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On Wednesday, January 22, 2020 over 100 poll workers who work the 10 locations representing the Town of Barnstable's 13 precincts received an election training from Bridget Simmons-Murphy from Sec. William Galvin's Office.

A few Town Clerks from other municipalities attended as well.

The Presidential Primary is March 3, 2020.

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Town Council Meeting – January 23, 2020

Last night's Town Council Meeting began with Town Council President Paul Hebert presiding over the meeting which began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence which was offered for Sheila Aylmer Gobeil of Hyannis who recently passed away. President Hebert then recognized Don Cox, President of the Massachusetts Military Support Foundation and Cape Cod Military Support Foundation, Donna Baldwin, and Steven Xiarhos for their efforts in support of Veterans and our active military and their families. President Hebert then offered comments on Public Comment prior to the start the evening's Public Comment session. Town Manager Mark Ells provided updates on the following items for the period January 10-23, 2020 during Town Manager Communications:

- Dan Santos, Director of Public Works, will provide an update on the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan.
- 2. We are proceeding with the tasks in the budget action calendar for FY 2021 as scheduled. We are actively meeting with staff to prepare the proposed FY 2021 Capital Improvement Budget for submission to Town Council on February 23, 2020. We plan to schedule the fiscal year 2021 rate hearing in late February or early March. For information on our fiscal year budgets please view the Town's Open Budget website at http://budget.townofbarnstable.us.

- 3. The Town of Barnstable has commenced a Town Wide Reappraisal Project (contracted services with Vision Government Solutions), and may request access to property in Barnstable. The first phase of the project is: 1) the inspection of all real property that have not been inspected within the last ten years (the Bureau of Local Assessment of the Department of Revenue requires all communities to perform periodic inspections of all real property within a TEN year cycle); and 2) a full field review of residential sales during calendar 2019 to be utilized in the FY2021 assessments (the Bureau of Local Assessment of the Department of Revenue requires all communities to perform a full reappraisal of all property every five years). We expect that this effort will continue through October 2020.
- 4. On Tuesday, January 21, 2020, I participated along with Mike Lauf, CEO Cape Cod Healthcare, and Dr. Mark Melnik, Director of Economic and Public Policy Research at the UMass Donahue Institute, in the 2020 Economic Summit hosted by the Greater Hyannis Chamber of Commerce.
- 5. On January 21, 2020, Town staff met with the Barnstable Village Association (BVA) to discuss parking concerns. As reported by staff the main issues discussed included parking, signage, and coordination with the County complex. The BVA is eager to have solutions in place prior to the start of the summer. Representatives of the village plan to meet with the County Administrator to discuss relevant issues and town staff will continue to work with the village to address issues in a timely manner.
- 6. Our Department of Public Works continue their efforts of public water supply well rehabilitation at the Mary Dunn #4 well site and are actively installing test wells on numerous sites across Barnstable. We plan to complete the test well drilling by the spring of 2020. Public Works provided Conservation Commission with an update on well drilling activities and continue meetings with the other water purveyors in Barnstable as we look comprehensively at water management. We shall continue to report our progress and findings relative to these efforts.
- 7. As part of proposed modifications to the Drinking Water Regulations, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) intends to set a Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) of 20 parts per trillion for Total PFAS (sum of 6 compounds). MassDEP is hosting a series of public hearings around the state beginning Thursday, January 23rd to describe the proposed modifications and solicit input. A meeting is schedule at 10:00 AM on Friday, January 24, 2020 at MassDEP's Boston Headquarters, One Winter Street, Boston, and on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at MassDEP's Southeast Regional Office, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville. We plan to attend and testify at these hearings.
- 8. Elizabeth Jenkins, Director of Planning and Development, will provide an overview of the Regulatory Agreements in Barnstable.

OLD BUSINESS Community Preservation Committee member Deborah Converse introduced Agenda Item 2020-068 Appropriation and Transfer Order in the amount of \$2.5 million in Community Preservation Funds to increase the number and availability of community housing units in the Town of Barnstable. Assistant Town Manager Andy Clyburn, who was joined by the Housing Trust Committee Members (Town Manager Mark Ells (Chair), Finance Director Mark Milne, Affordable Housing representative Laura Shufelt, and Economic Development representative Wendy Northcross), presented the rationale. The item was approved. DPW Director Dan Santos presented Agenda Item 2020-074 Appropriation and Transfer Order in the amount of \$16,500 for the Barnstable Department of Public Works Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Expense Budget for the purpose of funding maintenance at the former Cotuit Elementary School, located at 140 Old Oyster Road, Cotuit, MA which was approved. Community Preservation Committee member Deborah Converse introduced Agenda Item 2020-076 Appropriation Order in the amount of \$169,266.00 Community Preservation Funds for hard and soft costs associated with preservation, rehabilitation and restoration work to the West Barnstable Community Building located at 2377 Meetinghouse Way, West Barnstable, MA. Rationale for the item was presented by Town Architect Mark Marinaccio. The item was approved. NEW BUSINESS Community Services Director

Lynne Poyant presented <u>Agenda Item 2020-077</u> Authorization to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$1,500 to the Recreation Division from the Massachusetts Cultural Council's Local Cultural Council Grant Program for Student Art Spotlight Display Panels which was accepted. <u>Agenda Item 2020-078</u> Appointments to a Board/ Committee/ Commission: <u>Airport Commission</u>; <u>Housing Committee</u>; <u>Hyannis Main Street Waterfront Historic District Commission</u>; <u>Recreation Commission</u>; and <u>Shellfish Committee</u> received a First Reading and was referred to a Second Reading on February 6, 2020. The next Town Council meeting will be held on Thursday, <u>February 6</u>, 2020 at 7:00 PM in Barnstable Town Hall, James H. Crocker Jr. Hearing Room, 367 Main Street, Hyannis.

Notice from the Town Assessor

From now until October, representatives of Vision Government Solutions, who have been contracted to conduct the Fiscal Year 2021 Town Wide Reappraisal Project, may request access to your property. The first phase of the project is: 1) the inspection of all real property that have not been inspected within the last ten years (the Bureau of Local Assessment of the Department of Revenue requires all communities to perform periodic inspections of all real property every TEN years); and 2) a full field review of <u>residential sales during calendar 2019 to be utilized in the FY2021 assessments</u> (the Bureau of Local Assessment of the Department of Revenue requires all communities to perform a full reappraisal of all property every FIVE years).

The scope of this part of the project is to verify the property characteristics of sold properties in calendar year 2019. Accurate property data is a critical element in the development of uniform and equitable market values.

The representatives from Vision Government Solutions will have ID badges, a letter of introduction from the Town Director of Assessing, Edward F. O'Neil, MAA, and are registered with the Barnstable Police Department. The Board of Assessors and Vision Government Solutions appreciate your cooperation in providing the representative with access to your property or any information necessary to undertake this assignment. Please keep in mind that if your property characteristics are not accurate a less reliable assessment could result. If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact the Assessors' Office at 508-862-4022.

Rock Night for BIS Students is back at the HYCC this Friday night!



DPW's 2020 Snow & Ice Brochure

The 2020 Department of Public Works Snow and Ice Brochure is out. You can view the brochure here.

News from Marine & Environmental Affairs (MEA)

Renewal applications for Mooring and Mooring Waiting Lists have been mailed out for January. Mooring Waiting List deadline is February 15th at 4:15 PM, but since this falls on a Saturday the deadline will fall to the next business day (Tuesday, February 18th because of the Presidents' Day holiday) by 4:15 PM the renewal and payment needs to be at MEA, 1189 Phinney's Lane, Centerville, MA 02632 by that deadline. Mooring Permit Renewals are due by February 28, 2020 at 4:15 PM to the above address. Mooring deadlines link on the Town of Barnstable's website can be found here. Marina Slip Deposit Invoices have also been mailed out for January. The deposit is due by January 31, 2020 at 4:15 PM.

Barnstable Public Schools Open House – Wednesday, January 29, 2020



Housing Assistance Corporation is Now Taking Pre-applications for The Lofts at 57

The Town of Barnstable has expressed our commitment to the success of this important development and to our local non-profit housing collaborator Housing Assistance Corporation (HAC) with support from the Community Preservation Act and our municipal Affordable Housing Trust. The Lofts at 57 (57 Ridgewood Avenue, Hyannis, MA) include two income restricted affordable units and six market-rate apartments that are helping to fill an important gap in our local housing inventory often called "the missing middle." These six market rate apartments are not restricted to low-income households and they are not expensive, luxury units. The townhouses are arranged around a central green with private, off-street parking, creating a pocket neighborhood in a convenient location. All units include modern finishes, 1 ½ baths, full basement storage, and in-unit laundry hook-ups as well as coin-op laundry machines in a shared building space.

Rents for the market-rate one-bedroom units will be \$1,400 plus utilities. The two-bedroom units rent for \$1,800 plus utilities. Pre-applications are available on the <u>HAC website</u>. Applications for the restricted affordable units are also on the website. The one-bedroom affordable apartments will rent for \$1,200 and tenants cannot make more than 80% AMI (\$51,250 for a single person household).



The Barnstable Youth Commission is hosting its 4th Annual Youth Job Fair!

The Ready, Set, Work! Youth Job Fair is back again this coming year on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 from 2:30-4:30 PM at the HYCC. If you are looking to hire summer or year-round employees between the ages of 14 and 18, we welcome you to come join the fair this coming year. Please contact Amy Harwood at 508-862-4638 or Amy.Harwood@town.barnstable.ma.us if you are interested.

Vineyard Wind Information Sessions in the Town of Barnstable



Update on Water Quality Resource Management Efforts in Barnstable

Barnstable's Channel 18 has prepared a <u>YouTube playlist</u> of segments they have created on Water Quality Resource Efforts in the Town of Barnstable. The informative pieces include Town Manager Mark Ells talking about Water Quality Planning, Herring Run 2019, Cotuit Bay Dredging, Barnstable at Work – Hyannis Water Supply Division, Water Quality Testing in the Three Bays and more. At the January 3, 2019 Town Council meeting, DPW Director Dan Santos presented an <u>Update on Wastewater</u> <u>Management Efforts in Barnstable</u>. We thought we would share this important information again in this week's eNews. Mr. Santos' presentation can be viewed <u>here</u>. Additional updates have been provided at the <u>February 28, 2019 Town Council Meeting</u>, <u>March 21, 2019 Town Council Meeting</u>, <u>June 20, 2019 Town Council Meeting</u>, August 15, 2019 Town Council Meeting, as well as the <u>September 19, 2019 Town Council Meeting</u>. Here is the <u>link</u> for Finance Director Mark Milne's presentation to the Town Council at their October 3, 2019 meeting. DPW Director Dan Santos, joined by Assistant DPW Director Rob Steen and Town Engineer Griffin Beaudoin, presented the <u>Comprehensive Wastewater</u> <u>Management Plan</u> (CWMP) at the October 10, 2019 Town Council meeting. DPW Director Dan Santos provided an update on the CWMP during Town Manager Communications at the <u>November 21, 2019 Town Council meeting</u> and the <u>December 19, 2019 Town Council meeting</u>.

ROAD WORK UPDATES

As always please slow down and use extreme caution when traveling through the road construction areas and follow posted safety and detour signs.

NEW National Grid New Customer Hookups

Monday, January 27, 2020 Neuco crews will install gas service on Route 6A,



Barnstable. Tuesday, January 28, 2020 Neuco crews will install gas service on Ocean Avenue, Hyannis. Wednesday, January 29, 2020 Neuco crews will install gas service on Sea View Avenue, Osterville. Friday, January 31, 2020 Neuco crews will install gas service on Wintergreen Circle, Osterville. Typical natural gas service installation includes marking out underground utilities within the project area, excavation of the street, laying gas main, relaying customer's individual gas service and connecting those services to the main and installing meters. This project should take about two days to complete. Visit ngrid.com/service line to view a YouTube video explaining the replacement of the service pipe to customer homes. Operations will start promptly at 7:00 AM and run until 3:00

PM. Reduce speed, and use caution. All scheduled work is dependent on weather and/or may be impacted due to an emergency situation.

CONTINUES MassDOT Schedules Intersection Improvements at Falmouth Road (Route 28) at Osterville West Barnstable Road

Construction operations began on September 5, 2019, and will continue through to April 2021

MassDOT has commenced work on the intersection at Falmouth Road (Route 28) at Osterville West

Barnstable Road. The road has been redesigned to include exclusive left turn lanes and improve bicycle
and pedestrian accommodation as part of the proposed safety improvement work. The work to be done
consists of furnishing and installing of new traffic signal equipment at the intersection including
emergency vehicle pre-emption system, bicycle and vehicles loop detectors, construction of ADA
compliant wheelchair ramps, sidewalks, and driveways, box widening, pavement milling and resurfacing,

Hours of Operation (Day/Night): Monday through Friday 7:00 AM-3:30 PM. The initial work shall be done in four phases to allow access to local businesses for both vehicles and pedestrians. Traffic control will include all required signage, channeling devices for lane shifts and alternating one-way traffic as required. Police details/ flaggers will be used as needed.

new pavement markings and signs, drainage improvements, water distribution modifications, existing

For more information on traffic conditions travelers are encouraged to:

utility pole relocations, installation of granite curbing, loam and seeding.

- Dial 511 and select a route to hear real-time conditions.
- Visit <u>www.mass511.com</u>, a website which provides real-time traffic and incident advisory information, and allows users to subscribe to text and email alerts for traffic conditions.
- Follow MassDOT on Twitter @MassDOT to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions.

Download MassDOT's GoTime mobile app and view real-time traffic conditions before setting out on the road.

CONTINUES National Grid Service Road

Construction began on November 12, 2019; National Grid will be installing a new gas main on Service Road in Sandwich and Barnstable. Work is anticipated to begin at the Barnstable/Sandwich town line on Service Road and continue westerly along Service Road into Sandwich. Work will be performed at night, Monday through Friday from 6:00 PM to 6:00 AM. Service Road will be closed during those times and only accessible for abutters and emergency vehicles. The project is scheduled to be completed in November, 2020.

CONTINUES Main Street (Route 6A) and Mill Way in Barnstable Village

Construction is scheduled to continue through May 2020. Normal work hours will be 6:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. The project area is Main Street (Route 6A) from Rendezvous Lane to Mill Way, and Mill Way from Main Street to Barnstable Harbor Marina. The project objectives are to improve pedestrian access and overall traffic safety, rehabilitate aging infrastructure, and enhance the streetscape. The project scope includes new/improved sidewalks, landscaping, decorative street lighting in the village center, drainage, pavement, crosswalks, median islands, and traffic signals. Traffic will be maintained on these roads throughout construction. During active construction in the roadway, there will be lane closures with police details to direct traffic. Traffic delays may occur during lane closures. When required, detours will be posted and communicated with local businesses and residents. As always, please slow down and use extreme caution when traveling through the road construction areas, and follow posted safety and detour signs.

CONTINUES Sea Street, South Street, and Ocean Avenue in Hyannis

Construction is scheduled to continue into Spring 2020. Normal work hours will be 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday. The project area is Sea Street from Main Street to Ocean Avenue, Ocean Avenue from Sea Street to Keyes Memorial Beach, and the intersection of Sea Street & South

Street. Remaining work includes relocating overhead utility lines and removing obsolete utility poles — for which Eversource, Comcast, and Verizon are responsible; traffic signal adjustments and sidewalk work at the intersection of Sea Street & South Street; remaining work at the beach parking driveway; sidewalk reconstruction and street lights installation on the east side of Sea Street between Main Street and South Street, and on the west side of Sea Street between South Street and Ocean Avenue; placing the top layer of asphalt on the roads and remaining driveway aprons; permanent pavement markings; and various punch list items. Traffic will be maintained on these roads throughout construction. During active construction in the roadway, there will be lane closures with police details to direct traffic. Traffic delays may occur during lane closures. When required, detours will be posted and communicated with local businesses and residents. As always, please slow down and use extreme caution when traveling through the road construction areas, and follow posted safety and detour signs.

CONTINUES Route 149, Main Street, and River Road in Marstons Mills

Construction is scheduled to continue into Spring 2020. Normal work hours will be from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday. The project area is Route 149 from Mill Pond to Lovell's Lane, Main Street from Route 149 to the former elementary school, and River Road from Route 149 to the post office drive. Remaining work includes relocating overhead utility lines and removing obsolete utility poles – for which Comm-Tract, OpenCape, Comcast, and Verizon are responsible; installing colorized stamped asphalt crosswalk surfaces; installing fencing uphill from the new stone retaining wall; and various punch list items. Traffic will be maintained on these roads throughout construction. During active construction in the roadway, there will be lane closures with police details to direct traffic. Traffic delays may occur during lane closures. When required, detours will be posted and communicated with local businesses and residents. As always, please slow down and use extreme caution when traveling through the road construction areas, and follow posted safety and detour signs.

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

Barnstable Libraries' Corner

Visit a Town of 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

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 a resident of Barnstable and are interested, please consider submitting an application. The appointments committee consists of five Town Councilors who interview applicants and make recommendations to the Town Council. All Councilors then vote to appoint members at the Town Council meetings. 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 web page linked from the Town website and fill out the application. 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.

Looking for a Job? The Town of Barnstable is a Great Place to Work.

To see what positions are currently available, click here. Apply online by clicking on the job title you are interested in and click the "Apply" link. If this is the first time you are applying using the online job application, you need to create an account and select a username and password. After your account has been established, you can build an application by clicking on the "Build Job Application" link. This application can be saved and used to apply for more than one job opening.

Are you interested in the Bids and Request for Proposals (RFPs) the Town of Barnstable puts out?

Find all the Invitations for Bid and RFPs for the Town that are currently available to the public here.



e-News TRIVIA

Last Week's Question: When did Martin Luther King, Jr. Day become a holiday? John Perry was very fast to respond that Martin Luther King, Jr. Day was first observed in 1986 and that it was signed into law in 1983!

This Week's Question: Which President's campaign visit included a ride on the Old Colony Railroad from the Village of Hyannis all the way to its end at Provincetown? Please email your answer here.

Thank you for receiving and reading e-news each week!













