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The Town of Barnstable has launched a new resource (<u>www.barnstablehealth.com</u>) on March 16, 2020 to keep you up-to-date with the latest information as it relates to reducing the spread of COVID-19 and the working of Barnstable Town government. Visit and bookmark <u>www.barnstablehealth.com</u>.

Town Council Meeting – Thursday, June 18, 2020

The June 18, 2020 meeting of the Barnstable Town Council was physically closed to the public to avoid group congregation. The Town provided Zoom and telephone calls for remote communication for those who wanted to participate. Agenda Chaptering is not currently available for this meeting.

Town Council President Paul Hebert began last night's <u>Town Council Meeting</u> with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence. Public Comment was received through Zoom and phone. Town Manager Mark Ells presented his Town Manager Communications for the period June 5-18, 2020:

1. The Town staff continues to provide programs and service while managing this public health and economic recovery effort. We continue to open our facilities with a major milestone of officially opening beaches on June 27, 2020 and included in the beach opening will be Hathaway's Pond. We continue to work with our business community to assist in their efforts to reopen. We are progressing statewide on issues related to an expedited process to allow for outdoor dining and have provided guidance on our Regulatory Services webpage to business relative to that process. On the ground we have commenced modification of Main Street Hyannis for the summer season as described at your last Town Council meeting. The Town of Barnstable has postponed the Annual 4th of July Fireworks event to tentatively be held on the Saturday (September 5, 2020) of Labor Day Weekend. According to Governor Baker's Reopening Plan, parades can occur during Phase 4 which means all 4th of July parades have all been

canceled. You can find more information about the Reopening Plans <u>here</u>. I will keep you advised as we progress toward the next phase of the Governor's recovery plan.

- 2. We are proceeding with the tasks in the budget action calendar for FY 2021 as scheduled. We submitted the recommended FY 2021 Operating Budget to the Town Council on May 12, 2020, a first reading of the proposed FY 2021 Operating Budget on May 21, 2020 and commenced the second reading on June 4, 2020. We will continue with the second reading of the operating budget later this evening. For information on our fiscal year budgets please view the Town's Open Budget website at http://budget.townofbarnstable.us.
- 3. The following are comments by Mark Milne, Finance Director, and I summarizing our approach to the fiscal management of FY 2020 and proposed FY 2021 during this emergency situation.
 - a. When confronted with the pandemic, the Town took immediate action to control spending. Following the State of Emergency declared in our Commonwealth we implemented a hiring freeze, began deferring discretionary expenses, reduced the FY21 original operating budget, and reduced capital spending. These were all necessary steps taken in order to generate reserves, and to protect the Town from committing to a potentially unsustainable spending plan.
 - b. As a result of these actions and the historical comprehensive financial leadership directed by the Town Council and implemented by the Town Manager, we have established strong reserve fund levels that allow for budgetary options going forward under these conditions.
 - c. Maintaining the quality of life in our community and providing sound fiscal management is a delicate balance. The FY 2021 proposed operating budget attempts to minimize program and service level reductions while not becoming overly dependent upon the use of reserves to provide municipal programs and services.
 - d. The proposed budget for FY21 is structurally balanced as presented. \$2.9 million of reserves are used to balance the budget and we are projecting to generate \$3 million in reserves at the close of FY20; in part due to the steps taken to reduce spending this year and next.
 - e. Our most vulnerable area in the proposed budget is the amount of local aid the town will receive from the state. Local receipt estimates have already been reduced by \$2.9 million (15%) from the projected FY20 levels, and new growth in property taxes has been reduced by 25%. On a positive note, only 8% of the General Fund budget is provided in the form of local aid from the state. Upon the final passage of the State's FY21 budget, the potential negative impact to Barnstable in local aid reduction is comparably less than most communities. By implementing the budgetary controls in FY 2020 described above and maintaining appropriate reserve levels the town has options and is prepared to respond to the current fiscal situation.
 - f. We still don't understand the full extent of the financial impact of this pandemic and we continue to proceed with caution. Without questions, our community and its municipal government will need to adjust to the fiscal downturn and future economic conditions. The Town of Barnstable is well positioned to manage this economic situation. The Town's reserves have been created for unforeseeable economic conditions. Our fiscal policies and municipal budgeting procedures provide the Town with financial options. The prudent management of use of reserves will allow for the continuation of high priority services and

provide the necessary time to develop and evaluate a well-designed budget with tactical reductions, if and where needed.

- 4. On June 3, the Department of Public Works attended a hearing with the Board of Health (BOH) requesting that the BOH consider amending BOH regulations by deleting sections 373-1 (A)(2) and 373-3(G) in their entirety, the effect of which would be to eliminate the free disposal of recyclable materials at the landfill. The BOH voted in favor of this amendment. The Department of Public Works has sent a letter to all prior recycling sticker holders to inform them of the change and their options moving forward. I will keep you advised as we progress on this matter.
- The Town submitted an application for the 2020 Grant Round of the Massachusetts Dredging Program and has been approved for a grant in the amount of \$500,000 for the Dead Neck-Sampson's Island Dredging and Nourishment Project - Phase III.

President Hebert began the meeting by taking a number of items out of order. Agenda Item 2020-190 Supplemental Appropriation and Transfer Order in the amount of **\$212,700.00** for the Fiscal Year 2020 Airport Enterprise Fund Capital Budget was referred to a Public Hearing on July 16, 2020. Barnstable Municipal Airport Manager Katie Servis presented Agenda Item 2020-191 Transfer Order in the amount of **\$52,209.00** for the Fiscal Year 2020 Airport Enterprise Fund Capital Budget which was approved. Agenda Item 2020-192 Order amending the General Ordinances by adding Chapter 190 Short Term Rental Properties and amending Chapter 170 Rental Properties was referred to a Public Hearing on July 16, 2020. Agenda Item 2020-193 Order amending Chapter 240 Zoning, Article II, Section 7 adding certain provisions pertaining to Short Term Rentals was referred to the Planning Board. The Public Hearing for Agenda Item 2020-185 Authorizing the Town Manager to execute a Regulatory Agreement between the Town of Barnstable and Airview, LLC was continued to the Town Council Special Meeting on June 25, 2020. Old Business began with the continuation of Agenda Item 2020-146 Appropriation Order in the amount of \$71,405,234 for the purpose of funding the Town's Fiscal Year 2021 Barnstable Public Schools Budget which was presented by Superintendent Meg Mayo-Brown and Assistant Finance Director Gareth Markwell. The budget was approved. Barnstable Police Chief Matthew Sonnabend, who was joined by Finance and Support Services Director Anne Spillane, presented Agenda Item 2020-**147** Appropriation Order in the amount of **\$14,808,837** for the purpose of funding the Town's Fiscal Year 2021 Barnstable Police Department Budget which was approved. Planning & Development Director Elizabeth Jenkins presented Agenda Item 2020-148 Appropriation Order in the amount of \$2,086,290 for the purpose of funding the Town's Fiscal Year 2021 Planning and Development Department Budget which was approved. Community Services Director Madeline Noonan (joined by Council on Aging Director Donna Burns, Assistant Recreation Director John Gleason, Director of Golf Operations Bruce McIntyre, and Hyannis Youth & Community Center Program Manager Joe Izzo) presented Agenda Items 2020-149 Appropriation Order in the amount of \$2,389,106 for the purpose of funding the Town's Fiscal Year 2021 Community Services Department General Fund Budget; Agenda Item 2020-150 Appropriation Order in the amount of **\$3,648,381** for the purpose of funding the Town's Fiscal Year 2021 Golf Course Enterprise Fund Budget; and Agenda Item 2020-151 Appropriation Order in the amount of \$3,352,395 for the purpose of funding the Town's Fiscal Year 2021 Hyannis Youth and Community Center Enterprise Fund Budget which were approved. Marine & Environmental Affairs Director Derek Lawson, joined by Natural Resources Division Supervisor and Sandy Neck Beach Park Manager Nina Coleman, presented Agenda Items 2020-152 Appropriation Order in the amount of

\$1,146,965 for the purpose of funding the Town's Fiscal Year 2021 Marine & Environmental Affairs Department General Fund Budget; Agenda Item 2020-153 Appropriation Order in the amount of \$787,977 for the purpose of funding the Town's Fiscal Year 2021 Marina Enterprise Fund Budget; and Agenda Item 2020-154 Appropriation Order in the amount of \$961,288 for the purpose of funding the Town's Fiscal Year 2021 Sandy Neck Park Enterprise Fund Budget which were approved. Licensing Director Richard Scali presented Agenda Item 2020-155 Appropriation Order in the amount of \$163,646 for the purpose of funding the Town's Fiscal Year 2021 Licensing Department Budget which was approved. The Public Hearings for the following Agenda Items were continued to the Town Council Special Meeting on Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 6:00 PM: Agenda Item 2020-156 Appropriation Order in the amount of \$2,164,880 for the purpose of funding the Town's Fiscal Year 2021 Inspectional Services Department Budget; Agenda Item 2020-157 Appropriation Order in the amount of \$10,103,252 for the purpose of funding the Town's Fiscal Year 2021 Department of Public Works General Fund Budget; Agenda Item 2020-158 Appropriation Order in the amount of \$3,577,403 for the purpose of funding the Town's Fiscal Year 2021 Department of Public Works Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Budget; Agenda Item 2020-159 Appropriation Order in the amount of \$4,590,439 for the purpose of funding the Town's Fiscal Year 2021 Department of Public Works Water Pollution Control Enterprise Fund Budget; Agenda Item 2020-160 Appropriation Order in the amount of \$7,865,088 for the purpose of funding the Town's Fiscal Year 2021 Department of Public Works Water Supply Enterprise Fund Budget; Agenda Item 2020-161 Appropriation Order in the amount of **\$286,659** for the purpose of funding the Town's Fiscal Year 2021 Town Council Budget; Agenda Item 2020-162 Appropriation Order in the amount of \$873,142 for the purpose of funding the Town's Fiscal Year 2021 Town Manager Budget; Agenda Item 2020-163 Appropriation Order in the amount of **\$841,030** for the purpose of funding the Town's Fiscal Year 2021 Public, Education and Government (PEG) Access Channels Enterprise Fund Budget; Agenda Item 2020-164 Appropriation Order in the amount of \$6,239,788 for the purpose of funding the Town's Fiscal Year 2021 Administrative Services Department Budget; Agenda Item 2020-165 Appropriation Order in the amount of **\$250,000** for the purpose of funding the Town's Fiscal Year 2021 Town Council Reserve Fund; Agenda Item 2020-166 Appropriation Order in the amount of \$50,994,976 for the purpose of funding the Town's Fiscal Year 2021 Other Requirements Budget; Agenda Item 2020-167 Appropriation Order in the amount of \$2,500,499 for the Town's Fiscal Year Community Preservation Fund Fiscal Year 2021 Set-Asides; Agenda Item 2020-168 Appropriation Order in the amount of \$1,820,347 for the purpose of paying the Town's Fiscal Year 2021 Community Preservation Fund Debt Service Requirements; Agenda Item 2020-169 Appropriation Order in the amount of \$585,264 for the purpose of paying the Town's Fiscal Year 2021 Comprehensive Water Management and Private Way Improvement Fund Debt Service Requirements; and Agenda Item 2020-170 Resolve for fiscal year 2021 Revolving Fund spending limits for the following: Senior Services Classroom Education Fund \$100,000; Recreation Program Fund \$525,000; 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. A Special Town Council Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 6:00 PM. Remote Participation Instructions will be available on the meeting Agenda and on the Town of Barnstable's website (www.townofbarnstable.us). The next regularly scheduled Town Council meeting will be held on Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 7:00 PM. At this time, we do not know if the July 16, 2020 meeting of the Barnstable Town Council shall be physically closed to the public to

avoid group congregation. If needed, Remote Participation Instructions will be available on the meeting Agenda and on the Town of Barnstable's website (<u>www.townofbarnstable.us</u>).

FY 2021 Operating Budget Available on Town Website

The Town of Barnstable's FY 2021 Operating Budget is available on the Town's website here: <u>FY 2021 Operating Budget</u>. This webpage provides both a consolidated as well as individual breakouts of the entire book by department. A condensed version of the entire book is available within the attached FY 2021 Operating Budget Summary file.

Town Manager Mark Ells' Community Update

Town Manager Mark Ells continues to provide updates through Channel 18 to keep people informed with accurate information about what is going on in the Town of Barnstable. <u>Mr. Ells' latest Community</u> <u>Update</u> offers information about how the Town of Barnstable is proceeding with assisting businesses with economic recovery now that we are in Phase II of <u>Governor Baker's 4-Phase Reopening Plan</u>. Mr. Ells also offers a reminder that your personal responsibility will help keep us moving forward as more facilities open in the near future. He also shares the steps taken to prepare the FY2021 Operating Budget. Past episodes of Town Manager Mark Ells' Community Updates can be viewed <u>here</u>. The Town Council Workshop on the Transfer Station can be viewed <u>here</u>.

Changes to Recycling at the Transfer Station effective July 1, 2020

At their meeting on May 26, 2020, the Barnstable Board of Health voted to modify the Solid Waste regulations to eliminate the provision of free recycling for Barnstable residents. While this was a difficult decision, there was little choice due to circumstances beyond our control. The regulation was enacted years ago when there was a robust market for recyclable materials which enabled the Transfer Station to utilize recyclables as a source of revenue. Unfortunately, during the past four years, due to upheaval in the world-wide market for recyclables, the demand for these materials has effectively dried-up, except for a few specific items. In fact, we must now pay to dispose of the majority of the recyclable material we receive at costs that in some cases exceed the cost of trash disposal. The Transfer Station operates as an Enterprise Account which means that it must generate enough revenue to completely cover all the costs of operating the facility. As a result of the recycling situation, the Enterprise Account has been operating at a deficit, utilizing cash reserves to subsidize the cost of the recycling operation. This is not a sustainable economic model and has forced the Town to cease the practice of offering free recycling to residents that do not purchase a Transfer Station sticker. Residents do have a number of options for disposing of their recyclable material. They can purchase an annual Transfer Station sticker that runs from July 1 - June 30 for \$250.00. There are also two pay-per-visit options for the disposal of trash and/or recyclable material: one is a \$10.00 per visit fee for disposal of two 30-gallon bags of household trash and recyclables and the other is a \$20.00 per visit fee for disposal of up to five 30-gallon bags of household trash and recyclables. Any bag over the five 30-gallon bag limit is \$4.00 per bag. Residents also have the option of utilizing a number of local private trash hauling services to have recyclables collected at their home. We apologize for any inconvenience or hardship that these changes may present.

Town of Barnstable Announces Guidelines for Temporary Outdoor Expansion

In conjunction with the Governor's directives for Phase II, the Town of Barnstable has released guidelines for expansion of outdoor space for dining facilities and retail space. These guidelines will also complement the plans to close one lane of traffic on Main Street as was announced last week. The guidelines allow for a streamlined approach to a multi-departmental approval. Remote meeting reviews will be held with many of the Town's departments and the applicants. Richard Scali, Licensing Director, and Maggie Flynn, Permit Coordinator, are prescreening the applications for appropriateness and coordinating the plan review. Mr. Scali has been given the approval by the Licensing Authority to administratively review and approve the license extension of premises applications with notice to the Licensing Authority and to the Alcohol Beverages Control Commission. The Governor, through the Legislature, has relaxed the laws by allowing local authorities to approve temporary alcohol extensions of premises which will be in effect until November 1, 2020. The Board of Health has also given administrative approval to the Health Director Thomas McKean to review the applications and to allow temporary exemptions to requirements for outdoor dining as appropriate while maintaining public safety. Licensing Director Richard Scali stated, "This was a multi-departmental approach which was developed in cooperation with Licensing, Planning & Development, Inspectional Services, and Asset Management as well as local Fire Districts in record speed. It will allow our restaurants to be open and operating as soon as possible with expansion of existing outside dining or new patios on private or public space or a combination thereof." All restaurants' outside space must adhere to the social distancing seating and walkway guidelines as laid out by the Governor's directives and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health guidelines. Town Manager Mark Ells stated, "Town staff has worked hard to think outside the box and work with civic and town leaders to come up with a plan that will consider the needs of all our businesses. The plan is still subject to adjustments as we move forward. Each business has its own special set of circumstances and space limitations." For details of the Guidelines and an application, please go to:

<u>https://town.barnstable.ma.us/Departments/LicensingDivision/News_and_Updates/Reopening-</u> <u>Guidelines-Package.pdf</u> or email: <u>Richard.scali@town.barnstable.ma.us</u> or Site Plan at Margaret.flynn@town.barnstable.ma.us.

HyArts Art Shanties, Hyannis Harbor - 2020 Season Begins Monday, June 22nd

Spend Art-FULL days in downtown Hyannis! Photo Credit Marie Grady Palcic

Hyannis HyArts Artist Shanties open on Monday, June 22nd at the Bismore Park location, 180 Ocean Street, Hyannis. Browse among the colorful seaside shanties and meet Cape Cod artists in the heart of Hyannis' working waterfront. Always open from 11:00 AM, seven days a week. Frequently artists come in early and stay late.

Artists change weekly. Discover new faces and artwork each week.

Artwork is hand-made, designed or crafted in a variety of



mediums; painting, jewelry, photography, ceramics, wood, fiber arts, glasswork, and more! The Town-run artist shanty program provides affordable rental space for Cape Cod artists and artisans to work and sell at these "seaside studios". This program provides prime visibility and opportunities for artists to gain and improve business, marketing and selling skills, connect with other artists and meet visitors from around the region and the world.

Visit ArtsBarnstable.com for all event listings and artist information; @ArtsBarnstable artsbarnstable.com artsbarnstable@town.barnstable.ma.us

PARK AND WALK: It is easy to spend art-FULL days in downtown Hyannis HyArts Cultural District, Complimentary and metered parking lots are steps away from Main Street & Hyannis Harbor. Visit the artist shanties, Main Street Hyannis, museums, shops, restaurants and more, all walkable from the surrounding public parking lots.

2020 HYANNIS HYARTS ARTIST SHANTY HOURS BEGINNING MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2020: Always OPEN FROM 11:00 AM! Currently schedule: Seven days a week: through September 27, 2020. 11:00 AM - at least 6:00 PM June & September, till 8:00 PM July and August Weekends, Friday through Sunday, October 2 - October 24 11:00 AM - 4:00PM November and December: Gingerbread Lane at the Harbor Overlook: November 27, 28, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM December 5, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

New and Improved Services through Parking and Gateway Greeters!

To enhance your experience, many new and improved services have been implemented for Parking and Visitor Services this 2020 season, provided by the Barnstable Parking Management Program, including:

Mobile Payment. Now available at all town owned Pay-To-Park lots, located at Bismore Park (180 Ocean Street), Ocean Street Lot (25 Ocean Street) and at the weekend-only Regulatory Services Lot (200 Main Street). Download the app now at <u>https://www.mpay2park.com/</u> or scan the QR Code to take

advantage of this easy and touchless payment option while visiting beautiful downtown Hyannis.

Information Kiosks. Former pay to park stations at all town owned Pay-to-Park locations have been converted into Information Kiosks filled with maps, Mobile Payment, Welcome Center and ArtsBarntable information, and social safety reminders. These kiosks aim to enhance your experience while making valuable knowledge readily available as you begin exploring and discovering all that lovely downtown Hyannis has to offer.

Information Take-Out Service Window at Bismore Welcome Center. Providing all the same great service and vast array of information, the Gateway Greeters at Bismore Welcome Center now are safely serving you and all of our visitors through a take-out window style operation. Stop by 7 days a week between the hours of 8am-







8pm to get maps, menus, transportation schedules and other information about all the fantastic ways

you can enjoy Barnstable and our neighboring communities here on beautiful Cape Cod.

Discover Barnstable Journal. This year the ever popular Discover Barnstable program has been transformed into a portable journal filled with activities and ways to collect all your summer experiences and memories. Available online and free to KIDS OF ALL AGES, please visit our webpage to get your copy now!

<u>https://www.town.barnstable.ma.us/Departments/parkingdivision/Projects/discover.asp</u> Learn and discover Barnstable in a new way!

COMING SOON – Barnstable Kids Kit. Starting July 3rd and available to kids ages 14 and under, the Barnstable Kids Kit is free, exciting, educational and an entertaining collection of items including a copy of the Discover Barnstable Journal, shellfish activities, Frisbees, water bottles, crayons and other fun items packaged in a drawstring bag. Perfect for exploring and discovering Barnstable!

COMING SOON! - Ralph P. Bismore Exhibit. Celebrating our Barnstable's Brave, the Ralph P. Bismore exhibit will be on display starting July 3rd outside along the Harbormaster Office wall located at Bismore Park, 180 Ocean Street. The exhibit focuses on the community and global contributions Ralph made throughout his life; and, how his legacy and love for the arts proudly continues today within the park dedicated in memory for his ultimate sacrifice.

For more information about these and other exciting services offered by the Parking and Gateway Greeter Program, please visit our website at:

https://www.town.barnstable.ma.us/Departments/parkingdivision/Projects We are happy to help!

Town of Barnstable Opens Lane on Hyannis Main Street for Pedestrians and Outdoor Business Use

The Town of Barnstable looks forward to safely welcoming residents and visitors to Hyannis Main Street this summer. To provide room for social distancing, and to support the safe and successful reopening of the many small shops and restaurants on Main Street, the Town of Barnstable is making one of the two traffic lanes on the street available to pedestrians and outdoor business use. The southern lane and parking spaces will remain available for vehicle travel and parking. All intersections will remain open for traffic in all directions. The lane closure will begin prior to Barnstable Road and extend to Sea Street and will remain in place through the summer. Work to make this change will begin on Monday, June 15, 2020 is expected to be completed by Friday, June 19, 2020. "The Town of Barnstable is committed to promoting public health and safety and to supporting the small businesses that make Hyannis Main Street are the centerpiece of efforts by the Town of Barnstable and the Hyannis Main Street Business Improvement District aimed at ensuring a successful economic recovery and transition to a safe and prosperous "new normal" in Hyannis. The new temporary outdoor business space will be accompanied







by renewed efforts to enhance lighting and bring public art to the street, as well resumption of customary services including public restrooms and Community Service Officers. "There was much thoughtful discussion and outreach made on this change and we think it will help the downtown thrive this summer. We thank all of the hardworking and insightful partners who are making this happen," said Elizabeth Wurfbain, Executive Director of the Hyannis Main Street Business Improvement District. For ongoing updates on the efforts to transition Main Street, visit the Town of Barnstable Economy Recovery webpage at:

www.town.barnstable.ma.us/Departments/planninganddevelopment/Barnstable-Economic-Recovery-Plan

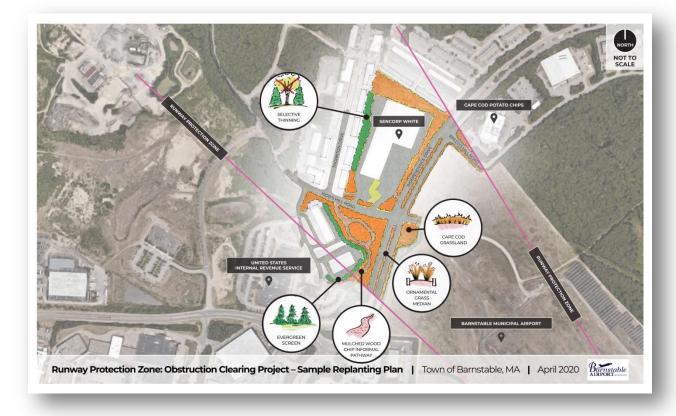
Town of Barnstable Economic Recovery Planning

Town of Barnstable staff are working to help our businesses reopen successfully, recover from this crisis, and move towards a strong and prosperous future. We are listening to and working with our businesses, residents, the Economic Development Task Force (a Town Council presidential subcommittee), the Hyannis Main Street Business Improvement District, and other community partners on developing an Economic Recovery Plan, with an initial focus on promoting the safe and successful reopening of businesses when allowed by the Governor. We are looking at ways the Town can support our local businesses, while promoting public health and safety. If there are ways we can help you succeed in the coming days, months, and in the long-term, please reach out and share your suggestions with us. Submit your suggestions on the Economic Recovery Plan website. Additionally, we encourage our businesses to take the Cape Cod Commission's online survey for Cape Cod business owners. The survey is being conducted to better understand the current and anticipated economic impacts of COVID-19. Data collected through this survey will be used to support economic recovery now and in the coming weeks and months, and can be leveraged by businesses, towns, and other organizations in future grant applications and reports.

Barnstable Municipal Airport to Clear Trees Near Runway Approach Areas to Comply with FAA Regulations

Barnstable Municipal Airport (HYA) is in the process of clearing trees impacting the approach surfaces of two runways to meet Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations as well as airport safety and certification requirements. The project support the existing runway approaches and maintain the necessary safety conditions. Tree removal began on May 27, 2020 and will last for four weeks and will be funded by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT). Our initial press release went out on May 11, 2020 outlining the project and identifying post project landscaping to occur. "Safety is always our top priority at the airport, and managing vegetation is an important part of that priority," said Airport Manager Katie Servis. "As trees and other vegetation grow taller, they create safety hazards for pilots and can limit visibility between the aircraft the runway environment and the control tower. The FAA requires that certain areas of trees and shrubs surrounding airports must be cut. Post tree clearing includes a landscaping plan with native plants and shrubs to replace taller growth that must be removed." FAA regulations and standards require that airspace Protection Zones (PZs) must be achieved and maintained in order to assure an appropriate level of safety at every airport. PZs are

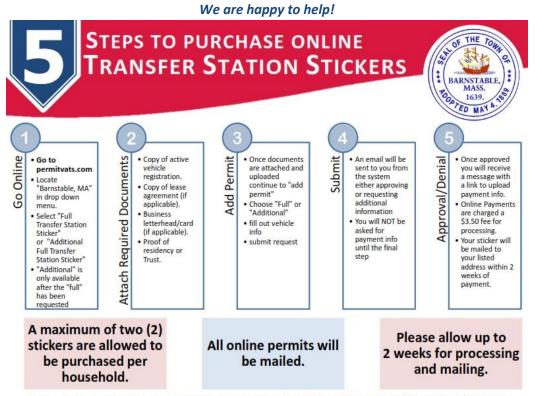
crucial elements of aviation and public safety because they ensure unobstructed flight paths and views for pilots, air traffic controllers, and ground crew, enabling safe takeoffs, landings, and ground movements. Trees to be cleared include a total of approximately seven acres around Runway 24 (along Willow Street in Yarmouth) and Runway 15 (along Independence Drive in Barnstable). Most trees lie within airport-owned property or property in which the airport has existing easements that allow for tree cutting and maintenance of vegetative growth. The Airport plans for a post-clearing landscaping plan that includes replanting with native grassland species and/or low growing shrubs. This is to commence within the next few weeks. See sample replanting plan below.



Online Sales: Transfer Station Sticker and Beach Parking Permits

In an effort to assist our community during the COVID-19 emergency, the Town of Barnstable is proud to offer online purchases for transfer station stickers and beach parking permits starting Tuesday May 26, 2020. In addition to accepting mail-in applications, Barnstable residents can now conveniently go to **permitvats.com**, select "Barnstable, MA" in the drop down menu, identify the permit you wish to apply for and download all necessary documents. All online permit sales will be mailed and please allow up to 2 weeks for processing and mailing. The Town of Barnstable is committed to assisting our community and is available to help with any questions you may have.

For more information about the Transfer Station Stickers (new graphic), please visit <u>www.town.barnstable.ma.us/Departments/solidwaste</u> or contact staff at 508-420-2258. For more information about Beach Parking Permits, please visit <u>www.townofbarnstable.us/Departments/Recreation</u> or contact staff at 508-790-6345.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE <u>www.town.barnstable.ma.us/Departments/solidwaste</u> OR CONTACT OUR STAFF AT 508-420-2258.



Information to Help You Stay Safe at Barnstable Beaches This Weekend



See ALL State guidelines <u>here</u>. Thanks to the tremendous effort of our Department of Public Works, our bathhouses will be open this weekend. Lifeguards and gate attendants will not be available this weekend, so please, Safety First, Barnstable - in and out of the water! Parking Permits are available via

ROAD WORK UPDATES

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

MAIL - please be patient, it takes up to two weeks to process! FORM here.

***CONTINUES* National Grid Service Road** Construction Work began on November 12, 2019; National Grid will be installing a new gas



main on Service Road in Sandwich and Barnstable. Work will be performed during the day, Monday

through Friday from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Service Road will remain open with one-lane of traffic. Work will continue through June 30, 2020. The project is scheduled to be completed in November, 2020.

CONTINUES MassDOT Schedules Intersection Improvements at Falmouth

Road (Route 28) at Osterville West Barnstable Road Construction operations began on September 5, 2019, and will continue through to April 2021 MassDOT has commenced work on the intersection at Falmouth Road (Route 28) at Osterville West Barnstable Road. The road has been redesigned to include exclusive left turn lanes and improve bicycle and pedestrian accommodation as part of the proposed safety improvement work. The work to be done consists of furnishing and installing of new traffic signal equipment at the intersection including emergency vehicle pre-emption system, bicycle and vehicles loop detectors, construction of ADA compliant wheelchair ramps, sidewalks, and driveways, box widening, pavement milling and resurfacing, new pavement markings and signs, drainage improvements, water distribution modifications, existing utility pole relocations, installation of granite curbing, loam and seeding. Work will be performed during the day, Monday through Friday 7:00 AM-3:30 PM. Traffic control will include all required signage, channeling devices for lane shifts and alternating one-way traffic as required. Police details/ flaggers will be on duty. Visit www.mass511.com, a website which provides real-time traffic and incident advisory information, and allows users to subscribe to text and email alerts for traffic conditions. Follow MassDOT on Twitter @MassDOT to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions. Download MassDOT's GoTime mobile app and view real-time traffic conditions before setting out on the road.

UPDATED Pipe Installation, Hinckley Road from Falmouth Road to Route 132

National Grid Work has started installation of a new gas main in Hinckley Road in Hyannis. The project includes installation of new 10" gas main from Falmouth Road to a regulator pit within Hinckley Road and a 12" gas main from the regulator pit to a tie-in in Route 132. Work will be performed during the day, Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Work will continue in Hinckley Road through June 30, 2020, and the Contactor will then demobilize until the fall.

***UPDATED* Ongoing Drainage Improvements** Drainage improvements are complete on Eel River Road and work will shift to 357 Bumps River Rd in Osterville. The work includes installation of new drainage structures and castings, adjustment of existing drainage structure castings, pavement repairs and restoration of disturbed areas. Normal work hours will be between 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Crews will attempt to maintain through traffic during the construction. Lane closures and detours will be supported with police details to direct traffic. Motorists are advised to seek alternate routes to avoid the construction work.

*CONTINUES*Chipseal Pavement Improvements on Various Town Roads

A chipseal wear surface will be applied on top of the existing pavement on the following roads:

Barnstable Village: Dromoland Lane, Iris Lane, Oakmont Drive, Pine Avenue **Centerville:** Clifton Lane, Harvard Street, Pinecrest Road, Sachem Avenue

Hyannis: Bacon Avenue, Chase Street, Dartmouth Street, Murphy Road, Tucker Road

The chipseal process includes street sweeping, installation of a thin asphalt leveling course on an asneeded basis, cracksealing, spraying of a rubberized membrane onto the road surface followed by installation of crushed pea-stone aggregate that is rolled into the rubber membrane material. Work began on June 2, 2020 and is expected to be complete by June 26, 2020. Normal work hours will be between 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Through traffic will be maintained throughout the process with support from police details.

CONTINUES Roadway Improvements on Portions of Main Street (Route 6A) and Mill Way in Barnstable Village Construction is scheduled to continue through mid-June 2020, then finish up in the fall. Normal work hours are 6:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Remaining work includes utility line transfers and pole removals in a few locations (by utility companies); paving and marking the roads; finishing sidewalks in several locations; installing site furnishings; installing street lights; refurbishing traffic signals; and other associated work. During active construction there will be lane closures or temporary detours with signs and police details or flaggers to direct traffic past or around the work zones.

CONTINUES Roadway Improvements on Portions of Sea Street, South Street,

and Ocean Avenue in Hyannis Construction is scheduled to continue through the end of July 2020. Normal work hours are 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Remaining work includes utility line transfers and pole removals (by utility companies); sidewalk reconstruction; paving and marking the roads; installing street lights; and other associated work. During active construction there will be lane closures or temporary detours with signs and police details or flaggers to direct traffic past or around the work zones.

CONTINUES Sewer Installation on Portions of Kidd's Hill Road, Merchants

Way, and Business Lane in Barnstable Village Construction is scheduled to end in July 2020. Normal work hours are 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Work will involve excavating trenches in the roads, installing sanitary sewer pipes and manholes, backfilling, compacting, and paving. During portions of May and June 2020, Kidd's Hill Road will be closed for construction about 500 feet each side of its intersection with Merchants Way. During portions of June and July, Business Lane and the south half of Merchants Way will be closed for construction.

CONTINUES Sidewalk, Traffic Signal, Water Distribution, and Associated Improvements on Independence Drive in Hyannis and Barnstable Village, and on Portions of Mary Dunn Road, Kidd's Hill Road, and Attucks Lane in Barnstable

Village Construction is scheduled to continue through the end of June, then start up again in September and end in May 2021. Normal work hours are 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Work will include a new sidewalk and additional drainage systems the full length of Independence Drive, on Mary Dunn Road a short distance south of Independence Drive, on Kidd's Hill Road from Independence Drive to Merchants Way, and on Attucks Lane from Independence Drive to Wilkens Lane. The work will also include a new traffic signal system at the intersection of Attucks Lane & Wilkens Lane; a watermain extension on portions of Attucks Lane and Independence Drive; and additional street lights on portions of Independence Drive and Kidd's Hill Road. During active construction there will be lane closures with signs, cones/construction barrels, and police details or flaggers if necessary to direct traffic past the work zones.

A Message from the Council on Aging Division

AARP Tax Preparation is offering alternative service methods. Because of the suspension of in-person tax assistance, the AARP Tax Assistance Program is **providing access to selected tax preparation software at no cost**, so that taxpayers can prepare their own tax returns. Find out <u>here</u>: Please remember that the tax filing deadline has been postponed to July 15, 2020. **Grab and Go at the BACC has ended, but we have many nutritional supports available.** For a complete list of resources, or for free emergency bags of food, please call us at 508-862-4750. **If you are feeling lonely, or know someone who is please call us.** We have staff members who would love to give you a call. Sometimes some friendly conversation can make all of the difference during these challenging times. We are here, and we care, so please call us at 508-862-4750.

Meals for Any Student in ALL Communities

Barnstable Public Schools is providing FREE breakfast and lunch for any student free of charge. (No ID is required). All children are welcome regardless of town of residence or school attended. All meals will be offered in compliance with USDA standards and will be a "Grab and Go" option. We will be providing both breakfast and lunch at the same time. Students are encouraged to take one breakfast and one lunch. **NOTE: Fridays we will be handing out 3 breakfast and 3 lunches to each student for the weekend.**



Free Grocery Delivery Service Launches for Barnstable County Seniors and Residents at Higher Risk

The <u>Cape Cod Medical Reserve Corps' Delivery Service</u> will help people who should stay home receive groceries and critical household goods.

See a list of participating grocery stores with pre-ordering and curbside pickup options <u>here</u>. Slowing the spread of COVID-19 is essential for "flattening the curve" of infections, which will curb the outbreak, prevent hospitals from getting overwhelmed with patients seeking treatment, and ultimately reduce the number of deaths. For current information on the novel coronavirus outbreak (COVID-19), please visit the Barnstable County Department of Health and Environment's website: <u>barnstablecountyhealth.org</u>. If you have questions or concerns, please email <u>COVID-19@barnstablecounty.org</u>.

It's Easy to Complete Your 2020 Federal Census On-line, Just Click <u>Here</u>

It is important to return both your annual street listing and the United States Census in 2020. The 2020 Census count will be used to ensure that Barnstable and Massachusetts receive our fair share of federal money and political representation for the next 10 years. Representation in the United States Congress is based on United State Census responses. Recently the U.S. Census Bureau has resumed



field operations in our area. Of note, census workers are dropping off paper forms included in their invitation package on the doorsteps of residents who receive mail through a PO Box. We have been assured that census workers are taking all precautions to make this non-contact delivery as smooth and safe as possible. The census is quick, easy, and important, and all of your answers are confidential. You can respond to the U.S. Census by going online to <u>my2020census.gov</u>, by phone at 844-330-2020, or by mailing back the paper form delivered to you. Please respond and be counted today. **Currently the self-response rate nationally is 61.5%**. Massachusetts has a 63.5% self-response rate; Barnstable County 45.6%; and the Town of Barnstable 53.0%.

Vineyard Wind Hosts Virtual Information Sessions



2020 Atlantic Hurricane Season Begins

2	Use MEMA's interactive map to find out if you live or work in a hurricane evacuation zone	Know Your Zone	Make a Plan	Have a predetermined emergency plan tailored to your family's needs
<mark>(</mark>	Build an emergency kit that can sustain you and your family for 3-5 days	Build a Kit	Stay Informed	As a storm approaches, closely monitor media reports and promptly follow instructions from public safety officials

Start of Hurricane Season is a Reminder to Prepare

Are You on the Town's Emergency Notification System?

The Barnstable Police Department has an emergency notification system. This system has been used to provide information during the ongoing COVID-19 event and for the recent COMM Water District issue. Did you know that only landlines are part of the federal and state Reverse 911 system and you must register cell phones which are not public records? Make sure you are on our list. Sign up here today. What is CodeRED and why is it important to me? CodeRED is an emergency notification service by which town officials can notify Barnstable residents and businesses by telephone, cellular phone, text message, or electronic mail about time-sensitive emergency situations or important community alerts. The system is capable of sending messages only to specific neighborhoods or the entire town. Only authorized officials are allowed access to use the system. Frequently asked questions can be reviewed here. Be sure to take a moment to learn more about this important notification system.

Town Manager Extends Payment Due Dates for Town Bills and Exemptions and Tax Deferral Applications

The Town Manager is waiving the payment of interest and other penalties in the event of late payment of any real estate, personal property, motor vehicle excise, boat excise, and water or sewer utility bills for an additional month, giving Barnstable taxpayers until **June 29, 2020**, to make payment without incurring interest or demand late fees.

Under the new state legislation, payments made after June 29, 2020 will be subject to interest and penalties back to June 1, 2020.

During the COVID-19 emergency, the office of the Treasurer/Collector is closed to the public. However, there are several optional payment methods available:

- 1. Mail checks using the envelop provided or to the Town of Barnstable, PO Box 40, Hyannis, MA 02601
- 2. Online thru the Town of Barnstable website under Quicklinks/Pay bills online
- 3. Leave check payments in the outside drop box located next to the walkway leading to Town Hall. Please do not leave any cash in the drop box, checks only.

If you have any questions regarding property, excise and sewer bill payments, please call the Tax Collector's Office at 508-862-4054 or email to <u>taxcollector@town.barnstable.ma.us</u>.

Questions regarding water bills can be directed to the Town's Water Supply Division at 508-775-0063.

Questions regarding Residential, Veterans, Seniors, and Blind Exemption applications can be directed to the Town Assessor's office by calling 508.862.4022 or 508.862.4020 or email to <u>assessor@town.barnstable.ma.us</u>.

Working with Barnstable Town Hall

Effective Friday, March 20, 2020, as a precautionary measure to prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and in the interest of the health and well-being of our employees and the residents of the Town of Barnstable, most town buildings are closed to the public. It is our hope that we will re-open to the public on **Monday, June 8th**. We are making adjustments to our business operations to ensure resources are focused where the need is greatest. Please understand the fluid nature of this situation and that we are reassessing and adapting our response as needed to this developing situation. Public access to 200 Main Street and the Town Hall Offices is now by appointment only. Information on how you can work remotely with Town Offices is available on the Town of Barnstable's website (www.townofbarnstable.us) and www.BarnstableHealth.com. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding throughout this serious situation.

A listing of Town owned buildings that have closed is listed <u>here</u>.

TREASURER'S OFFICE

The Treasurer's Office will be accepting payments either through mail or payments may be placed in the drop box located outside Town Hall next to the walkway leading to Town Hall. **No cash is to be mailed or left in the drop box.**

For **Tax Title Account information** please call Treasurer's office at 508-862-4656. Payments for liened parcels that are in Tax Title may be mailed to:

Town of Barnstable, Treasurer's Office, 230 South Street, Hyannis, MA 02601

TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

The Collector's Office is closed to the public at this time and the administrative staff will be working remotely until further notice. While a "Shelter in Place" directive has not been issued at this time, the administrative staff will be staggering times in the office to address items that cannot be accomplished remotely to reduce the number of people working in close proximity to each other and to implement social distancing. If you have any questions regarding real estate, personal property, motor vehicle and boat excise taxes and sewer bill payments, please call the **Tax Collector's Office at 508-862-5054** or email to <u>taxcollector@town.barnstable.ma.us</u>.

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1. Mail checks using the envelope provided or to the Town of Barnstable, PO Box 40, Hyannis, MA 02601.

- 2. Online through the Town of Barnstable website under Quicklinks/Pay bills online https://www.townofbarnstable.us/Departments/Treasurer/
- 3. Leave check payments in the outside drop box located next to the walkway leading to Town Hall. Please do not leave any cash in the drop box, checks only.

If you have any questions regarding property, excise and sewer bill payments, please call the **Tax Collector's Office at 508-862-4054.**

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

<u>Abatement Applications</u> Abatement forms are available on the town's website at <u>https://www.townofbarnstable.us/Departments/Assessing/</u>Completed forms can be mailed to Town of Barnstable Assessor, 367 Main. St. Hyannis, MA 02601.

<u>**Property Information</u>** Inquiries regarding property values can be requested by email to assessor@town.barnstable.ma.us or you can call 508.862.4022 or 508.862.4020.</u>

Forms All other forms are available at <u>https://www.townofbarnstable.us/Departments/Assessing/</u> Permit applications will continue to be accepted and processed according to local and state requirements. Applications and associated materials should be submitted electronically to the extent legally possible.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

A drop off location for paper applications has been established to the left of the front door at 367 Main Street. If your request does not need immediate attention, please use the drop off location for nomination papers, birth, death, and marriage certificates established in the front vestibule at 367 Main Street. Please submit your request in the lock box and call us on 508-862-4044.

Instructions for Making an Appointment with Staff If you would like to make an appointment with a staff member, please call 508-862-4044. Appointments will not be made with any person experiencing cough, fever, or shortness of breath; anyone tested positive for COVID-19; anyone who has been exposed to a tested positive COVID-19 case; or anyone directed to self-quarantine. Staff will ask you to confirm you do not meet any of these criteria upon making the appointment and upon arrival at the appointment.

200 MAIN STREET

Instructions for Dropping Off Permit Applications

- Include a contact name, and telephone number and/or e-mail address.
- DO NOT submit payment with the application. It will be collected at a later time.
- There will be a minimum 48 hour delay between the time an application is dropped off and when it is officially received.
- A staff member will contact you to confirm receipt of the application and with comments and/or instructions and to arrange payment of fees.

Instructions for Making an Appointment with Staff

If you would like to make an appointment with a staff member, please call or e-mail the contact listed. Appointments will not be made with any person experiencing cough, fever, or shortness of breath; anyone tested positive for COVID-19; anyone who has been exposed to a tested positive COVID-19 case; or anyone directed to self-quarantine. Staff will ask you to confirm you do not meet any of these criteria upon making the appointment and upon arrival at the appointment.

Doing Business with Planning & Development During COVID-19

The Last Word:

My father said there were two kinds of people in the world: givers and takers. The takers may eat better, but the givers sleep better. ~ Marlo Thomas

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Setting Our Course Barnstable's Economic Recovery Plan







