



Town Council Meeting December 5, 2013

A quorum being duly present, Council President Debra Dagwan called the December 5, 2013, Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Hearing Room of Town Hall, 367 Main St., Hyannis, MA.

PRESENT: Ann Canedy, Frederick Chirigotis, James Crocker, Jr., William Crocker, Jr., Jennifer Cullum, Sara Cushing, Debra Dagwan, Jessica Rapp Grasseti, Paul Hebert, John Norman, Eric Steinhilber, James Tinsley, Jr., Philip Wallace. **Absent:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Dagwan followed by a moment of silence keeping Nelson Mandela and his family in your prayers.

- **Lombard Trust Fund-an update from Trustee, the Honorable Joseph Reardon** gave an overview of the Lombard Trust; the joint sharing of information between all the organizations that give money to the needy; all but two properties are leased. Tremendous need on the part of our youth due to poverty. Lombard Trust funded some of the activities for the youth at the HYCC. (Exhibit A)

Councilor discussion:

- Number of tenants currently paying rent...9;
- Improvements on the properties due to longer term residents that are investing in the properties...yes;
- Average term of the lease? Maximum of 20 years, can extend for another ten years;
- Average rental income of the properties...7 ¾ % of the assessed property.
- Fiscal year 2012 over \$96,000 distributed to needy residents.

An announcement was made by President Dagwan 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.

- **Barnstable Youth Commission Presentation:** Elizabeth Ells, Chairperson, Colleen Morin, Vice Chairperson, and Samuel Spillane, Tech Advisor, gave an overview of the commission, the programs offered and the goals they wish to attain. Spillane honored

Anthony Beverly a person that brightened up the lives of all he came in contact with, he will be missed. (Exhibit B)

Councilor discussion:

- Share the Survey by sending the link to the Councilors to promote the survey;
- Invited the Youth Commission to speak to the Human Services Committee;
- Is bullying a problem within social media (face book); always a problem; twitter is also a problem (bullying).
- Bullying is less prevalent in the school, but more so in the social media.
- Great examples of what we love to see in our youth.
- Do you have any suggestion to get a higher attendance? Food; poetry; fashion shows; sports related events earlier in the afternoon; free throw contest; self defense demonstrations.

- **Human Services Committee Presentation:** Chairman, Scott Fitzgerald gave an overview of the Human Services Committee concerning all forms of substance abuse, the drug trade and the street drugs. All of the above are easily accessible in the Town of Barnstable. Fitzgerald introduced K.C. Myers, a reporter with the Cape Cod Times. Myers stated she wrote a series of articles about drugs. The substance abuse is at an epidemic level; but awareness is still low.

Councilor discussion:

- Drugs touches each of us
- Councilors will work on this issue
- The presence of Marijuana dispensaries may bring more abuse
- Diligence of the Barnstable Police department eliminating some synthetic drugs
- Pain medication is over prescribed; medical doctors and drug companies should be at this discussion
- Representative Hunt is actively involved in legislation treating the addiction as a disease instead of putting people in jail
- Check with other communities that are battling drugs, for ideas to combat the abuse;
- Five (5) schools that are completely drug free (nearest is Brockton)
- More support in the school systems, starting at an early age; stemming the tide;
- Whole package, mental illness, homelessness, alcoholism - we **need to tackle all of** them;
- Zero tolerance with drugs and alcohol;
- Work on a Resolve as a Council;
- No one wants to be addicted; can't let these substance abuse problems take over our community.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Alan Burt said National Homeless Persons Memorial Day is December 21st; Memorial Service is planned at the Federated Church; annual sleep out event is coming up; and a on December 10th a book signing at the Hyannis Public library. (Exhibit C)

- Patricia Persico from Sandwich, told the Councilors about her experience losing a child to drug abuse. We have to educate the kids early, this is an epidemic. There are warning signs, clean out your medicine cabinet. “Overtaken” documentary should be seen by all school children.
- Janice McGrory told the Councilors how her daughter Liz lost her life to a drug overdose. She started as a sophomore in high school. Educate the kids in school, and the parents in the community, along with the students and leaders in the community.

Close public comment

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Councilor Tinsley wants to see the buy in at the medical centers. Doctors are not educated about addiction. Changes need to happen at the health facility.
- Councilor Dagwan the Doctors who are not educated regarding drug abuse, gives us concern regarding the medical marijuana treatment facilities; the Health Department is exploring this issue.
- Councilor Cullum happy to see how much support there is on the Council to help mitigate the problem.

ACT ON MINUTES: (Includes Executive Session)

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2013 meeting as written

VOTE: Passed unanimous

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

Councilor Norman gave an overview of the Credit for Life Fair. This is a great program. Students have a real life experience with budgeting and income. The student is told what their income will be and then are required to work around that number to provide housing, a car, and clothing. As they walk around the room, they find out how quickly the money dissipates.

Councilor Chirigotis spoke about the Thanksgiving Day football game that Barnstable won. Traditionally the home school band puts on a breakfast for the opposing teams band. Barnstable was proud and happy to own the selectman’s cup again this year.

Councilor Hebert stated that the BHA has 12 new affordable units; major concern takes about 7 to 12 years to get a project going. We need more affordable rental housing.

Councilor Tinsley went to the Menorah lighting at the mall; it was a touching Hanukkah ceremony.

Councilors Rapp Grassetto, J. Crocker, Wallace, Dagwan, and Canedy: spoke about Christmas events, fairs and food happenings in their villages.

Councilor Canedy is working with a group to protect dogs in the extreme cold of winter...she will present to the Council in a couple of weeks.

Councilor discussion:

NStar spraying, is going to begin, Massachusetts Agriculture Resource Department is allowing the spraying. We have 45 days to make some noise regarding herbicide spraying. We need to speak up by January 3rd; Board of Health needs to come up with a strong position; lead by example; be good stewards of our own property. Pull our own records to make sure we are not using the same sprays; per NStar the chemicals they use are only 1% of the actual pollutants that are used annually; alternative is clear cutting; creates other issues. Schedule a workshop; protect our citizens, environment, and our water supply.

As a Council we should send a letter to the legislature to close the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station; make sure it is appropriately closed; send a support letter to the Town of Plymouth; put on a future agenda.

Mark Milne, Finance Director, gave an update on the bond sale; competitive process to finance the FY2014 capital improvement program; the winning bidder FTN out of Tennessee.

Councilor Canedy gave update on the MMA upcoming weekend in Boston of seminars and workshops; packet is in the folder; good ideas, important event; fosters good relationships between councilors and selectmen.

Councilor J. Crocker stated at the MMA conference there is copious information; get the classes you want; split up into groups; all pertinent; number of opportunities and insights.

Councilor Chirigotis said the Annual Massachusetts Municipal Association conference Jan 24 and 25; begins Friday am, really important issues of every town; strong delegation; selectmen, councilors, all facing the same issues.

2014-042 AUTHORIZING THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO SIGN THE GRANT ASSURANCES, \$401,588.00 AWARDED TO THE BARNSTABLE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT INTRO: 12/05/13

Bud Breault, Airport Manager gave the rationale with a slide show presentation. (Exhibit D)

Councilor discussion:

Projects are on going; place looks fabulous; unused funds what happens to them; grant assurances; sequestration, where do we stand; ask for money two

years in advance to cover soft costs.

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was

RESOLVED: That the Town Council does hereby authorize the Town Council President to sign the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Aeronautics Division Grant Assurances for a grant award dated October 9, 2013 to the Barnstable Municipal Airport in the amount of Four Hundred One Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars and No Cents (\$401,588.00), for the engineering design and construction costs to reconstruct and realign Taxiway Alpha (A) and other airfield improvements at the Barnstable Municipal Airport.

VOTE: Passed Unanimous

<p>2014 -043 AUTHORIZING THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO SIGN THE GRANT ASSURANCES, \$67,875.00 AWARDED TO THE BARNSTABLE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT INTRO: 12/05/2013</p>

Bud Breault, Airport Manager, gave the rationale.

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was

RESOLVED: That the Town Council does hereby authorize the Town Council President to sign the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Aeronautics Division Grant Assurances for a grant award dated October 9, 2013 to the Barnstable Municipal Airport in the amount of Sixty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars and No Cents (\$67,875.00), for the engineering design and construction of the Runway 6 Engineered Material Arresting System (EMAS) at the Barnstable Municipal Airport.

VOTE: Passed Unanimous

TOWN MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS:

- ✓ The 50th Commemoration of the JFK Assassination
- ✓ Armory legislation signed into law
- ✓ CPR Grant
- ✓ Capital Improvement Program review
- ✓ Hyannis Pump out Station
- ✓ Community Garden plans
- ✓ Proceeding with ePermitting services
- ✓ Stone Antiques donating property to the town
- ✓ Annual years of service recognition

Assistant Town Manager, Mark Ells:

Ells gave an update of the Shooting range. The purchasing office is reviewing the two premium offers; hiring process is progressing for employees; provide assurance how in the future we will remove the shooting range from conservation lands; find a substitute location on town land; strategizing with the Conservation Commission.

▪ **Town Council Nominations for the Election of Officers**

Office of President:	Nominated By:	Seconded:
1. Dagwan	Tinsley	Cullum
2. Rapp Grassetti	J. Crocker	Canedy
3. Canedy	Norman	Wallace

Office of Vice President:	Nominated By:	Seconded:
1. Rapp Grassetti	Cullum	Chirigotis
2. Canedy	Norman	Steinhilber

The election will proceed at the Council's next meeting on December 19th.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

VOTED to adjourn.

Unanimous

Adjourned at 10:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Quirk, CMC
Town Clerk – Town of Barnstable

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: December 19, 2013

Exhibits:

- A Lombard Trust Fund Expenditures
- B Barnstable Youth Commission
- C Alan Burt
- D Barnstable Municipal Airport