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To: Barnstable Town Councilors

From: Mark S. Ells, Town Manager

RE: Town Manager update for period September 3, 2021 thru September 16, 2021

1. We are proceeding with the budget action calendar for FY 2023. As stated at prior Town Manager communications we have expanded the action items in the budget calendar to recognize the meetings of the School Committee as they develop the FY 2023 proposed operating budget. As noted in the Budget Action Calendar with a joint meeting of Town Council and School Committee scheduled for October 21, 2021. For information on our fiscal year budgets please view the Town's Open Budget website at <http://budget.townofbarnstable.us>.
2. We began removal of the barriers on Main Street Hyannis last night and plan to complete the removal this evening. The results of the survey and polls taken during our summer season regarding Main Street Hyannis are available [on the Planning & Development website under Current Projects Main Street 2021](#).
3. Cape Cod Gateway Airport will conduct an in depth exercise involving safety protocols via a full-scale emergency drill on Tuesday, September 28 at 5:00 PM at the airport grounds in Hyannis. The exercise will simulate a completely mock scenario of an aircraft accident. While the drill takes place, please be advised that there will be active police, fire and helicopter activity in the vicinity of the Airport. The Airport will remain open to scheduled and charter operations during this exercise. For further drill information, please contact the airport manager's office at 508-775-2020 or kservis@flyhya.com.
4. On September 15, 2021 the Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Michael Kennealy visited Barnstable for a round table discussion regarding use of the state's ARPA Funds. The administration is hopeful that the funds will be distributed to communities in the near future. We will continue to work closely with the Secretary and the Administration to secure funding when it does become available.
5. On Thursday, September 9, 2021, Town Engineer Griffin Beaudoin attended the Seaport Economic Council meeting where the Town of Barnstable was awarded two grants totaling \$722,400 for engineering and permitting associated with proposed improvements of Hyannis Harbor. The first grant received was a Seaport

Economic Council Infrastructure Grant in the amount of \$465,600 for engineering and permitting of the Bismore Park Marina Improvements Project, which will include reconstruction of the Bismore Park Marina bulkhead and adjacent docks/slips. The second grant received was a Seaport Economic Council Dredging Grant in the amount of \$256,800 for the engineering and permitting of dredging of the Hyannis Inner Harbor. Engineering and permitting of these projects is anticipated to take approximately 18 to 24 months, with construction targeted in 2024. We will keep you advised of our progress on this project.

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 continued our discussion with Vineyard Wind regarding an update to the existing Host Community Agreement (HCA) for Phase II and a potential Phase III. There is a resolve before Town Council this evening authorizing the Town Manager to modify the existing HCA to reflect the modification of the Phase II project. We will continue negotiation with VW as previously authorized in 2019 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 Town of Barnstable's Department of Public Works announced that sewer construction for the Strawberry Hill Road Sewer Expansion Project will commence on September 20th. A Groundbreaking ceremony has been scheduled for Friday September 17, 2021 at 11:00 AM. The new gravity sewer will be installed in portions of Craigville Beach Road, Strawberry Hill Road, Wequaquet Lane and Phinney's Lane. Additionally, a new submersible pump station will be installed on a Town easement at the intersection of Strawberry Hill Road and Craigville Beach Road. Construction will be coordinated with Vineyard Wind, which will be installing a duct bank and associated utility relocations in the same area as part of its offshore wind energy project. Upon the completion of both projects, Vineyard Wind will resurface disturbed roadways within the project area. If you have any questions or wish to receive project updates, please contact Paul Ruzala, P.E., Senior Project Manager, at the Department of Public Works at 508-790-6400 or paul.ruzala@town.barnstable.ma.us. More information about the Strawberry Hill Road Project and the Town of Barnstable's CWMP is available at: <https://barnstablewaterresources.com/>. Sign up for Enews, our *Community Currents* newsletter: <https://barnstablewaterresources.com/news-updates/>.