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To: Barnstable Town Councilors

From: M. Andrew Clyburn, Assistant Town Manager

RE: Town Manager update for period March 5, 2021 thru March 18, 2021

1. Katie Servis, Airport Manager, will provide an update relative to the Airport Master Plan.
2. The Town of Barnstable Health Division, Hyannis Fire Department, Barnstable Housing Authority (BHA) staff, Council on Aging staff, and Inspectional Services (Building) staff worked together to provide first dose COVID-19 vaccinations at four Barnstable Housing Authority elderly housing complexes and at the Barnstable Adult Community Center (BACC). A total of 336 persons were vaccinated with first dose Moderna vaccine during the three day period Thursday, March 11th through Saturday, March 13th 2021, including ten homebound residents. We wish to thank everyone involved for their dedication and hard work.
3. The Town of Barnstable was informed on February 16, 2021 that the Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) filed a Clean Water Act complaint against the Town. CLF has not yet served the complaint on the Town, and the litigation process does not start until that happens. We are continuing to pursue discussions with CLF. We will keep you advised through future executive session as we progress through this legal matter.
4. We are proceeding with the tasks in the budget action calendar for FY 2022 as scheduled. We have finalized and submitted the proposed FY 2022 Capital Improvement Program to Town Council. The first read of the proposed FY 2022 Capital Plan is for tonight and the public hearings are planned to commence on April 1, 2021. We are commencing final internal review of the proposed FY 2022 Operating Budget on March 22, 2021. We are planning to present a level service budget in FY 2022. The Town Manager will conduct a public hearing on the proposed rate changes for the water, sewer, and solid waste transfer station operations on March 30, 2021 at 10am via Zoom. For information on our fiscal year budgets please view the Town's Open Budget website at <http://budget.townofbarnstable.us>.

5. The Planning & Development Department is proceeding with a request for proposals for consultant services to assist the Town with our Community Visioning project, the first phase of the Local Comprehensive Plan (LCP) update. The scope of work will include consultation on establishing the LCP Committee, as well as organizing and implementing the broad community outreach effort associated with this project. We will keep the Council and the public informed as this work progresses.
6. I have attached a summary of the recently passed American Rescue Plan Act. Barnstable's share is anticipated to be on the order of \$7.1 million. Specific guidance as to use of funds to be provided from the U.S. Treasury Department.
7. Town Clerk Ann Quirk is announcing a new, fast and efficient way to obtain a vital record of a Birth, Death or Marriage that occurred in the Town of Barnstable. Vital Records are now on-line!
Follow this link: <https://barnstablema.viewpointcloud.com/categories/1085> where you can find the steps for searching and obtaining the certified record and conveniently pay by credit card. The document will be mailed out the next business day.
If you choose to apply for a vital record of a birth, death or marriage that occurred in the Town of Barnstable through the mail and pay by check please go to this link for the form and the instructions:
https://www.town.barnstable.ma.us/Departments/TownClerk/Office_Information/Death-Certificate.pdf
8. Dan Santos, Director of Public Works, will provide an update on Barnstable's Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan.

American Rescue Plan Act

State and local aid component

- Provides \$195 billion to State Governments
- Provides \$130 billion to Local Governments
 - \$65 billion for counties
 - If counties are not units of general local government (Massachusetts has seven abolished counties), the state shall distribute the counties' share to the local governments in the county on a per capita basis
 - Barnstable County share is \$41 million; if distributed on a per capita basis, Barnstable's share is \$8.6 million
 - \$65 billion for local communities; Barnstable share is \$7.1 million
 - State and local government recipients could use the funds to cover costs incurred by Dec. 31, 2024
 - Funds would be distributed in two tranches, with 50% delivered no later than 60 days from the date of enactment, and the remainder delivered no earlier than one year later
 - States would have to distribute funds to smaller towns within 30 days of receiving a payment from the department
- Use of funds
 - Respond to the COVID-19 emergency and address its economic effects, including through aid to households, small businesses, nonprofits, and industries such as tourism and hospitality
 - Provide premium pay to essential employees or grants to their employers. Premium pay couldn't exceed \$13 per hour or \$25,000 per worker.
 - Provide government services affected by a revenue reduction resulting from COVID-19
 - Make investments in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure
 - **More specific guidance as to use of funds to be provided from the US Treasury Dept**
- State and local governments cannot use the funds towards pensions or to offset revenue resulting from a tax cut enacted since March 3, 2021
- State and local governments could transfer funds to private nonprofit groups, public benefit corporations involved in passenger or cargo transportation, and special-purpose units of state or local governments

Education component

- Provides \$123 billion for the existing Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund to remain available through Sept. 30, 2023
- States receive funds based on the same proportion that each state receives Title I funds
- State must distribute at least 90% of funds to local education agencies based on their proportional share of Title I funds
- DESE has not yet released BPS's share
 - BPS must reserve at least 20% of the funding they receive to address learning loss
 - Remaining funds are flexible and can address a variety of needs, including repairing ventilation systems, reducing class sizes and implementing social distancing guidelines, purchasing personal protective equipment, and hiring support staff to care for students' health and well-being

Transportation

- \$8 billion provided for airports and airport concessions – no specific allocations issued to date