

Town Council Meeting

June 25, 2026

A quorum being duly present, President Craig Tamash called the June 25, 2026, Town Council meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

An announcement was made by President Tamash 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 8 or Channel 1072.

PRESENT: Charles Bloom, Seth Burdick, Kristine Clark, William Crocker, Jr., Thomas Keane, Betty Ludtke, Barry Sheingold, Craig Tamash

ZOOM: Gordon Starr, John Crow (6:35 PM) **ABSENT:** Lisa DaLuz, Matthew Levesque,

Councilor Ludtke introduced and welcomed, veteran Harold L. Robinson to lead the Pledge of Allegiance followed by President Tamash who asked all to remain standing for a Moment of Silence for recently deceased Town Councilor Felicia Penn.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

President Tamash asked all who would like to comment, to sign in, wait to be recognized by the presiding officer, and direct your three-minute comments to the Town Council. Written comments are always welcome please email at Councilist@barnstable.gov.

Eric Schwaab spoke about 307 Main Street and his disappointment that it is going forward. He said, "Felicia would have cried." Hyannis has suffered enough, knocking down the oldest bank in Hyannis. Felicia had an enduring love for Hyannis. We asked for help to stop building in Hyannis. She guided us every step of the way. You have to start respecting Hyannis' residents.

Mike Farrell one of the things that bother me, is the AC unit outside this building. That is a rented unit, that costs money. Here it is second year in a row. Concerned about way we have to get the beach sticker; you must do this in the mail or online. If there is no lifeguard, there should be no fee.

Roberta Mauch thank you for your service. Spoke about Felicia who led with honesty, without prejudice. This town needs people like her. She spoke about lack of sidewalks around the rotary. Why are parking spaces getting tighter. Grateful to live in Hyannis, we are adults, be proud of the decisions we make.

ZOOM:

Henry Ramage said one of the biggest things I have noticed is our sidewalks. We need to stay on top of the sidewalks keeping up with the maintenance.

Close public Comment

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

(Ludtke) she thanked all that spoke during public comment. She took a bike ride toward the High School going around the west end rotary was scary. We have such high fees, if you have paid for your sticker, you should be able to go to the beach.

TOWN MANAGER'S COMMUNICATIONS: (Pre-Recorded) The Town Manager's report has been pre-recorded and is available to the Town Council and the public. The report will be prepared in written form and posted on the Town Manager's website. The Town Manager and staff will be available to answer any questions regarding the report as presented. **(Exhibit A)**

MINUTES:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to accept the minutes of June 11, 2026, as presented.

VOTE: PASSES 10 YES

ROLL CALL: BLOOM, BURDICK, CLARK, CROCKER, CROW, KEANE, LUDTKE, SHEINGOLD, STARR, TAMASH

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

(Ludtke) thanked all those who spoke this evening. She said she rode her bike down West Main Street and said it was scary. (Clark) asked Jim Kupfer to explain what is going on for the 4th of July. Music and reading of the Declaration of Independence, on the 2nd of July. (Kupfer) live entertainment, Hyannis Harbor Boat Parade, Harbor Hawks game, drone fireworks show. Trolleys in the downtown area, added parking lots for overflow. ADA parking in the Armory parking lot and all the information is on the Town website.

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2026-214 RESOLVE AUTHORIZING FOUR MEACHAM-CRAWFORD SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS TO TOWN OF BARNSTABLE GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THEIR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION TUITION COSTS INTRO: 06/25/2026
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Mark Ells, Town Manager, gave the rationale and congratulated the winners of the Meacham- Crawford Fund scholarship award.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council does hereby authorize, in accordance with the last will and testament of Edward C. Crawford, four separate \$10,000 scholarship awards from the Meacham-Crawford Fund on behalf of four Town of Barnstable High School students, living in the Town at the time of their graduation, to help defray part of the cost of the tuition for their attendance at an accredited post-secondary educational institution, with each award being paid directly to such institution by the Town, on behalf of the recipient, as follows:

Brian Uhlman - \$10,000
Jack Bertling - \$10,000
Ava Przygoda - \$10,000
Harry Clark - \$10,000

VOTE: PASSES 10 YES

ROLL CALL: BLOOM, BURDICK, CLARK, CROCKER, CROW, KEANE, LUDTKE, SHEINGOLD, STARR, TAMASH

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was to refer Items 2026-212, 2026-213, 2026-217, 2026-218 and 2026-219 as written, to a Second Reading to be held on each item at the Town Council meeting on July 16, 2026

VOTE: PASSES 10 YES

ROLL CALL: BLOOM, BURDICK, CLARK, CROCKER, CROW, KEANE, LUDTKE, SHEINGOLD, STARR, TAMASH

2026-212 APPOINTMENTS TO A BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION INTRO: 06/25/2026

RESOLVED: the Town Council appoints the following individuals to a multiple-member Board/Committee/Commission: **District Improvement Financing Committee:** Satchel Douglas, as a resident representing Precinct 9; Elizabeth Young, as a resident representing Precinct 13

VOTE: TO A 2ND READ ON 07/16/2026-PASSES

ROLL CALL: BLOOM, BURDICK, CLARK, CROCKER, CROW, KEANE, LUDTKE, SHEINGOLD, STARR, TAMASH

2026-213 REAPPOINTMENTS TO A BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION INTRO: 06/25/2026

RESOLVED: That the Town Council reappoints the following individuals to a multiple-member Board/Committee/Commission: **Board of Health:** F.P.Tom Lee, as a regular member, to a term expiring 06/30/2029; **Conservation Commission:** John Abodeely, as a regular member to a term expiring 06/30/2029; **Disability Commission:** Paul Logan, as a regular member to a term expiring 06/30/2029

VOTE: TO A 2ND READ ON 07/16/2026 – PASSES 10 YES

ROLL CALL: BLOOM, BURDICK, CLARK, CROCKER, CROW, KEANE, LUDTKE, SHEINGOLD, STARR, TAMASH

2026-217 ORDER AUTHORIZING GRANTS OF EASEMENTS FOR GAS FACILITIES TO SERVE THREE SEWER PUMP STATIONS ON TOWN-OWNED LAND INTRO: 06/25/2026

ORDERED: That the Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager, on behalf of the Town, as part of a negotiated transaction and for nominal monetary consideration, to grant perpetual easements to the Boston Gas Company, doing business as National Grid, or one of its related entities for the installation and operation of natural gas facilities to serve the following Town-owned land and easement areas described as follows:

- Upon a portion of the land located at 990 Shootflying Road in Centerville, shown as Assessor Parcel 211-006, and described in an order of taking recorded at the Barnstable Land Registration Office of the Land Court as Document No. 1,500,742, an easement area comprised of 580± square feet as shown on a plan captioned “Gas Easement Exhibit Plan” “990 Shootflying Road (Centerville Village) Barnstable, Massachusetts”, prepared by the Town of Barnstable, Department of Public Works, dated March 27, 2026, and attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- Upon a portion of the land located at 567 Shootflying Road in Centerville, shown as Assessor Parcel 193-024, referred to in an instrument recorded at the Barnstable County Registry of Deeds (the “Registry”) in Book 17994, Page 303, being described as Parcel III in a deed recorded at the Registry in Book 4121, Page 301, and shown as Lot 2 on a plan recorded at the Registry in Plan Book 107, Page 43, an easement area comprised of 330± square feet as shown on a plan captioned “Gas Easement Exhibit Plan” “567 Shootflying Road (Centerville Village) Barnstable, Massachusetts”, prepared by the Town of Barnstable, Department of Public Works, dated March 12, 2026, and attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- Upon a portion of the land referred to as 20A Phinney’s Lane in Centerville, shown as Assessor Parcel 209-123, described an order of taking recorded at the Registry in Book 35861, Page 95, and shown on a plan recorded at the Registry in Plan Book 700, Page 80, an easement area consisting of 2,489± square feet as shown on a plan captioned “Gas Easement Exhibit Plan” “Portion of Assessors Map 209 Lot 123 Centerville Village, Barnstable, MA”, prepared by the Town of Barnstable, Department of Public Works, dated April 29, 2026, and attached hereto as Exhibit A.

The Town Manager is authorized to negotiate, accept, sign, deliver and record any documents, and may make minor modifications to the easement areas and the plans as necessary to effectuate this Order and complete the easement transactions.

VOTE: TO A 2ND READ ON 07/16/2026 – PASSES 10 YES

ROLL CALL: BLOOM, BURDICK, CLARK, CROCKER, CROW, KEANE, LUDTKE, SHEINGOLD, STARR, TAMASH

2026-218 ORDER AUTHORIZING GRANTS OF EASEMENTS FOR ELECTRIC FACILITIES TO SERVE THREE SEWER PUMP STATIONS ON TOWN-OWNED LAND INTRO: 06/25/2026

ORDERED: That the Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager, on behalf of the Town, as part of a negotiated transaction and for nominal monetary consideration, to grant perpetual easements to NSTAR Electric Company, doing business as Eversource Energy, or one of its related entities for the installation and operation of an overhead line, utility pole and underground line for the distribution of electricity, related lines for control, relay and communication purposes, and associated at-grade appurtenances, including manholes, and associated parking areas, as applicable, to serve the following Town-owned land within the easement areas described as follows:

- Upon a portion of the land located at 990 Shootflying Road in Centerville, shown as Assessor Parcel 211-006, and described in an order of taking recorded at the Barnstable Land Registration Office of the Land Court as Document No. 1,500,742, an easement area comprised of an electric easement consisting of 745± square feet and a parking easement consisting of 786± square feet as shown on a plan captioned “Electric and Parking Easement Exhibit Plan” “990 Shootflying Road (Centerville Village) Barnstable, Massachusetts”, prepared by the Town of Barnstable, Department of Public Works, dated April 14, 2026, and attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- Upon a portion of the land located at 567 Shootflying Road in Centerville, shown as Assessor Parcel 193-027, referred to in an instrument recorded at the Barnstable County Registry of Deeds (the “Registry”) in Book 17994, Page 303, being described as Parcel III in a deed recorded at the Registry in Book 4121, Page 301, and shown as Lot 2 on a plan recorded at the Registry in Plan Book 107, Page 43, an easement area comprised of an electric easement consisting of 764± square feet and a parking easement consisting of 547± square feet as shown on a plan captioned “Electric and Parking Easement Exhibit Plan” “567 Shootflying Road (Centerville Village) Barnstable, Massachusetts”, prepared by the Town of Barnstable, Department of Public Works, dated April 13, 2026, and attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- Upon a portion of the land referred to as 20A Phinney’s Lane in Centerville, shown as Assessor Parcel 209-123, described in an order of taking recorded at the Registry in Book 35861, Page 95, and shown on a plan recorded at the Registry in Plan Book 700, Page 80, an electric easement area consisting of 4,171± square feet as shown on a plan captioned “Electric Easement Exhibit Plan” “Portion of Assessors Map 209 Lot 123 Centerville Village, Barnstable, MA”, prepared by the Town of Barnstable, Department of Public Works, dated April 28, 2026, and attached hereto as Exhibit A.

The Town Manager is authorized to negotiate, accept, sign, deliver and record any documents, and may make minor modifications to the easement areas and the plans as necessary to effectuate this Order and complete the easement transactions.

VOTE: TO A 2ND READ ON 07/16/2026 – PASSES 10 YES

ROLL CALL: BLOOM, BURDICK, CLARK, CROCKER, CROW, KEANE, LUDTKE, SHEINGOLD, STARR, TAMASH

2026-219 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF AN EASEMENT FOR SEWER PURPOSES ON LAND AT 272 SOUTH MAIN STREET IN CENTERVILLE INTRO: 06/25/2026

ORDERED: That the Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager, on behalf of the Town, for monetary consideration of **\$35,000**, using funds previously appropriated under Item No. 2026-108, passed March 26, 2026, to purchase or take by eminent domain pursuant to Chapter 79 of the General Laws, as part of a negotiated transaction, for sewer purposes, including the construction and operation of sewer lines, infrastructure and a sewer pump station, a perpetual, exclusive easement under, across and on a portion of the land located at 272 South Main Street in Centerville and being a portion of Assessor Parcel 207-109. The easement area consists of 4,641± square feet as shown on a “Sewer Easement Exhibit Plan”, dated October 30, 2025, prepared by the JC Engineering Inc, and attached hereto as Exhibit A. The Town Manager may make minor changes to the easement area, as shown on the plan, to effectuate this Order.

It is further ordered that, following the Town's purchase or taking of the above-referenced easement, the Town Manager, on behalf of the Town, for nominal or no monetary consideration, is hereby authorized to grant easements to and otherwise authorize utility providers to access and install services in the easement area, as determined necessary by the Town for the exercise of the rights acquired or taken for sewer purposes, including connections for water, sewer, electric, telephone and intelligence services. The Town Manager is hereby further authorized, on behalf of the Town, to negotiate, accept, sign, deliver and record any instruments or plans as necessary to effectuate this Order and complete the transactions authorized herein.

VOTE: TO A 2ND READ ON 07/16/2026 – PASSES 10 YES

ROLL CALL: BLOOM, BURDICK, CLARK, CROCKER, CROW, KEANE, LUDTKE, SHEINGOLD, STARR, TAMASH

2026-188 APPROPRIATION ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,157,921 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE TOWN'S FISCAL YEAR 2027 INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT BUDGET
INTRO: 05/28/2026, 06/11/2026, 06/18/2026

Gareth Markwell, Assistant Finance Director, gave the rationale
Open public hearing seeing no one, no one online close public hearing

Discussion:

(Ludtke) are the fees completely covered for the rental properties (Florence) Yes, (Ludtke) any expenditures for the stretch code? (Florence) we will be looking the building fees, they are outdated, need to be revisited this fall.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

ORDERED: That the sum of **\$3,157,921** be appropriated for the purpose of funding the Town's Fiscal Year 2027 Inspectional Services Department Budget, and to meet such appropriation, that **\$3,085,814** be raised from current year revenues, and that **\$72,107** be provided from the General Fund Reserves, as presented to the Town Council by the Town Manager.

VOTE: PASSES 10 YES

ROLL CALL: BLOOM, BURDICK, CLARK, CROCKER, CROW, KEANE, LUDTKE, SHEINGOLD, STARR, TAMASH

2026-189 APPROPRIATION ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,459,418 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE TOWN'S FISCAL YEAR 2027 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT BUDGET
INTRO: 05/28/2026, 06/11/2026, 06/18/2026

Gareth Markwell, Assistant Finance Director, gave the rationale
Open public hearing seeing no one, no one online close public hearing

Discussion:

(Ludtke) what are the weeds in the water, can that be regionalized, can we get support from the County. (Kupfer) we can certainly have a good discussion with the team. This is the end of a three year request.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

ORDERED: That the sum of **\$2,459,418** be appropriated for the purpose of funding the Town's Fiscal Year 2027 Planning and Development Department Budget, and to meet this appropriation that **\$2,164,601** be raised from current year revenues, that **\$55,000** be provided from the Wetlands Protection Special Revenue Fund, that **\$183,660** be provided from the Bismore Park Special Revenue Fund, and **\$56,157** be provided from the General Fund Reserves, as presented to the Town Council by the Town Manager.

VOTE: PASSES 10 YES

ROLL CALL: BLOOM, BURDICK, CLARK, CROCKER, CROW, KEANE, LUDTKE, SHEINGOLD, STARR, TAMASH

2026-190 APPROPRIATION ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$273,810 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE TOWN'S FISCAL YEAR 2027 TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET INTRO: 05/28/2026, 06/11/2026, 06/18/2026

Open public hearing

Gareth Markwell, Assistant Finance Director, gave the rationale seeing no one; no one online close public hearing

Discussion:

(Keane) which enterprise funds are paying for this (Markwell) all of them.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

ORDERED: That the sum of **\$273,810** be appropriated for the purpose of funding the Town's Fiscal Year 2027 Town Council Budget and to meet such appropriation, that **\$273,810** be raised from current year revenue, as presented to the Town Council by the Town Manager.

VOTE: PASSES 10 YES

ROLL CALL: BLOOM, BURDICK, CLARK, CROCKER, CROW, KEANE, LUDTKE, SHEINGOLD, STARR, TAMASH

2026-191 APPROPRIATION ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,454,093 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE TOWN'S FISCAL YEAR 2027 TOWN MANAGER BUDGET INTRO: 05/28/2026, 06/11/2026, 06/18/2026

Gareth Markwell, Assistant Finance Director, gave the rationale

Open public hearing seeing no one; no one online close public hearing

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

ORDERED: That the sum of **\$1,454,093** be appropriated for the purpose of funding the Town's Fiscal Year 2027 Town Manager Budget and to meet such appropriation, that **\$1,420,891** be raised from current year's revenues, and that **\$33,202** be provided from the General Fund Reserves, as presented to the Town Council by the Town Manager.

VOTE: PASSES 10 YES

ROLL CALL: BLOOM, BURDICK, CLARK, CROCKER, CROW, KEANE, LUDTKE, SHEINGOLD, STARR, TAMASH

2026-192 APPROPRIATION ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,114,808 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE TOWN'S FISCAL YEAR 2027 PUBLIC, EDUCATION & GOVERNMENT (PEG) ACCESS CHANNELS ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET INTRO: 05/28/2026, 06/11/2026, 06/18/2026

Open public hearing

Gareth Markwell, Assistant Finance Director, gave the rationale seeing no one; no one online close public hearing

Discussion:

(Ludtke) this has come before with the cable, no plus or minus (Markwell) we have seen that deficit increase, contractual obligations (Ludtke) what is a sustainable way forward (Markwell) going forward into a new contract to revisit the expenses, point of evaluation we may need to access general fund to help pay for this (Ludtke) do we track how many of the town official meetings are watched or the podcasts (Poyant) during our last contract negotiations we added capital to our budget, watching our video on demand, we can track, everything we do is uploaded to the Youtube channel. (Ludtke) with resources dwindling, it is difficult

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

ORDERED: That the sum of **\$1,114,808** be appropriated for the purpose of funding the Town's Fiscal Year 2027 Public, Education & Government (PEG) Access Channels Enterprise Fund Budget, and to

meet such appropriation, that **\$869,871** be raised from the PEG Enterprise Fund Revenues, and that **\$244,937** be provided from the PEG Enterprise Fund Reserves, as presented to the Town Council by the Town Manager.

VOTE: PASSES 10 YES

ROLL CALL: BLOOM, BURDICK, CLARK, CROCKER, CROW, KEANE, LUDTKE, SHEINGOLD, STARR, TAMASH

2026-193 APPROPRIATION ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,048,060 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE TOWN'S FISCAL YEAR 2027 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT BUDGET INTRO: 05/28/2026, 06/11/2026, 06/18/2026
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Open public hearing

Gareth Markwell, Assistant Finance Director, gave the rationale
seeing no one; no one online close public hearing

Discussion:

(Sheingold) outside legal was over half a million dollars for last year (Nober) the moneys that were previously voted are being carried over no new appropriation (Nober) between about 5 to 8 hundred thousand dollars, did anticipate coming back for litigation (Sheingold) this will cover this year (Nober) does anticipate coming back, we have to be fully funded for outside legal (Ludtke) 79% of the Assessing budget is from penalties or fees (Markwell) interest earnings and interest and penalties from delinquent tax collections (Ludtke) wasn't there a big effort to collect on this (Markwell) Town Treasurer/Collector uses outside counsel to collect these fees. (Keane) legal budget, not seeing the outside contracted expenses in this budget am I misreading that (Nober) there were two very large appropriations by the council, they are carrying over (Keane) carry over should appear in the budget (Markwell) you will see us coming forward if we need additional budget (Keane) significant carry over, we should see that here in this budget (Milne) you don't see the outside legal budget, it is in the previous budget not part of the FY27 budget, they are from FY26 budget. (Keane) incumbrances payable due but not yet paid (Milne) money we have set aside (Ells) we can't obligate to a contract without the money. Carries forward until it is closed out, anything left over, it goes back to the general fund. (Sheingold) the budgeting practice of budgeting outside counsel expenses, what is the practice of the town or the norm for municipalities (Milne) We are in a discovery phase, with expert witnesses coming in, we don't know what the next step will be, until we know how this will go, you bring forward funding for these circumstances. Supplemental appropriations for these types of things (Nober) we approach this with ensuring we have funding in place for provide for the services (Sheingold) on the municipal side you don't want to budget until you need it (Ludtke) Outside budget if very small compared to what? (Nober) not compared to anything, pays for small assignments from outside counsel. (Ludtke) you have outside counsel on call for little things (Nober) no if we have an issue that comes up, and we think it would help the town to get outside counsel (Ludtke) what is the dollar figure (Nober) \$17,000

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

ORDERED: That the sum of **\$9,048,060** be appropriated for the purpose of funding the Town's Fiscal Year 2027 Administrative Services Department Budget, and to meet such appropriation, that **\$8,835,208** be raised from current year revenue, and that **\$212,852** be provided from the General Fund Reserves, as presented to the Town Council by the Town Manager.

VOTE: PASSES 10 YES

ROLL CALL: BLOOM, BURDICK, CLARK, CROCKER, CROW, KEANE, LUDTKE, SHEINGOLD, STARR, TAMASH

2026-194 APPROPRIATION ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE TOWN COUNCIL'S FISCAL YEAR 2027 RESERVE FUND INTRO: 05/28/2026, 06/11/2026, 06/18/2026

Gareth Markwell, Assistant Finance Director, gave the rationale

Open public hearing, seeing no one; no one online close public hearing

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

ORDERED: That the sum of **\$250,000** be appropriated for the purpose of funding the Town Council's Fiscal Year 2027 Reserve Fund and to meet such appropriation, that **\$250,000** be provided from the General Fund Reserves.

VOTE: PASSES 10 YES

ROLL CALL: BLOOM, BURDICK, CLARK, CROCKER, CROW, KEANE, LUDTKE, SHEINGOLD, STARR, TAMASH

**2026-195 APPROPRIATION ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$62,794,395 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE TOWN'S FISCAL YEAR 2027 OTHER REQUIREMENTS BUDGET INTRO:
05/28/2026, 06/11/2026, 06/18/2026**

Gareth Markwell, Assistant Finance Director, gave the rationale
Open public hearing, seeing no one; no one online close public hearing
(Tamash) recused, Vice President, Clark continued the meeting

Discussion:

(Ludtke) the celebrations budget did that go up or down from last year (Milne) it has been reduced (Ludtke) barely covers what we are doing how was that decision made (Milne) discretionary expense do to our financial situation we can trim the budget and provide accurate funding for celebrations (Ludtke) does this have to do with the drone show (Milne) we paid for the drone show within this budget (Keane) health insurance going up what do you project for the future (Markwell) saw rate increases of 12 %, the municipal health group bought down the balance to 8% with reserves, unknown area, (Keane) no longer covering GLP-1 (Markwell) coverage of GLP-1 is only for diabetes (Sheingold) employee benefits is this for all the employees, in a different department, (Markwell) the enterprise funds, within the other categories, within the other requirements category (Sheingold) how does that work with enterprise funds (Markwell) part of the indirect cost calculation, actual dollars are transferred. (Clark) that is a big hit on the cherry sheets and tax recap (Markwell) a cost we incur, not subject to appropriation (Clark) why is it such a big impact (Markwell) always going to be around the same amount.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

ORDERED: That the sum of **\$62,794,395** be appropriated for the purpose of funding the Town's Fiscal Year 2027 Other Requirements Budget, and to meet such appropriation, that **\$59,704,997** be raised from current year revenue, that **\$170,000** be provided from the Pension Reserve Trust Fund, and that **\$2,919,398** be provided from the General Fund Reserves, as presented to the Town Council by the Town Manager.

VOTE: PASSES 9 YES

ROLL CALL: BLOOM, BURDICK, CLARK, CROCKER, CROW, KEANE, LUDTKE, SHEINGOLD, STARR

**2026-196 APPROPRIATION ORDER FOR THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS FOR THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND PROGRAM SET-ASIDES AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES INTRO:
05/28/2026, 06/11/2026, 06/18/2026**

Open public hearing
Gareth Markwell, Assistant Finance Director, gave the rationale
seeing no one; no one online close public hearing
(Tamash returned to dais)

Discussion:

(Ludtke) what if a group of voters say we don't want to do this anymore (Nober) there is a way to do it (Milne) if people wanted to remove this the council would have to vote to go to a ballot initiative

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

ORDERED: That, pursuant to the provisions of General Law Chapter 44B Section 6, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, the following sums of the annual revenues of the Community Preservation Fund be set aside for further appropriation and expenditure for the following purposes: **\$532,827** for open space and recreation; **\$532,827** for historic resources; **\$532,827** for community housing; **\$3,478,784** for a budget reserve, and that the sum of **\$250,000** be appropriated from the annual revenues of the Community Preservation Fund for the administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee, to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager or the Community Preservation Committee with the prior approval of the Town Manager.

VOTE: PASSES 10 YES

ROLL CALL: BLOOM, BURDICK, CLARK, CROCKER, CROW, KEANE, LUDTKE, SHEINGOLD, STARR, TAMASH

Break 8:00 to 8:10

2026-197 APPROPRIATION ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,450 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS INTRO: 05/28/2026, 06/11/2026, 06/18/2026

Gareth Markwell, Assistant Finance Director, gave the rationale
Open public hearing seeing no one; no one online close public hearing

Discussion:

(Clark) how many more years (Markwell) four more years

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

ORDERED: That the sum of **\$65,450** be appropriated for the purpose of paying the Fiscal Year 2027 Community Preservation Fund Debt Service Requirements, and to meet such appropriation, that **\$65,450** be provided from the reserves for the Historic Preservation Program within the Community Preservation Fund.

VOTE: PASSES 10 YES

ROLL CALL: BLOOM, BURDICK, CLARK, CROCKER, CROW, KEANE, LUDTKE, SHEINGOLD, STARR, TAMASH

2026-198 FISCAL YEAR 2026 SPENDING LIMITATIONS REVOLVING FUNDS INTRO: 05/28/2026, 06/11/2026, 06/25/2026

Gareth Markwell, Assistant Finance Director, gave the rationale

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

RESOLVED: That the Town Council hereby authorizes the following spending limitations for Fiscal Year 2027 Revolving Funds:

Senior Services Classroom Education Fund - **\$100,000**

Recreation Program Fund - **\$325,000**

Shellfish Propagation Fund - **\$200,000**

Consumer Protection Fund - **\$600,000**

Geographical Information Technology Fund - **\$10,000**

Arts and Culture Program Fund - **\$50,000**

Asset Management Fund - **\$500,000**

Electric Vehicle Charging Station Fund - **\$300,000**

VOTE: PASSES 10 YES

ROLL CALL: BLOOM, BURDICK, CLARK, CROCKER, CROW, KEANE, LUDTKE, SHEINGOLD, STARR, TAMASH

2026-201 ORDER AMENDING ARTICLE II, SEWER ASSESSMENTS, CHAPTER 184 SEWERS AND WATER OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES INTRO: 05/28/2026, 06/11/2026, 06/18/2026

Open public hearing
Town Attorney Karen Nober gave the rationale
seeing no one; no one online close public hearing

Discussion:

(Keane) one of the recommendations made by the Comprehensive Financial Advisory Committee, it is a reasonable recommendation. Someone getting sewerred this year should not pay the same money as someone ten years from now, this will take effect in July 2028 (Nober) the percentage change could be a negative percentage change, in the event that it is negative.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded provided that in the event that the percentage change is negative no change shall be made

(Sheingold) that would be on a year-by-year basis (Nober) Yes

VOTE: ON THE AMENDMENT PASSES 9 YES, 1 NO (LUDTKE)

ROLL CALL: BLOOM, BURDICK, CLARK, CROCKER, CROW, KEANE, LUDTKE, SHEINGOLD, STARR, TAMASH

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

ORDERED: That Article II, Sewer Assessments, Chapter 184 Sewers and Water, of the General Ordinances of the Code of the Town of Barnstable shall be amended by deleting the last two sentences of § 184-9.5(A) and inserting the following new sentences in their place:

“Commencing July 1, 2027, and annually thereafter, the initial maximum amount shall be adjusted as of July 1 of each year by the percentage change in the Engineering News-Record (ENR) Construction Cost Index for Boston for the immediately preceding year ending June 30, as determined by the Town Manager. The Town Manager shall post the adjusted maximum amount on the Town website each year on or before August 1, **provided in the event that the percentage change is negative no change shall be made.**”

VOTE: ON THE MAIN MOTION AS AMENDMENT PASSES 9 YES, 1 NO (LUDTKE)

ROLL CALL: BLOOM, BURDICK, CLARK, CROCKER, CROW, KEANE, LUDTKE, SHEINGOLD, STARR, TAMASH

2026-202 ORDER ALTERING THE PUBLIC ROADWAY LAYOUT FOR SOUTH STREET AND OLD COLONY ROAD IN HYANNIS, AND AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OR TAKING OF EASEMENTS BY EMINENT DOMAIN IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH PURPOSES INTRO: 05/28/2026, 06/25/2026

Open public hearing
First Assistant Town Attorney Tom LaRosa gave the rationale
seeing no one; no one online close public hearing

Discussion:

(Keane) access for the pedestrians and bikes (Kupfer) this doesn't quite indicate the changes to widen the islands and the shared use path for walking and biking, flashing beacons to draw attention to pedestrians, biking connections on South Street to remove it from traffic. (Beaudoin) gave more information about a shared use project (Keane) we are just looking at the easements do we have another bite at this apple (Ludtke) see this more frequently, share the concerns this is massive token to cars. People are walking all over the place, there might be another design review in this room. Hope we don't uproot trees (Kupfer) there will be no impact to the trees, we can take a breath, look at what the impacts might be, might be able to create more green space. We are putting pedestrians in the right place, for safety. (Bloom) are there still railroad tracks under the roadway (Beaudoin) don't anticipate we are going to uncover any

The roadway layout alterations hereby laid out, made and accepted by this order are shown on a plan of land captioned "Roadway Layout Alteration Plan – South Street and Old Colony Road – Hyannis Village – Barnstable, Massachusetts", dated May 21, 2026, prepared by Town of Barnstable – Department of Public Works, and attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Alteration Plan"). The roadway layout for South Street is hereby altered and accepted to add into the public way the area shown as Parcel A on the Alteration Plan and containing approximately 5,984± square feet. The roadway layout for Old Colony Road is hereby altered and accepted to add into the public way the area shown as Parcel B on the Alteration Plan and containing approximately 921± square feet.

The Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager, on behalf of the Town, for no monetary consideration, to purchase or take by eminent domain pursuant to Chapter 79 of the General Laws a perpetual, exclusive easement for public way purposes, including for all purposes for which such an easement is commonly used in the Town of Barnstable, under, over and upon a parcel of land shown as "Parcel B" on a plan captioned "Easement Exhibit Plan" "500 Old Colony Road - Hyannis Village – Barnstable, MA", prepared by the Town of Barnstable, Department of Public Works, dated October 16, 2025, and attached hereto as Exhibit B. The Town Manager is also authorized, for no monetary consideration, to purchase or take by eminent domain pursuant to Chapter 79 of the General Laws a perpetual easement for public utility purposes over and upon the area shown on the Easement Exhibit Plan as "15.00' Wide Utility Easement 794± S.F." The easements authorized herein are on land supposed to be owned by the Barnstable Housing Authority. Said perpetual easement for public utility purposes shall include the right for the Town to grant an easement to NSTAR Electric Company, doing business as Eversource Energy, to construct, operate and maintain an overhead electric wire for service to its customers.

Following the Town's purchase or taking of the above-referenced easements, the Town Manager, on behalf of the Town, is authorized to grant an easement, for \$1.00 or no monetary consideration, to NSTAR Electric Company, doing business as Eversource Energy, to construct, operate and maintain an overhead electric line in the above-referenced perpetual public utility easement. The Town Manager is hereby further authorized, on behalf of the Town, to make any minor corrections to and finalize the Alteration Plan and the Easement Exhibit Plan, and to negotiate, accept, sign, deliver and record any instruments or plans as necessary to effectuate this Order.

VOTE: PASSES 10 YES

ROLL CALL: BLOOM, BURDICK, CLARK, CROCKER, CROW, KEANE, LUDTKE, SHEINGOLD, STARR, TAMASH

EASEMENT EXHIBIT PLAN

RECORD OWNER:
ASSESSORS MAP 326 LOT 27
500 OLD COLONY ROAD

BARNSTABLE HOUSING AUTHORITY
146 SOUTH STREET
HYANNIS, MA 02601
DEED BOOK 3212 PAGE 277
PLAN BOOK 338 PAGE 42

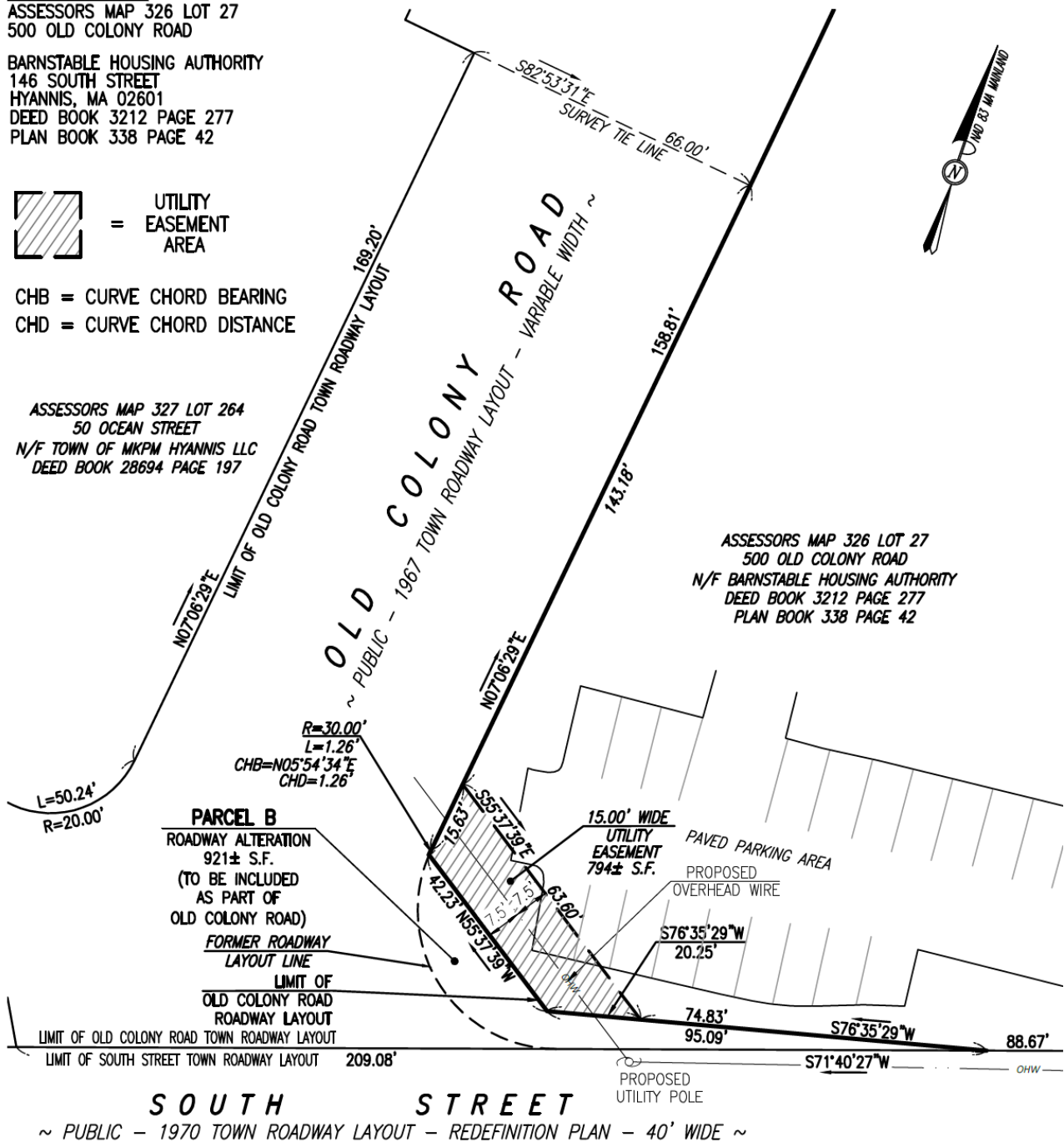


= UTILITY
EASEMENT
AREA

CHB = CURVE CHORD BEARING
CHD = CURVE CHORD DISTANCE

ASSESSORS MAP 327 LOT 264
50 OCEAN STREET
N/F TOWN OF MKPM HYANNIS LLC
DEED BOOK 28694 PAGE 197

ASSESSORS MAP 326 LOT 27
500 OLD COLONY ROAD
N/F BARNSTABLE HOUSING AUTHORITY
DEED BOOK 3212 PAGE 277
PLAN BOOK 338 PAGE 42



500 OLD COLONY ROAD - HYANNIS VILLAGE - BARNSTABLE, MA



SCALE IN FEET

SCALE: 1" = 30' **DRAFT**
DATE: OCTOBER 16, 2025
JOB No: 25-001

TOWN OF BARNSTABLE
Department of Public Works
Administration & Technical Support
382 Falmouth Road, Hyannis, MA 02601
Phone: (508) 790-6400
<https://townofbarnstable.us>



2026-215 ORDER TO PETITION THE GENERAL COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH TO ENACT SPECIAL LEGISLATION APPROVING THE GRANT OF AN EASEMENT OR GRANT OF LOCATION FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES OVER AN AREA OF PUBLIC PARKLAND IN HYANNIS INTRO: 06/25/2026

First Assistant Town Attorney Tom LaRosa gave the rationale

Discussion:

(Sheingold) Why is this property an article 97 issue? (LaRosa) on item 1998-055 town council authorized the purchase land for park purposes (Sheingold) Why does there need to be a petition to the legislation (LaRosa) this is a change of use or disposition of Article 97 land, need a special act to grant these to Eversource, the land was acquired for park land. (Ludtke) this was a huge deal back in the day, this was missed opportunity, why aren't we burying the utilities, was this considered in the engineering design (Beaudoin) multiple utility providers, tremendous capital costs, that was the reason for the above ground, it would be multiyear project (Ludtke) why is the pole in the sidewalk? (Beaudoin) the utility pole is not in the sidewalk it is feet away from the right of way (Ells) that parcel was the senior center, the town decided to take it as park space. (Crocker) did you say this is 2/3rds vote of the legislature (LaRosa) Yes

ORDERED: SECTION 1. That, having received notice that the Town Manager has determined that 785± square feet of airspace over Town parkland under the care and control of the Town Manager, shown as "utility easement" on a plan of land captioned "Easement Exhibit Plan" "367 Main Street – Hyannis Village – Barnstable, MA", dated October 16, 2025, prepared by the Town of Barnstable, Department of Public Works, and attached hereto as Exhibit A, should be made available for overhead electric wires to be installed by the NSTAR Electric Company, doing business as Eversource Energy, because said wires cannot be feasibly located within the roadway layout of Ocean Street, and that the relocation and placement of the overhead wires into the "utility easement" is needed as part of the reconstruction of the intersection of Ocean Street, South Street and Old Colony Road, a project that serves a significant public interest by addressing an existing complex intersection by improving traffic circulation and accommodating safer bicycle and public pedestrian access, including between the waterfront and the Main Street areas, the Town Council hereby approves of the grant of an easement or other rights in the "utility easement" airspace, with no change of use or access by the general public to the ground surface of the parkland, to NSTAR Electric Company sufficient for their installation, operation and maintenance of overhead electric lines; provided that the grant of such easement or other rights shall be subject to the enactment of legislation by the General Court as set forth in Section 2 of this Order.

SECTION 2. That the Town Council hereby directs the Town Manager to submit a petition to the General Court of the Commonwealth for a special act approving the grant of an easement of other rights to NSTAR Electric Company within 785± square feet of air space over Town parkland, as follows:

"AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY KNOWN AS THE TOWN OF BARNSTABLE TO GRANT AN EASEMENT OR OTHER RIGHTS TO NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY WITHIN AIR RIGHTS OVER PUBLIC PARKLAND

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide forthwith a grant of an easement or other rights for public utility purposes in airspace over public parkland to facilitate a significant public works project in the city know as the town of Barnstable, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, and in accordance with section 5A of Chapter 3 of the General Laws, the town council of the city known as the town of Barnstable may grant an air rights easement to the NSTAR Electric Company over an area of public parkland, shown as "utility easement" on a plan of land captioned "Easement Exhibit Plan" "367 Main Street – Hyannis Village – Barnstable, MA", dated October 16, 2025, prepared by the town of Barnstable, department of public works, and on file with the town clerk, or may issue a grant of location over the same area pursuant to section 20 of Chapter 166 of the General Laws and the code of the town of Barnstable notwithstanding that the involved area is adjacent to but located outside the public roadway layout. The town manager may make minor modifications to the plan to carry out this act.

SECTION 2. As the area described in section 1 is less than 2,500 square feet in area, the transfer involves only air rights and shall have no effect on the use of the parkland surface, and the transfer will serve a significant public interest by allowing the town of Barnstable to relocate an existing electric utility and thereby accomplish the reconstruction of a complex intersection, which is intended to improve traffic circulation and accommodate safer bicycle and public pedestrian access between public parkland along the waterfront and in the Main Street areas of the village of Hyannis, no replacement land is required under section 5A of Chapter 3 of the General Laws.

SECTION 3. The town manager of the city known as the town of Barnstable may execute and record on behalf of the town any instruments necessary to carry out this act.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage."

VOTE: PASSES 10 YES

ROLL CALL: BLOOM, BURDICK, CLARK, CROCKER, CROW, KEANE, LUDTKE, SHEINGOLD, STARR, TAMASH

2026-205 APPOINTMENTS TO A BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION INTRO: 06/11/2026, 06/25/2026

RESOLVED: That the Town Council appoints the following individuals to a multiple-member Board/Committee/Commission: **Comprehensive Financial Advisory Committee:** Sherman Baldwin, as a regular member to a term expiring 06/30/2029; **Hyannis Main Street Waterfront Historic District Commission:** Alan Feltham, as an alternate member to a term expiring 06/30/2029; Suzanne Welch, as an alternate member to a term expiring 06/30/2029

VOTE: PASSES 10 YES

ROLL CALL: BLOOM, BURDICK, CLARK, CROCKER, CROW, KEANE, LUDTKE, SHEINGOLD, STARR, TAMASH

2026-208 REAPPOINTMENTS TO A BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION INTRO: 06/11/2026, 06/25/2026

RESOLVED: That the Town Council reappoints the following individuals to a multiple-member Board/Committee/Commission: **Airport Commission:** John Flores, as a regular member to a term expiring 06/30/2029; **Comprehensive Financial Advisory Committee:** Chris King, as a regular member to a term expiring 06/30/2029; **Conservation Commission:** Angela Tangney as a regular member to a term expiring 06/30/2029; **Council on Aging:** Maureen Hughes, as a regular member to a term expiring 06/30/2029; Janet Kraemer, as a regular member to a term expiring 06/30/2029; Kathy Turnbull, as a regular member to a term expiring 06/30/2029; **Disability Commission:** John Lundborn, as a regular member to a term expiring 06/30/2029; **Historical Commission:** John Richmond, as a regular member to a term expiring 06/30/2029; Robert Frazee, as a regular member to a term expiring 06/30/2029; **Housing Committee:** Joseph Taccogna, as a regular member to a term expiring 06/30/2029; Hilda Haye, as a regular member to a term expiring 06/30/2029; **Hyannis Main Street Waterfront Historic District Commission:** Cornelius Cawley, as a regular member to a term expiring 06/30/2029; David Wrenn, as a regular member to a term expiring 06/30/2029; Conrad Watson, as an alternate member, to a term expiring 06/30/2029; Cheryl Powell, as a representative member to a term expiring 06/30/2029; **Infrastructure and Energy Committee:** Christopher Gloninger, as a regular

member to a term expiring 06/30/2029; **Licensing Authority:** Michael Travato, as an associate member to a term expiring 06/30/2029; **Open Space Committee:** Elizabeth Lewis, as a regular member to a term expiring 06/30/2029; Douglas Payson, as a regular member to a term expiring 06/30/2026; **Planning Board:** Steve Robichaud, as a regular member to a term expiring 06/30/2029; Tim O'Neill, as a regular member to a term expiring 06/30/2029; **Recreation Commission:** Tony Lapolla, as a regular member to a term expiring 06/30/2029; **Sandy Neck Committee:** Christina Carrington, as a recreation commission representative member to a term expiring 06/30/2029; Shellfish Committee: Timothy Hamel, as a commercially permitted resident, to a term expiring 06/30/2029; **Zoning Board of Appeals:** Emmanuel Alves, as a regular member to a term expiring 06/30/2029; Aaron Webb, as a regular member to a term expiring 06/30/2029.

VOTE: PASSES 10 YES

ROLL CALL: BLOOM, BURDICK, CLARK, CROCKER, CROW, KEANE, LUDTKE, SHEINGOLD, STARR, TAMASH

2026-216 RESOLVE ENSURING COMPLIANCE WITH EVOLVING LAW AND FEDERAL GRANT CONDITIONS INTRO: 06/25/2026

Town Attorney Karen Nober gave the rationale

Discussion:

(Ludtke)I would not vote for this, never, I can't stand it (Bloom) what I heard was very dry more about mitigation that we are not abandoning civil rights, need to hear more (Nober) we are not abandoning civil rights, the town has robust equal employment opportunity act that is in full effect.

WHEREAS. the federal government is currently requiring all federal grant recipients to certify that they do not operate any programs promoting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives that violate any applicable federal anti-discrimination laws; and

WHEREAS, the Town recognizes that the federal government has stated its intention to interpret this requirement so broadly as to include programs and policies that reference DEI or which may be construed to provide preferential treatment based on certain classifications, including, but not limited to, race or gender, even if those programs and policies in fact comply with existing federal anti-discrimination law;

WHEREAS, the Town of Barnstable has reviewed its policies and programs which implicate federal anti-discrimination laws and has determined that, to ensure compliance with evolving law and federal grant conditions, certain policy and program changes are advisable;

WHEREAS, the federal government has expressed its intention to use the False Claims Act to seek civil and criminal penalties against those entities and officials who it believes to make false grant certifications; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the Town's ability to continue to apply for and accept federal grants and limit the risk of civil and criminal claims, even if meritless, against the Town and its officers and employees who may certify compliance with federal grant conditions, it is prudent for the Town to make certain changes to its policies and programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Council does hereby Resolve as follows:

That the Town Council:

- (1) shall revise its Strategic Plan to remove all references to "DEI"; and
- (2) hereby rescinds the Town's outdated Affirmative Action Plan, last revised September 1, 2004, while continuing to maintain in full force and effect the Town's Equal Employment Opportunity Policy,

and directs the Town Manager to take all necessary steps to implement the rescission of such Plan, including removing from the Town Manager Regulations of the Town Code all references thereto, including any related Affirmative Action program or policy; and

(3) hereby rescinds the Town's Minority and Women Business Enterprise (M/WBE) contracting requirements for Town-funded projects, which are in addition to and separate and distinct from any such requirements as may be in effect under state or federal law, including Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) contracting requirements, and directs the Town Manager to take all necessary steps to implement the rescission of such contracting requirements by revising the Town Manager Regulations of the Town Code accordingly; and further directs the Town Manager to investigate and propose options to the Town Council for a new program which supports and promotes contracting opportunities for local, small and/or developing businesses on Town-funded projects.

VOTE: PASSES 9 YES, 1 NO (LUDTKE)

ROLL CALL: BLOOM, BURDICK, CLARK, CROCKER, CROW, KEANE, LUDTKE, SHEINGOLD, STARR, TAMASH

VOTED TO ADJOURN:

VOTE: PASSES 10 YES

ROLL CALL: BLOOM, BURDICK, CLARK, CROCKER, CROW, KEANE, LUDTKE, SHEINGOLD, STARR, TAMASH

Adjourn at 8:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Quirk
Town Clerk

NEXT MEETING: July 16, 2026

Exhibits:

A Town Manager Update