Town Council Meeting
October 15, 2026

A quorum being duly present, President Craig Tamash called the October 15, 2026, Town Council meeting to order at 6:02 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 introduced and welcomed, veteran Andrew Falacci to lead the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by 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.

Eric Schwaab advised business owners that it is too late for the talk to pause 2-Way Main Street. The Town cut down shade trees without a shade tree hearing. Is this how the town should do business?

Judith Henry stated at the last meeting, she told the Council her dismay about 2-Way Main Street. Now you are going to take down the traffic lights and replace them with stop signs? Summer people don't know how to navigate the rotary. The two beautiful trees cut down, we are losing quaintness.

Mia Walsh spoke about the upgrade between Center Street and Camp Street, over two million dollars seems excessive. If you really want to clean it up, arrest those people for littering.

John Julius said congratulations to the people who voted for Alan Feltham. Hyannis has 17.21 percent of affordable housing in Hyannis. No more in Hyannis! If you can't stand the heat resign.

Larry Morin spoke about item 2027-035, regarding the committees that would be withdrawn. The Roads Committee needs to stay. Human Services needs to be put in.

Aiden Gordon felt the Council should have consulted the residents before going ahead with 2-Way Main Street. You are destroying a public park. There is a better use for the 5 million dollars. Sidewalks and streetlights are more necessary. We need that here and now. Do not cooperate with ICE.

Mike Farrell the price of diesel has come down. The heat exchanger is finally gone. Please buy one instead of renting one.

ZOOM:
Brenda Reardon feels our funds are not being used wisely with the 2-Way street in Hyannis. Government has become so corrupt that there is no place for the people.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:
(Ludtke) said Hyannis does invoke passion, we were putting up four stories, I hope we do a better job going forward. A meeting of the voters is coming up this month and would like to know where the other

one stands. We have some very expensive projects coming up. (Daluz) when the community has a petition we need to respond to those petitions. I have one over a year old that no one has responded. I love Hyannis, down to the illegal watering. It is sinful you cannot live without water. Four days without water and that is your ass. No one has the right to kill me and my children. (Levesque) its never too late to voice your opinion, yelling out from the seats, is out of order, making people afraid to speak at public comment.

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:
It was noted that the minutes of October 1, 2026, are not yet ready to be presented.

Announcement by Town Council President Tamash:

In accordance with Section 22(g)(1) of Chapter 30A of the General Laws, prior to tonight's Town Council meeting, I reviewed and approved 24 sets of Executive Session minutes with the Town Clerk and the Town Attorney, and based upon that review, I am announcing the following:

I have authorized **the release** of the Executive Session minutes of:

- September 5, 2019 – re Independence Park Drive;
- November 7, 2024, December 5, 2024, November 20, 2025, January 29, 2026 and April 30, 2026, re the purchase of real property;
- July 17, 2025 and August 21, 2025 re the Town Manager's contract; and
- May 19, 2022 re Chapter 61A litigation.

I have authorized the **partial release** of the Executive Session minutes of May 19, 2022 re TJA Clean Energy Litigation, with the redaction of the portions of said minutes which are protected by the attorney-client privilege and for which continued non-disclosure is warranted.

The remainder of the Executive Session minutes that I reviewed **are protected by the attorney-client privilege and continued non-disclosure is warranted for those minutes**. Those minutes are:

- May 3, 2018 re opioid litigation;
- January 7, 2021, July 1, 2021, September 16, 2021, December 2, 2021, October 24, 2024, July 17, 2025, and November 20, 2025 re Conservation Law Foundation litigation;
- September 1, 2022, re TJA litigation;
- August 21, 2025, September 4, 2025, April 16, 2026, May 28, 2026, and June 11, 2026 re Federal Grant Conditions litigation

Town Manager, Mark Ells, Streetlights, the ornamental lights in certain areas fall to the town. The Fire District handles the Cobra heads (Ludtke) so there are two avenues for discussing streetlights.

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

Update from Christine Beer, Chair, Council on Aging this is an advisory committee.

Discussion:
(Clark) looks like you have two vacancies on the Ad hoc committee (Beer) we are looking for new members (Ludtke) you mentioned the Town Nurse, is that a full-time position (Beer) part-time nurse, through the Director of Health.

Opioid Settlement Funds Grant Update, including this year's recipients: Andy Clyburn, Assistant Town Manager; Kelly Joseph, Senior Program Manager II, Advocates for Human Potential, Inc. (AHP) (**Exhibit B**) Lynne Poyant Director of Communications gave the overview of the distribution of the funds and then introduced Kelly Joseph on zoom. Kelly highlighted the review process, before funding distributing the funds. President Tamash presented the checks.

WORKSHOP
Discussion on draft policy for a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Program - Mark Ells, Town Manager
This pilot would be for the municipality for major tax-exempt properties, inviting them to participate in this program. This is a completely voluntary program.

Discussion:
(Keane) suspect you will have to go below the 15 million thresholds. (Ells) Cape Cod Healthcare they do have community benefits (Sheingold) I see you did not exempt religious organizations (Ells) no I just listed all of them (Sheingold) do they have the ability to pay, look at the annual revenues, we will probably need to go below the 15 million. This is a very good start, what do you expect to get out of these resources. (Ludtke) This is incredible work, very impressed with your research. I hope that we will go forward with this program. It is very timely, communities work together. (Burdick) agree with this program, we should cast our net as wide as we possibly can. What are the next steps going forward (Sheingold) these are kind of year to year, legal can look into that, so we can plan for the money. (Clark) healthy overview, not sure that the Comprehensive Finance Advisory Committee (CFAC) has endorsed this pilot. (Bloom) There are only seven we could tap into, so that puts Cape Cod Hospital at the top. (Ells) looking for the Council to give directions if this is what you want. In the end this will be your policy. (Burdick) ten percent of all of our value are these properties. Food for thought, but I would like to move forward. (Tamash) Have Town Manager Ells tighten this up and move forward. (Ells) this is fiscal policy (Burdick) do you want us to establish a threshold? (Ells) looked at Boston for an example of how to develop this pilot (Burdick) how many parameters do you want us to give you now (Keane) can we have a consensus (Tamash) we have a consensus
(Sheingold) reminded everyone of the Fall Walking tour

Break for 10 minutes 7:52

2027-034 APPROPRIATION ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF $25,000 AND AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT FOR AND EXPEND A FISCAL YEAR 2027-2028 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, 12/15/2026

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

Discussion:
(Ludtke) not familiar with this ramp, do we want to put if off until we have a Councilor for precinct one. (Santos) just a re-pavement (Daluz) it is in bad shape (Clark) welcome repaving as it is awful.

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 2027-2028 Grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Division of Marine Fisheries in the amount of **$25,000**.
VOTE: PASSES 10 YES
ROLL CALL: Bloom, Burdick, Clark, Crocker, Daluz, Keane, Levesque, Ludtke, Sheingold, Tamash

2027-035 AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, CHAPTER 241, ARTICLE III, MULTIPLE-MEMBER APPOINTIVE ORGANIZATION, TO DISSOLVE AND REMOVE CERTAIN COMMITTEES INTRO: 10/01/2026, 10/15/2026

This is essentially a housekeeping item.
Discussion:
(Daluz) what committees are you removing? (Burdick) Cable Television, Town Library, Water Quality, Roads, Jane Eshbaugh Committees. (Keane) does the roads committee meet? (Clark) there once was a Roads Committee made up of Councilors, this is a different committee.

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: PASSES 9 YES, 1 NO (Daluz)

2027-038 APPOINTMENTS TO A BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION INTRO: 10/01/2026, 10/15/2026

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: PASSES 9 YES, 1 NO (Daluz)

2027-039 REAPPOINTMENTS TO A BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION INTRO: 10/01/2026, 10/15/2026

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: PASSES 9 YES, 1 NO (Daluz)

2027-041 AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT FOR AND EXPEND A FISCAL YEAR 2027 STATE 911 DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCH GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $18,998.82

FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY INTRO: 10/15/2026

Deputy Chief Jennifer Ellis gave the rationale

Discussion:
(Ludtke) this is a must pay, is this a grant every year (Ellis) Yes, these are mandatory
Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was
RESOLVED: That the Town Council does hereby authorize the Town Manager to contract for and expend a Fiscal Year 2027 State 911 Department Emergency Medical Dispatch award in the amount of **$18,998.82** from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office of Public Safety and Security for the purpose of funding costs associated with emergency medical dispatch operations.
VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUS

2027-042 AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT FOR AND EXPEND A FISCAL YEAR 2027 STATE 911 DEPARTMENT SUPPORT AND INCENTIVE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $270,026 FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY INTRO: 10/15/2026

Deputy Chief Jennifer Ellis gave the rationale

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was
RESOLVED: That the Town Council does hereby authorize the Town Manager to contract for and expend a Fiscal Year 2027 State 911 Department Support and Incentive award in the amount of **$270,026** from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office of Public Safety and Security for the purpose of funding overtime costs associated with shift shortages in the 911 center as well as to fund the base salary of a portion of civilian dispatchers working in the 911 center.
VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUS

2027-043 AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT FOR AND EXPEND A FISCAL YEAR 2027 STATE 911 DEPARTMENT TRAINING GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $17,116.83 FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY INTRO: 10/15/2026

Deputy Chief Jennifer Ellis gave the rationale
Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was
RESOLVED: That the Town Council does hereby authorize the Town Manager to contract for and expend a Fiscal Year 2027 State 911 Department Training award in the amount of **$17,116.83** from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office of Public Safety and Security for the purpose of funding costs associated with the mandatory training of all 911 dispatchers who perform emergency dispatch operations.

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUS

2027-044 APPROPRIATION ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF $10,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE TOWN ACQUIRING AN EASEMENT FOR SEWER PURPOSES ON LAND LOCATED AT 153 HUCKINS NECK ROAD IN CENTERVILLE INTRO: 10/15/2026

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was
ORDERED: That the amount of **$10,000** be appropriated from the Sewer Construction and Private Way Maintenance and Improvement Fund for the purpose of the Town, acting by and through the Town Manager, purchasing or taking 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 153 Huckins Neck Road in Centerville and being a portion of Assessor Parcel 252-019. The easement area consists of 1,091± square feet as shown on a “Sewer Easement Exhibit Plan”, dated August 14, 2026, prepared by 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, gas, 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: REFER TO A PUBLIC HEARING ON 11-05-26-UNANIMOUS

2027-045 AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT FOR AND EXPEND A FISCAL YEAR 2027 HOUSING WORKS INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,275,000 FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND LIVABLE COMMUNITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING HYANNIS MAIN STREET EAST END STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS INTRO: 10/15/2026

Jim Kupfer, Director of Planning and Development, gave the rationale

Discussion: (Tamash) As this progresses when does this need to be spent? (Kupfer) two to three years to completion. (Clark) this is very timely grant (DaLuz) Are the builders required to do landscaping? (Kupfer) we do require it on their property (Daluz) can't you make the builders add sidewalks that are ADA compliant? (Ludtke) Where did this money come from? (Kupfer) in the village of Hyannis we meet a lot of checked off boxes, we receive priority, we know what the criteria is, we look for grants for streetscapes. (Ludtke) is West Main Street a priority, (Kupfer) Yes, a corridor study is required first so we can say what the needs are (Ludtke) Can we engage, be more robust and do super engagement with folks (Daluz) what do the people in that area feel they need. (Kupfer) that is exactly what we do.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was
RESOLVED: That the Town Council does hereby authorize the Town Manager to contract for and expend a Fiscal Year 2027 HousingWorks Infrastructure grant in the amount of **$2,275,000** from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities for the purpose of funding the Hyannis Main Street pedestrian and landscape improvements along the east end of Main Street between Center Street and Camp Street.
VOTE: **PASSES UNANIMOUS**

VOTED TO ADJOURN:
VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUS
Adjourn at 8:32 PM
Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Quirk
Town Clerk

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 5, 2026

Exhibits:

A Town Manager Update

B. Barnstable Fiscal Year 27 Opioid Settlement Funding Awards