Town Council Meeting
October 01, 2026

A quorum being duly present, President Tamash called the October 01, 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., Lisa DaLuz, Thomas Keane, Matthew Levesque, Betty Ludtke, Barry Sheingold, Craig Tamash

Councilor Ludtke led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by President Tamash who asked all to remain standing for a Moment of Silence for all who have served and all those near and dear to us.

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 Council@barnstable.gov.

John C MacPhee said the 2-way Main Street and South Street conversion is a mistake. He asked the Council what they were thinking. He said the streets are working out fine just as they are now. He asked to hear the defense for this item.

Peter Hanson urged Council to postpone the election of the President and Vice-president of the Council. He asked that it be rescheduled to after the Precinct 5 election. He spoke about former Council John Crow as a great person, dear friend and tireless advocate for Osterville.

Dan Scioletti felt there was an overreaction to the Flock cameras. He felt this showed no support for the Police Department. He added the Flock cameras were cost effective for reducing crimes in Barnstable. Please reconsider your earlier vote on the cameras.

George McCarthy is opposed to the 2-way conversion. He felt it would not work as there would be many accidents. He said it is the worst idea he had ever heard.

Susan Battista supported Great Streets. She spoke about vehicles traveling fast on Main Street and South Street and it is her fear for her daughter regarding the need for change. She applauded the hiring of Jeff Speck to help mitigate this issue.

Aidan Gordon is opposed to the 2-way conversation. He urged Council not to approve of this project even through there are some experts that are in favor of it. He added, he is also opposed to the Flock cameras.

Jeanne Freeman spoke about the 2-way streets and how narrow the streets were and with adding parallel parking it would be a recipe for disaster.

John spoke about the need for cannabis deliveries and is asking for help to make people's lives better. He noted cannabis can help cancer patients ease their pain. He explained the Tribal Drug Delivery which is cannabis delivery on the East Coast is saving lives. He said his people have lost so much, please help keep my business in Barnstable.

Larry Morin discussed agenda item 2027-037 as he felt there were 2 overlapping issues. He said it is stupid to have Precinct 5 election before Christmas or New Year's. He added the Council President and Vie-president election should be later as all precincts should be represented in that election. He spoke about the 2022 changes to the Council President and Vie-president election date. It is ridiculous if you do not discuss this, then you are afraid.

Judy Henry is opposed to the 2-way streets. She did not understand how the 2-way would help pedestrians. Why now.

Kathleen Defeo is opposed to 2-way streets. She felt there is no benefit from the change from 1-way to 2-way.

Holly spoke about changing Main Street and how it would significantly affect the Downtown area. She asked about the Open Meeting of the Voters Petition with the 940 signatures which hopefully would give pause and we could have a discussion.

Robert Campion spoke about being a cab driver and all the issues with the 2-way streets would have on traffic. He spoke about the sidewalks, the long speed bumps and construction. He felt the rotary at Ocean Street had issues with pedestrians. He added possible change like Cherry Street in Vermont could be a solution.

Steve Buckley discussed Cape Cod Canal Bridges. He questioned the wider bridges and what would be the effect be as the capacity of the new bridges will be the same.

Eric Schwaab spoke about the new Calling of the Voters Petition with 960 signature, which had been presented to the Town Clerk. He felt the Council is not listening to its residents. He spoke about two major reconstruction projects, 307 Main Street and the 2-Way conversion. He explained that the open meeting allows for the exchange of ideas, a discussion dialogue of our concerns and hopefully a vote by the Council.

Luis Martinez felt there is a transparency issue. He noted he and other businesses on Main Street were never contacted regarding the street changes. His concerns were the parking on Main Street now with less parking, the deliveries with no set delivery time. Downtown Hyannis is a unique demographic What are our other options for this area that were pursued. Where is that information, what is the grant to cover the cost will there be any overruns who will pay those things.

Frank Frederickson, Barnstable County Assembly Delegate spoke about the November 3rd ballot questions 9 and 4. He urged voters to get educated and understand the questions best place to go is the Barnstable County website. These are complex questions and can be difficult to understand the language and what one is voting for.

Mike Freeman spoke about the deliveries and how that will not work with 2-way streets. He felt it is a stupid idea. He asked why there were not raised crosswalks, added lights and loading zones in the 2-way streets project.

Willie spoke about the need for speed bumps on Main Street. He felt there is a need to protect our children and the businesses on Main Street from the traffic. He said there is a product out there which is removeable during the winter months for the 20 crosswalks that would take five (5) hours to install. He said the cost is $1495.00 per bump.

Ben Jeffries said there were raised crosswalks in Barnstable Village and there should be raised crosswalks in Hyannis Village. He added there should be flashing lights as well. Deliveries and dump trucks need to be looked at as it is a problem. Let's stop and really understand this project. Main Street is walkable and the Village Green issue with people there and now adding crossing on a rotary for

families could be a big issue.

Mia Walsh was a child when Main Street was 2-way, summer traffic is no way near what it was. Does the $5 million dollar grant for the 2-way conversation include money for police officers. Still waiting for sidewalk from West End to Stevens Street. Flock cameras capture crimes have them in the cars to share with the cops.

Ken Barron is opposed to 2-way street and thought it is insane. Flock cameras – cameras are all over the world lets help catch criminals. But once the cameras impede people's rights then we need to look at them.

Bob Bianchi is opposed to 2-way Main Street. He lived on Main Street before and during the 2-way conversion in 1969 it is wrong. It did not work in 1969, why would it work now. This is a rushed decision it needs more time for discussion. Please put it on pause and come back with another idea.

Mike Farrell does not like what is going on – Flock cameras already voted on and they should be down not utilized. He expected Council to do a good job.

Andi Carole is opposed to the luxury condos being bult across the street from the Hyannis Fire Department. Question how Council could approve the 2-way streets as it should have been a Cape wide ballot question. There are thirteen (13) Councilor and only a handful of you attended former Councilor Felicia Penn's funeral. You should be ashamed for not going and honoring her memory.

Laura Cronin questioned if there is public comment for agenda item 2027-037. (Tamash) said no public comment for that item. She is opposed to the delivery of cannabis. Please leave it the way it was with no cannabis delivery in this area as it is not zoned for it. We need calming traffic ideas on High School Road, maybe a stop sign, maybe try other ideas, possibly the flashing lights.

Elizabeth Wurbain Business Industry Development (BID) Executive Director supports Great Streets. We have been talking about this for five (5) years. Go to website to see the whole downtown streetscape. We all want the same things.

John Julius there is no transparency with secret meetings – anyone who voted for this should be insane. I am pissed off students from Sturgis School could get hit or killed and its on you. Do away with 2-way streets.

Donna Orth said Main Street and South Street were a widely unpopular streets and making them 2-way is harder. Good idea not to make them 2-way streets.

Jacquelyn Newson had concerns with the architectural design review as there was no review, and the difficulty being downtown when parking is only for 6 hours. She added she had never heard anything so ridiculous as this rotary is a good idea.

ZOOM: NONE

Paul Curtis is opposed to 2-way streets. Suggested looking at alternatives, otherwise it is going to be ugly.

Pamela Barbey felt pedestrians will get hurt with narrow lanes, lots of traffic willing to look at more information as pedestrian safety is most important. Please consider additional safety measures.

Fran Parks felt the Flock cameras were for the safety of the people and does not feel like privacy is being taken away.

Heather Swenson is opposed to 2-way streets. She spoke about the Board and Committees application process. She felt this is the way Town Council communicates to others. Specifically, the Appointments Committee would rather leave boards and committees vacant than fill a seat.

Catherine Bean had concerns with great street projects. Something is broken in our town, 2-way streets make it more dangerous. We do not want great streets.

Sandy Fitzgerald had concerns with 2-way project. What can we do to ensure citizens are engaged and informed about issues.

Anastasia said great streets actually made sense, cars coming from both direction can be seen better. Based on her experience 2-way streets will be safer. She felt the 2-way conversion was a well-researched project and the investment is worthwhile.

Tina Carey encouraged people to view the Town Council meeting of November 16, 2023 – we stopped it 20 years ago. It was a terrible, terrible idea late 60's-70's traffic was backed up the Mill Hill Club. One way works gentle bumps are needed on Hyannis Main Street. She urged Council to give public engagement at meeting to discuss 2-way streets.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:
(Levesque) Thanked all for their input. He spoke about opposite opinions and how it could be intimidating to speak at a Council meeting. He encouraged President Tamash to stop the applause as it can disrupt the meeting. (Levesque) Asked for Jim Kupfer, Director of Planning and Development to answer questions. Please discuss systemic slowing of traffic and raised crosswalks (Kupfer) the raised crosswalk was not recommended with 2-way streets. (Levesque) Questioned if the new rotary, as part of the 2-way conversion will have crosswalks and lights. (Kupfer) Yes. (Daluz) Asked about the meeting of the voters – it has been over a year, and I have not gotten a response. (Ludtke) It was wonderful listening to everyone. (Bloom) Please address the concerns about delivery trucks. (Kupfer) Delivery zones are proposed will be identifying specific areas and loading not reducing parking actually getting more parking. (Sheingold) Southside is designed for deliveries. (Kupfer) Please come talk to me. (Daluz) I am not supportive of the Flock cameras. I support our folks in blue but not the cameras.

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)**

President Tamash mentioned in the Town Manager's Report that there was a section on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Officer Katie Carpenter who has been selected by the Keep Massachusetts Beautiful Municipal Partner of the year award. This award recognizes a municipal leader for extraordinary efforts to implement sustainable practices and clean up or protect the local environment The nomination was submitted by Susan Sullivan from the Barnstable Land Trust

MINUTES:
Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to accept the minutes of July 18, 2026, as presented.
VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUS

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

- **Update on the Cape Cod Bridge Replacement Project: Luisa Paiewonsky, Executive Director, Megaprojects Delivery Office, Massachusetts Department of Transportation**

Luisa Paiewonsky, Executive Director, gave an update on the Cape Cod Bridge Replacement Project:

Discussion:
(Keane) Will the bridge replacement allow for more traffic to cross the bridge. (Paiewonsky) Not seeing increased traffic but new bridge will handle trips more efficiently. (Keane) Will there be 4 lanes and a berm. (Paiewonsky) Yes, (Crocker) The berm looks like it is much smaller than current.(Paiewonsky) Yes, you are exactly right. Time is on our minds to get it functioning as soon as possible. (Ludtke) What will the speed limit be (Paiewonsky) It will be 60 miles per hour. (Ludtke) Where would the Flock cameras be on the bridge. (Paiewonsky) Not sure. (Ludtke) Please get back to us on that item. What about the lighting that will affect the birds and the bats, (Paiewonsky) We are looking at the endangered bats and the effects of the lighting of the bridge.

Break – 8:46 pm

- **Doing Business in Barnstable: Kyle Pedicini, Assistant Director, Planning and Development**

Jim Kupfer, Director of Planning and Development, introduced Kyle Pedicini, Assistant Director, Planning and Development. He gave an update on Greening the Gateway Group, a 3 year in the making project to plant trees in Hyannis.

Discussion:
(Daluz) What kinds of trees. (Kupfer) All native trees residents can pick their tree. (Ludtke) Great program (Kupfer) We did get an extension, and we will reintroduce it next year when we ask for another extension. (Pedicini) Spoke about Business Barnstable Website with its grant opportunities and capital investments. (Ludtke) 1600 businesses on web blast. (Pedicini) Those with business licenses which were locally owned with under 25 employees. I am happy to speak with any and all businesses to discuss these grant opportunities. (Clark) What is the deadline. (Pedicini) It is on the website.

- **Update from Christine Beer, Chair, Council on Aging – miscommunication this will be rescheduled**

- (Tamash) Main Street Centerville will be transformed into Scare Crow Alley.
- (Clark) MassDEP Transportation – Wednesday, October 14th at 8 PM at Mary Pat Flynn Conference Center at the old jail on Main Street in Barnstable Village - Design public hearing in Barnstable Village regarding Pedestrian improvements Route 6A from Route 132 to Old Jail Lane.
- (Sheingold) Open Space is continuing the Fall Walks October 16th -18th – all are invited
- (Crocker) Monthly Precinct 6 discussion October 2:30pm – 4:00 pm

2027-026 APPOINTMENTS TO A BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION INTRO: 09/03/2026, 10/01/2026

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was
RESOLVED: That the Town Council appoints the following individuals to a multiple-member Board/Committee/Commission: **Licensing Authority**: John Murphy from an associate position to a full member position to a term expiring 06/30/2029; **Hyannis Main Street Waterfront Historic District Commission:** Conrad Watson from an alternate member to a full member position, to a term expiring 06/30/2028
VOTE: PASSES 9 YES, 1 NO (Daluz)

Jump to Agenda Item 2027-037

2027-037 RESOLVE TO SCHEDULE A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 29, 2026 TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE TOWN COUNCIL INTRO: 09/17/2026

Karen Nober, Town Attorney, gave the rationale.

Discussion:
(Tamash) I spoke with Ann Quirk regarding the date for the election. December 22 there might be tough with people enjoying the holidays. December 29th we can discuss. (Daluz) How about the first week in January 2027. (Ludtke) School is still in session, should have election December 22nd. (Sheingold) Agreed with Ludtke.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was to amend the date from December 29th to December 22nd for Precinct Number 5 Special Election to fill a vacancy on the Town Council.
VOTE:PASSES 8 YES 2 NO (Daluz, Levesque)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded **AS AMENDED**
RESOLVED: That the Town Council hereby declares that a vacancy currently exists in the office of Town Councilor, Precinct 5; and further, the Town Council requests that the Town Clerk begin planning a special election to be held on December 22, 2026, to fill said seat for the balance of the unexpired term.
VOTE: PASSES 9 YES 1 NO (Daluz)

Jump to Agenda Item 2027-040

2027-040 AUTHORIZING A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO MASSHOUSING HOMES AT CENTERVILLE COVE'S COMMONWEALTH BUILDER PROGRAM APPLICATION INTRO: 10/01/2026

Jim Kupfer, Director of Planning and Development, gave the rationale.
Discussion:
(Keane) Explained he supported this project. (Crocker) Asked to clarify if the homes were single family homes. (Kupfer) Yes, they are single family homes. (Ludtke) Were the roads public yet. If not, are they up to the Town's standards. (Kupfer) Yes, they were up to standards. He discussed the infrastructure improvements. (Ludtke) Do everything we need to have this happen.
Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was
RESOLVED: That the Town Council President is hereby authorized to submit, on behalf of the Town Council, a letter of support in the form attached hereto to the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency ("MassHousing") regarding the application by Homes at Centerville Cove for funding from the CommonWealth Builder Program.

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUS

Jump to Agenda 2027-027

2027-027 APPROPRIATION ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF $90,000 FROM THE CAPITAL TRUST FUND AND AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT FOR AND EXPEND A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $317,500 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE ROSA LANE FISH PASSAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT INTRO: 09/03/2026, 10/01/2026

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was
ORDERED: That the amount of **$90,000** be appropriated from the Capital Trust Fund for the purpose of funding the Rosa Lane Fish Passage Improvements Project, 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; and that the Town Manager is further authorized to contract for and expend a Fiscal Year 2027 United States Department of Agriculture, Natural

Resources Conservation Service Grant in the amount of **$317,500** for design and construction of the Rosa Lane Fish Passage Improvements Project.
VOTE: WITHDRAWN - PASSES UNANIMOUS

2027-034 APPROPRIATION ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF $25,000 AND AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT FOR AND EXPEND A FISCAL YEAR 2027-28 GRANT FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES IN THE AMOUNT OF $25,000 FOR THE MILLWAY BOAT RAMP PARKING LOT RESURFACING PROJECT INTRO: 10/01/2026

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was
ORDERED: That the amount of **$25,000** be appropriated from the Capital Trust Fund Reserves for the purpose of funding the Millway Boat Ramp Parking Lot Resurfacing Project, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto; and that the Town Manager is hereby authorized to contract for and expend a Fiscal Year 2027-28 Grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Division of Marine Fisheries in the amount of **$25,000**.
VOTE: REFER TO SECOND READING ON OCTOBER 15, 2026 - PASSES UNANIMOUS

Take all three together agenda items 2026-035, 2026-038, and 2026-039

2027-035 AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, CHAPTER 241, ARTICLE III, MULTIPLE-MEMBER APPOINTIVE ORGANIZATION, TO DISSOLVE AND REMOVE CERTAIN COMMITTEES INTRO: 10/01/2026

Karen Nober, Town Attorney, explained all could pass together with one vote. (Keane) Did not want the cannabis item to be on consent.
Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was
ORDERED: That the Town Council hereby amends the Administrative Code, Chapter 241, Article III, Multiple-Member Appointive Organization, by deleting Sections 241-14, 241-24, 241-38, 241-40 and 241-45 in their entirety, thereby dissolving the following committees and removing them from the Administrative Code:

Cable Television Advisory Committee
Town Library Committee
Water Quality Committee
Road Committee
Jane Eshbaugh Community Service Award Committee

VOTE: REFER TO SECOND READING ON OCTOBER 15, 2026 - PASSES UNANIMOUS

2027-038 APPOINTMENTS TO A BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION INTRO: 10/01/2026

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was
RESOLVED: That the Town Council appoints the following individuals to a multiple-member Board/Committee/Commission: **Mid Cape Cultural Council:** Margeaux Weber, as a regular member to a term expiring 06/30/2029; **Infrastructure and Energy Committee:** James Redden, as a regular member to a term expiring 06/30/2028; **Board of Health:** David Reidy, as an alternate member to a term expiring 06/30/2028; **Historical Commission:** Commissioner Megan Greenwell to the Community Preservation Committee as the Historical Commission Representative member to a term expiring 06/30/2029 **Housing Committee:** Patrick Downey, as a regular member to a term expiring 06/30/2027; Recreation Commission: Mary Jo Pierpont, as a regular member, to a term expiring 06/30/2029; **Zoning Board of Appeals:** Brian Townsend, as an associate member, to a term expiring 06/30/2028
VOTE: REFER TO SECOND READING ON OCTOBER 15, 2026 - PASSES UNANIMOUS

2027-039 REAPPOINTMENTS TO A BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION INTRO: 10/01/2026

gave the rationale.
Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was
RESOLVED: That the Town Council reappoints the following individuals to a multiple-member Board/Committee/Commission: **Mid Cape Cultural Council**: Barbara Hersey, as a regular member, to a term expiring 06/30/2029

VOTE: REFER TO SECOND READING ON OCTOBER 15, 2026 - PASSES UNANIMOUS

Jump to Agenda Item 2027-036

2027-036 AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SUBMIT A WAIVER REQUEST TO THE MASSACHUSETTS CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION TO PROHIBIT THE DELIVERY OF MARIJUANA OR MARIJUANA PRODUCTS WITHIN THE TOWN OF BARNSTABLE FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED TWO YEARS INTRO: 10/01/2026

Discussion:
(Keane) asked to move agenda item to the November 19th Town Council meeting to receive the results from the November 3, 2026, Election ballot question number 8.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was to amend the Second Reading date from October 15, 2026, to November 19th, 2026
VOTE:PASSES PASSES 6 YES 4 NO (Burdick, Clark, Daluz, Ludkte)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was **AS AMENDED**
RESOLVED: That, in accordance with Section 4(b) of Chapter 94G of the General Laws, as amended by Section 25 of Chapter 65 of the Acts of 2026, the Town Council does hereby authorize and direct the Town Manager to submit on behalf of the Town of Barnstable a waiver request to the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission (the "Commission") to prohibit the delivery of adult-use marijuana or marijuana products within the Town of Barnstable for a period not to exceed two years; provided that such waiver may be renewed in two-year increments at the request of the Town at the discretion of the Commission.
VOTE: REFER TO SECOND READING ON November 19, 2026 - PASSES 6 YES 4 NO (Burdick, Clark, Daluz, Ludtke)

VOTED TO ADJOURN:
VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUS
Adjourn at 9:49 PM
Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Murphy
Assistant Town Clerk

NEXT MEETING: October 15, 2026

Exhibits:

A Town Manager Update