this evening it will be my intent to decline and remove my name from nomination.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Bob Colford wanted to provide information on the wildlife that exists on the Twin Brooks property and wants to know where they will go once this property is no longer a golf course.

Cynthia Stead Project Administrator for St. Joseph House regarding the month's 269 clients, 58% of our shelter guests are older individuals. If we could have more Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's) to help create a place for people to rent. Prioritize Barnstable Residents.

Meaghan Mort greatly appreciates the Zoom meetings, please continue with the housing issues, the Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's), listening to the constituents, and get more housing units on the books.

Ellen Nozzel praised the housing committee work, the solution include innovative ideas, as you go forward on the Local Comprehensive Plan (LCP) the only solution is to build bigger housing units on smaller lots. Keep an open mind

Tara Vargas Wallace regarding additional housing stock specifically in Hyannis, the need is critical, we need to continue to build housing, and we are losing staff without the available housing. The LCP should make sure they have the voices of the people who have been impacted by the housing shortage.

Scott Diaz comments regarding the Twin Brooks development. Some of the language used by the state gave the developer a lot of leeway. The increase in traffic into local roadways any future traffic studies need to expand the scope to look at the subsidiary streets.

Christina Silva-Simpson spoke about the housing crisis on the Cape. Friends have not found housing here so had to travel off the Cape for a place to live.

#### **Response to Public Comment:**

(Clark) we do need housing in town, we need to develop incentives to bring housing to Barnstable. If there is a way to convert existing buildings into housing, we need to work towards this goal. (Hebert) Agrees and is very concerned, housing authorities used to create more housing units through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), now the focus is to give out vouchers instead of creating housing. We need to get the Housing Trust more active, working with our nonprofits, using abandoned office buildings to convert to housing. We also need to get the full report on how many Short Term Rentals (STR's) we have and we need to develop regulations. (Neary) Housing is a difficult topic, concur we have many unimproved properties; it really depends on the zoning.

### Town Manager's Report:

Mark Ells Town Managers began the report with an update from Elizabeth Jenkins:

Elizabeth Jenkins, Director of Planning & Development provided an update on the Local Comprehensive Plan (LCP). This is an advisory committee to help guide public engagement process and will recommend a plan to the Council for consideration. A finalized draft memo on the LCP will be sent to Town Councilors before implementation.

### **Councilor Questions and Comments:**

(Bogan) Asked Director Jenkins to provide the LCP information in a timely manner, so that the Councilors will have time to review the information, evaluate and reflect well before implementation.

# Town Manager's Report continues:

Nor'easter cleanup we will not receive Federal Disaster money Proceeding with the Budget Action Calendar

Continue to have regular conversations on-going with Vineyard Wind regarding the status of Phase I and II.

Barnstable's Department of Public Works continues sewer construction for the Strawberry Hill Road Sewer Expansion Project.

Council on Aging staff and volunteers assembled 137 meals which were delivered to the homebound older residents on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

The Hyannis Youth and Community Center (HYCC) and the Family Table Collaborative teamed up to help local families enjoy a meal on Thanksgiving.

The Youth Commission Chair and Vice Chair have been invited by One Love Foundation to and advocacy day in Washington, DC.

# **Councilor Questions and Comments:**

(Rapp-Grassetti) How much did we expend for the Nor'easter (Ells) do not have total cost at this point, I will bring that back at the next Council meeting (Rapp Grassetti) at the next meeting could we have an update on Joint Base Cape Cod and lastly a COVID update (Ells) It remains a concern, what was the sustained involvement of the additional staff (nurses), we have seen an uptick in cases, we are still following the orders and directives of the Governor, as well as working with the County, the Fire Departments and the Health Department. (Schnepp) Has there been any consideration of creating signage that this is part of the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP)? (Ells) will bring that up with Communications Director,

Lynne Poyant and Department of Public Works Director Santos.

Ann Quirk, Town Clerk provided an update on the precinct modification due to the Redistricting of the State Representative seats.

# ACT ON MINUTES:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was to accept the minutes of November 18, 2021 as presented.

#### **VOTE: PASSES 13 YES**

Roll Call: Atsalis, Bogan, Clark, Cullum, Rapp Grassetti, Hebert, Mendes, Levesque, Neary, Schnepp, Shaughnessy, Starr, Steinhilber.

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

(Rapp Grassetti) Thursday December 9<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 PM Cape Cod Commission and Mass Department of Transportation (DOT), scheduled a virtual road audit, urges everyone interested to participate in meeting; a draft and final report for safety changes to that intersection will be posted for comments; Christmas in Cotuit on Saturday.

(Clark) Towns Marine and Environmental Affairs having an auction of available items; Massachusetts Per-and Polyflouroalkyl Substances (PFAS) and environmental health study will be conducted for more information check the town website. West Barnstable Village tree lighting scheduled for Sunday; (Hebert) Cape Cod Water Protection Collection Collaborative (CCWWC) all 15 towns of what is going on in the different communities and the water quality; the collaborative has lost some value and needs to be restructured. (Bogan) Osterville Christmas Stroll December 10<sup>th</sup> (Hebert) Councilors are welcome to go out to the Cape Cod Mall for the official lighting of the Menorah; and official recognition from the town; (Levesque) It is a great event at the Cape Cod Mall, food, music and fun, Happy Hanukkah! (Atsalis) Centerville Christmas Stroll is scheduled for Saturday (Shaughnessy) Hyannis Stroll is coming up on Saturday full schedule of all activities on the Business Improvement District face book page

(Mendes) Hyannis Boat Parade is scheduled for Saturday at 4 PM (Schnepp) Cape and Islands Selectmen's Association meeting will discuss budgets, December 10<sup>th</sup> zoom call

Short Break to 8:25 PM – 8:41 PM Councilor Hebert off zoom, back on at 8:46 PM (Starr) Live Love Local Fest we will have over one hundred vendors on the Village Green during the Hyannis Stroll

2022-039 APPROPRIATION ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,600 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING SURVEY WORK FOR PROPOSED SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS ON EAST BAY ROAD AND WIANNO AVENUE IN OSTERVILLE VILLAGE INTRO: 11/04/2021, 12/02/2021

Dan Santos, Director of Public Works gave the rationale Open public hearing seeing no one close public hearing

# **Councilor Questions and Comments:**

(Bogan) this is definitely the issue discussed from most of the residents, this is the road that leads down towards Dowses Beach, I support this wholeheartedly (Rapp Grassetti) is this from Wianno Ave down to Dowses, does this mean taking of property to accomplish the sidewalks, how large will the sidewalks be? (Santos) sometimes we need to do easements but we will

know better after the survey, from Main Street towards Dowses Beach and along Wianno Ave to the way to water. (Bogan) the original thought was to go from Main Street past the boat launch, down to Dowses, it was Gail Crocker, who said why not bring it past Dowses to Wianno and continue to the way to water.

## Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

**ORDERED:** That the amount of **\$39,600** be appropriated from the General Fund Reserves for the purpose of funding survey work for proposed sidewalk improvements on East Bay Road and Wianno Avenue in Osterville Village, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto; and that the Town Manager is authorized to contract for and expend the appropriation made available for these purposes.

### VOTE: PASSES 13 YES

Roll Call: Atsalis, Bogan, Clark, Cullum, Rapp Grassetti, Hebert, Mendes, Levesque, Neary, Schnepp, Shaughnessy, Starr, Steinhilber.

# 2022-042 ALLOCATION OF TAX LEVY FISCAL YEAR 2022 – TAX FACTOR INTRO: 11/18/2021

Mark Milne, Director of Finance gave the rationale and Lane Partridge, Director of Assessing, was available for questions.

Open public hearing seeing no one close public hearing

### **Councilor Questions and Comments:**

(Atsalis) Do multifamily properties receive the residential exemption (Partridge) depends on whether they live in the property or not (Atsalis) the income level of some of the multifamily residents can be low, a tax increase is putting that burden on the renters. This is worth a discussing moving forward. (Hebert) in Provincetown they gave the exemption to rental units but it has to go before Home Rule. (Milne) Home Rule requires legislative approval, we could address this situation, we would be happy to explore that opportunity (Partridge) The Provincetown area is all condo complexes so it is much easier to apply that exemption, it will be more difficult to implement that on a large multi-unit apartment building, we will be glad to work on it (Hebert) I will refer this back to leadership to see how that would be handled, does it have any adverse effect on our general fund. (Atsalis) Agree with Mr. Partridges comments, it would be smaller level.

#### Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Council hereby votes to classify the Town of Barnstable under M.G.L. c. 40, § 56, the Classification Act, at a Residential Factor of 1 (one) for the Fiscal Year 2022.

# **VOTE: PASSES 13 YES**

Roll Call: Atsalis, Bogan, Clark, Cullum, Rapp Grassetti, Hebert, Mendes, Levesque, Neary, Schnepp, Shaughnessy, Starr, Steinhilber.

# 2022-043 ALLOCATION OF TAX LEVY FY22 – RESIDENTIAL EXEMPTION INTRO: 11/18/2021, 12/02/2021

Mark Milne, Director of Finance gave the rationale along with Lane Partridge, Director of Assessing, This is the same percentage since 2005, and this is a tax shifting option Open Public hearing seeing no one close public hearing

# **Councilor Questions and Comments:**

(Rapp Grassetti) What was the value last year (Milne) 1,170,000. (Hebert) If an ADU was added to someone's house what happens with the assessed value of the house? (Milne) If the property owner is still living in the main house, they will get the exemption (Partridge) would increase the value of that property, but there is no adverse effect unless the property is valued over a million three, (Hebert) on an STR, they rent there house for two months, but live year round at the location (Partridge) What do they use as there tax return address?

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Council hereby votes to adopt a Residential Exemption of twenty percent (20%) for fiscal year 2022.

### **VOTE: PASSES 13 YES**

Roll Call: Atsalis, Bogan, Clark, Cullum, Rapp Grassetti, Hebert, Mendes, Levesque, Neary, Schnepp, Shaughnessy, Starr, Steinhilber.

2022-051 APPOINTMENT TO A BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION INTRO: 11/18/2021, 12/02/2021

# **Councilor Questions and Comments:**

(Neary) sometime we are fortunate to have amazing talented folks that come forward to serve on committees.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** That the Town Council appoint the following individual to a multiple-member Board/Committee/Commission: **Infrastructure and Energy Committee:** Kathryn Hautanen, as a regular member to a term expiring 06/2024 **VOTE: PASSES 11 YES, 2 NO (Starr, Clark)** 

Roll Call: Atsalis, Bogan, Cullum, Rapp Grassetti, Hebert, Mendes, Levesque, Neary, Schnepp, Shaughnessy, Steinhilber.

## 2022-052 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION AND LOAN ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,075,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE TO BE INSTALLED AS PART OF MASSDOT'S ROUTE 28 AND YARMOUTH ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT INTRO: 12/02/2021

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

**ORDERED:** That the sum of \$700,000 appropriated under Town Council order 2020-002 be increased by **\$1,075,000** for a total revised appropriation amount of \$1,775,000 for the purpose of funding the construction of sewer infrastructure to be installed as part of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) Route 28 and Yarmouth Road Intersection Improvement Project, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto; and that to meet this appropriation, that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Town Manager, is authorized to borrow \$1,775,000 under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §§7 or 8, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; and that in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §20, any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes authorized by this order, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds and notes, may be applied to pay such project costs, thereby reducing the amount authorized to contract for and expend the appropriation made available for these purposes.

VOTE: TO A PUBLIC HEARING ON 12-16-21-PASSES 13 YES

Roll Call: Atsalis, Bogan, Clark, Cullum, Rapp Grassetti, Hebert, Mendes, Levesque, Neary, Schnepp, Shaughnessy, Starr, Steinhilber.

2022-053 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT FOR THE SERVICES OF THE LAW FIRM OF ANDERSON & KREIGER WHICH IS SERVING AS OUTSIDE COUNSEL TO THE TOWN WITH RESPECT TO TWO LAWSUITS FILED AGAINST THE TOWN BY THE CONSERVATION LAW FOUNDATION INTRO: 12/02/2021

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

**ORDERED:** That the amount of **\$48,000** be appropriated for the purpose of paying operating expenses of the Legal Department for the services of the law firm of Anderson & Kreiger, which is serving as outside counsel to the Town with respect to two lawsuits filed against the Town by the Conservation Law Foundation; and that to fund the appropriation, that \$48,000 be transferred from the General Fund surplus.

VOTE: TO A PUBLIC HEARING ON 12-16-21-PASSES 13 YES Roll Call: Atsalis, Bogan, Clark, Cullum, Rapp Grassetti, Hebert, Mendes, Levesque, Neary, Schnepp, Shaughnessy, Starr, Steinhilber

2022-054 RESOLVE APPROVING THE TOWN OF BARNSTABLE COMPLETE STREETS POLICY FOR SUBMISSION TO THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPLETE STREETS FUNDING PROGRAM INTRO: 12/02/2021

Assistant Director of Planning and Development, Kate Maldonado gave the rationale utilizing a Power Point program to explain the three tier process to obtain approval of Complete Streets.

#### **Councilor Questions and Comments:**

(Starr) the construction money is up to 400,000 dollars is that due to the size of the community. (Maldonado) what every town applies for that amount (Schnepp) 240 communities that are already in this program, is there a reason we were not in it already? (Maldonado) this has been on our bucket list, it is a great opportunity, also important to consider with other funding grants (Schnepp) we just approved funding for work in Osterville would this be a project for the prioritization list construction (Maldonado) this funding is strictly for the construction of the project as long as design and permitting are done, yes up to 400,000 dollars. (Neary) I am sure this has been vetted by the staff is this an opted program, so in the future we can opt out? There must be a cost associated with this program, is this a one and done (Maldonado) the Mass DOT has frequently asked questions does address this, there is no obligation to stay active in the program, just that you complete the grant in the time. The construction funding have two opportunities each year, when you have readiness (Mendes) Would this be available to public and private roads, we have some split roads, would this program take care of the private parts of the road (Maldonado) Yes both public and private roads are eligible (Rapp Grassetti) anything that can increase walk ability and slow traffic is something I can support (Levesque) mentioned many other staff members that worked together on this project.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Council hereby approves the Town of Barnstable Complete Streets Policy, as presented to the Town Council at this meeting.

**VOTE: PASSES 13 YES** 

Roll Call: Atsalis, Bogan, Clark, Cullum, Rapp Grassetti, Hebert, Mendes, Levesque, Neary, Schnepp, Shaughnessy, Starr, Steinhilber

2022-055 APPROVING THE CONSERVATION RESTRICTION ON LAND LOCATED AT 0 BEECH LEAF ISLAND ROAD, 0 BAY LANE, 0 THORNBERRY ROAD AND 0 SOUTH MAIN STREET BETWEEN BARNSTABLE LAND TRUST (GRANTOR) AND THE COMPACT OF CAPE COD CONSERVATION TRUSTS (GRANTEE) INTRO: 12/02/2021

Janet Milkman, Barnstable Land Trust gave the rationale. This has been reviewed by the conservation commission. (Assistant Town Attorney Kate Connolly) this is just for the conservation restriction

# **Councilor Questions and Comments:**

(Atsalis) had a tour of the property, and did not know this area existed, it is a unique property, fully support this effort. (Clark) All the councilors received a letter in support of this conservation restriction.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Council does hereby approve and authorize the Town Manager to sign and approve on behalf of the Town of Barnstable the Conservation Restriction between Barnstable Land Trust (BLT) (grantor), and The Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts, Inc. (grantee), over approximately 21.76 acres of vacant land in Centerville on:

Map 187, Parcel 079, Lot 002 (0 Beech Leaf Island Road), currently owned by Beech Leaf Island, Inc. (c/o Sylvia & Sylvia);

Map 187, Parcel 080, Lot 002 (0 Beech Leaf Island Road) currently owned by Sylvia & Sylvia Assoc., Inc.;

Map 186, Parcel 092, Lot 0 (0 Beech Leaf Island Road), currently owned by School Street Realty Nom. Tr. (c/o Sylvia & Sylvia);

Map 186, Parcel 086, Lot 0 (0 Bay Lane), currently owned by Sylvia & Sylvia;

Map 186, Parcel 088, Lot 002 (0 Thornberry Road), currently owned by Beech Leaf Island, Inc., (c/o Sylvia & Sylvia);

Map 187, Parcel 034, Lot 0 (0 South Main Street), currently owned by Sylvia & Sylvia Associates, Inc.;

said parcels to be donated to the Barnstable Land Trust for the purposes of preserving open space, water quality, and rare species habitat.

#### **VOTE: PASSES 13 YES**

Roll Call: Atsalis, Bogan, Clark, Cullum, Rapp Grassetti, Hebert, Mendes, Levesque, Neary, Schnepp, Shaughnessy, Starr, Steinhilber

2022-056 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$350,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORK'S FISCAL YEAR 2022 OPERATING CAPITAL BUDGET INTRO: 12/02/2021

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

**ORDERED:** That the amount of **\$350,000** be appropriated for the purpose of funding the Fiscal

Year 2022 Department of Public Work's Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Capital Budget and that to fund the appropriation, that \$350,000 be transferred from the General Fund surplus. VOTE: VOTE: TO A PUBLIC HEARING ON 12-16-21-PASSES 13 YES Roll Call: Atsalis, Bogan, Clark, Cullum, Rapp Grassetti, Hebert, Mendes, Levesque, Neary, Schnepp, Shaughnessy, Starr, Steinhilber

2022-057 AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,700 FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENHANCING THE REDUCTION OF WASTE AND INCREASING RECYCLING INTRO: 12/2/2021

Dan Santos, Director of Public Works, gave the rationale

### **Councilor Questions and Comments:**

(Schnepp) policy in place a year ago for charging for recycling has that made a difference (Santos) there was some push back early on, many people are recycling, we are keeping the cost as low as possible (Schnepp) has it stabilized, it was costing us more to get rid of recyclables (Santos) Slowly, getting better (Rapp Grassetti) regarding how the transfer station accepts recycling products, it is a little dangerous the way it is set up (Santos) we have placed Jersey barriers to protect the people walking up, we have on the books a complete redesign, we are hoping to consider this a shovel ready project to go for a grant.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Council does hereby authorize the Town Manager to contract for and expend a grant in the amount of **\$11,700** from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") for the purpose of enhancing the Town's waste reduction programs through the acquisition of recycling containers, recycling carts and recycling bins, waste reduction and/or recycling outreach and education materials, and to pay other related expenses authorized in the Town's Recycling Dividends Program contract.

#### **VOTE: PASSES 13 YES**

Roll Call: Atsalis, Bogan, Clark, Cullum, Rapp Grassetti, Hebert, Mendes, Levesque, Neary, Schnepp, Shaughnessy, Starr, Steinhilber

2022-058 A RESOLUTION THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL PETITION THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BARNSTABLE COUNTY TO FORMALLY DISCONTINUE THREE SECTIONS OF COUNTY HIGHWAY, NAMELY THREE PORTIONS OF PHINNEY'S LANE WHICH, COMBINED, EXTEND FROM WEQUAQUET LANE TO MASSACHUSETTS ROUTE 28, A/K/A FALMOUTH ROAD INTRO: 12/02/2021

Charles McLaughlin gave the rationale

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

**RESOLVED:** That pursuant to General Laws Chapter 82, Section 5, the Town Council petition the County Commissioners of Barnstable County to formally discontinue three sections of County Highway, namely those three portions of Phinney's Lane from Wequaquet Lane to Massachusetts Route 28, a/k/a Falmouth Road, as described in three (3) Orders of Taking by the Barnstable County Commissioners, as follows:

The first, from the intersection of Wequaquet Lane to Great Marsh Road, being recorded in the Barnstable County Registry of Deeds in Book 476, Page 38, dated July 22, 1930, also shown on a Plan of Land recorded in said Registry in Plan Book 41, Page 109 F1;

The second, from, the intersection of Great Marsh Road to the limit of the third segment of roadway referenced below approximately 120+/- feet northerly of the sideline of Massachusetts Route 28, a/k/a Falmouth Road, dated December 13, 1932, on record in the Office of the Barnstable Town Clerk, and as shown on a plan of land recorded in the Barnstable County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 47, Page 45 F1 and F2; and

The third, a segment of roadway abutting the Northerly Side of Massachusetts Route 28, a/k/a Falmouth Road extending northerly to the limit of the second segment of roadway referenced above and described in Barnstable County Registry of Deeds in Book 479, Page 284, recorded December 19, 1930, also as shown as a plan at said Registry in Tube No. 5.

It is the intent thereby to render said sections of the County highway a Town way by operation of G.L. c. 82, § 5; and further, that said petition request that the discontinued sections of said County highway remain a public way, and that the Town Manager be authorized to execute and deliver any documents on behalf of the Town necessary to effectuate this resolve. **VOTE: PASSES 13 YES** 

Roll Call: Atsalis, Bogan, Clark, Cullum, Rapp Grassetti, Hebert, Mendes, Levesque, Neary, Schnepp, Shaughnessy, Starr, Steinhilber.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was go into executive session as follows:** The Town Council will enter executive session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, sec. 21(a) (3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation since a discussion in open session may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Town and Town Council. Specifically, the Council will discuss two lawsuits filed against the Town by the Conservation Law Foundation regarding claims under the Clean Water Act and Title 5 of the Massachusetts Environmental Code, respectively

**VOTE: PASSES 13 YES** 

Roll Call: Atsalis, Bogan, Clark, Cullum, Rapp Grassetti, Hebert, Mendes, Levesque, Neary, Schnepp, Shaughnessy, Starr, Steinhilber

#### **Return to Public Session 10:42 PM**

VOTE: PASSES 12 YES (Clark OFF ZOOM)

Roll Call: Atsalis, Bogan, Cullum, Rapp Grassetti, Hebert, Mendes, Levesque, Neary, Schnepp, Shaughnessy, Starr, Steinhilber

#### Town Council Election of 2022 Officers:

Councilor Bogan declined the nomination and asked to speak to a couple of themes that has come up recently. Balance, the town is always trying to balance growth with preservation sometimes that means hard conversations. We should be enticing new growth dollars. Integrity is the way we do business and the manner of how we conduct our meetings. Civility and respect to do what is best for the Town of Barnstable, we may not agree, but we need to treat each other with respect. Councilor Shaughnessy supports the previous comments, would like to move to a vote. Councilor Cullum feels President Levesque should speak to those items

President Levesque agrees with the comments, feels the Council has made great strides working with the staff, listening to Councilors and constituents, engaging people in "zoomland" Letting the public know how and when things are happening; we are better off that we were a year ago. We need to continue to work towards bringing consensus, and working together. I have done my best and will continue to do so.

#### **President: Matthew Levesque**

VOTE: 10 YES, 3 ABSTENTIONS (Bogan, Clark and Rapp Grassetti) Roll Call: YES - Atsalis, Cullum, Hebert, Mendes, Levesque, Neary, Schnepp, Shaughnessy, Starr, Steinhilber

Councilor Cullum declined the nomination Councilor Schnepp thanked the Council for their support Vice President: Paula Schnepp VOTE: PASSES 13 YES Roll Call: Atsalis, Bogan, Clark, Cullum, Rapp Grassetti, Hebert, Mendes, Levesque, Neary, Schnepp, Shaughnessy, Starr, Steinhilber.

# VOTE: ADJOURNMENT:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was **VOTED TO ADJOURN:** 

#### **VOTE: PASSES 13 YES**

Roll Call: Atsalis, Bogan, Clark, Cullum, Rapp Grassetti, Hebert, Mendes, Levesque, Neary, Schnepp, Shaughnessy, Starr, Steinhilber.

#### Adjourned at 11:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk/Town of Barnstable

NEXT MEETING: December 16, 2021

Exhibits:

- A Town Manager update
- B Email of support for President Levesque