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To: Barnstable Town Councilors

From: Mark S. Ells, Town Manager

RE: Town Manager update for period August 6, 2021 thru August 19, 2021

1. Elizabeth Jenkins, Director of Planning and Development, will provide an update on the Town of Barnstable Local Comprehensive Plan (LCP). These efforts are being conducted in conformance with the Cape Cod Commission's local comprehensive plan guidance and regulations [https://www.capecodcommission.org/resource-library/file/?url=/dept/commission/team/Website Resources/regulatory/LCP Guidance Document.pdf](https://www.capecodcommission.org/resource-library/file/?url=/dept/commission/team/Website%20Resources/regulatory/LCP%20Guidance%20Document.pdf), with the goal of having the plan certified by the Commission upon completion.
2. We are preparing the budget action calendar and budget instruction for FY 2023 with a planned distribution in late summer 2021. We have expanded the action items in the budget calendar to recognize the efforts of our School Department and the School Committee meeting held as they develop the FY 2023 proposed operating budget. For information on our fiscal year budgets please view the Town's Open Budget website at <http://budget.townofbarnstable.us>.
3. On Friday, August 13, 2021 the Town of Barnstable was served with a lawsuit regarding the Clean Water Act. This is the first of two lawsuits for which the Town had been noticed and lawsuits filed. We will keep you advised as we progress on this matter.
4. As summer winds down, many of our beaches are no longer staffed due to lifeguards heading back to school. We advise our residents and visitors to exercise common sense and caution and be vigilant of others in the water when they visit beaches and ponds where lifeguards are not present. If you observe someone in distress call 911 immediately and remember to "reach and throw, don't go" as by attempting to rescue someone you could be putting yourself in danger of drowning. Parents should supervise their children at all times when they are in the water and we ask that swimmers never swim alone and remain in the designated swim areas at all times.

Beach Operation Status as of August 19th (subject to change):

The following beaches/ponds are currently without lifeguard coverage:
Joshua's, Hamblin's, Hathaway's, Millway, Loop, and Sea Street.

Upcoming Changes:

Friday – 8/20 – No Staff at Joshua's Pond – Bath House closed for the Season

Saturday – 8/21 – No Staff at Loop Beach & Millway Beach – Bath houses closed for the season

Saturday – 8/21 – No Lifeguards at Sandy Neck

Saturday – 8/28 – No Staff at Hathaway's Pond – Bath house closed for the season

Monday – 8/23 - No Lifeguards at Veteran's Park Beach

Thursday – 8/26 – No Lifeguards at Kalmus Park Beach

Sunday – 8/29 – No Lifeguards at Dowses Beach

Monday - 8/30 – No Lifeguards at Covell's Beach

Through Labor Day (9/6):

ONLY site with Lifeguards - Craigville Beach

Craigville Gate staff 7:30am-4pm, with bath house open 9am-4:30pm

Covell's Gate staff 9am-4pm, with bath house open 9am-4:30pm

Veteran's Park Beach, Kalmus Park Beach, Sea St (Keyes Memorial Beach), and

Dowses Beach Gate staff 9am-3:45pm, with bath houses open 9am-4:30pm

5. On August 11, 2021 I participated in a PFAS Webinar on PFAS in Food Packaging and Related Policy Challenges in representation of a municipality that is currently addressing the issue of PFAS chemicals in our water resources. My presentation illustrated the specific challenges Barnstable faces with regards to the presence of PFAS chemicals. I shared Barnstable's perspective on the extent of PFAS chemicals in water resources and drinking water supplies, how we are addressing these challenge, and spoke supportively of legislation to regulate food packaging containing PFAS. Attached is the presentation provided to at the Webinar.
6. We continue to have regular conversations with Vineyard Wind (VW) regarding the status of the Phase I and Phase II VW Projects. VW continues to work with Barnstable staff regarding both Phase I & II of the project. They have commenced construction on Phase I and are proceeding with permitting on Phase II. We have awarded the construction contract for the installation of sewers along the Phase I VW cable route and expect physical construction to commence this fall of 2021. We have continued our discussion with Vineyard Wind regarding an update to the existing Host Community Agreement (HCA) for Phase II and a potential Phase III. I plan to bring forward in September a resolve requesting Town Council authorize the Town Manager to modify the existing HCA to reflect the modification of the Phase II project. We will continue discussion with VW on a Phase III project including a discussion of the proposed landing and cable routing. We will keep you advised of our progress on this matter.
7. The Cape Cod Commission is hosting the seventh annual OneCape Summit on August 23rd and 24th at the Wequassett Resort in Harwich. This year's event will

include options for in-person or virtual participation. OneCape will focus on the critical challenges of water quality, climate change, and housing. Over the course of two days, sessions will cover strategies to address marine and freshwater quality, work to mitigate and adapt to climate-related impacts in the region, local and regional strategies to support housing needs, and building resilience within our natural, built, and community systems in a post-COVID economy. I will participate in the panel discussion relative to Water Quality.