



# The Town of Barnstable

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To: Barnstable Town Councilors

From: Mark S. Ells, Town Manager

RE: Town Manager update for period October 8-21, 2021

1. Elizabeth Jenkins, Director of Planning & Development, shall provide an update on the Local Comprehensive Planning Committee.
2. We are proceeding with the budget action calendar for FY 2023. As noted in the Budget Action Calendar the annual joint meeting of Town Council and School Committee is scheduled for later this evening. The PowerPoint presentation prepared by Mark Milne, Director of Finance, has been sent to Town Council and School Committee members. We have issued the Capital and Operating Budget Instructions to the departments and are planning for a proposed level of service budget in FY 2023. For information on our fiscal year budgets please view the Town's Open Budget website at <http://budget.townofbarnstable.us>.
3. 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 second read before Town Council this evening for a resolve authorizing the Town Manager to execute an amendment to 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.
4. EPA has issued a release entitled: PFAS Strategic Road Map: EPA's Commitments to Action 2021-2024. We have shared this document with Town Council and staff in anticipation of the continued challenges that PFAS and other emerging contaminants present to our community. We will keep you advised as we move forward in managing this issue.
5. The Town of Barnstable's Department of Public Works continues sewer construction for the Strawberry Hill Road Sewer Expansion Project. A 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 Phase 1 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](mailto: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 current newsletter: <https://barnstablewaterresources.com/news-updates/>

6. The new pickleball/tennis courts, located at 760 Osterville-West Barnstable Road, Marstons Mills, next to West Villages Elementary School, are now open for play. The complex features 10 dedicated pickleball courts and two tennis courts that can be converted into an additional 6 pickleball courts. Touted as one of the best complexes in New England, the courts are already hopping with activity. A key reason for pickleball's rapid growth is that it can be played by people of all ages, making it a truly intergenerational activity. We encourage you to check out this fantastic community resource and learn more about the health and wellness benefits of pickleball as a recreational and social opportunity. Thank you to the Town Council, Community Preservation Committee, Recreation Commission, Department of Public Works, School Department, Recreation Division and the Barnstable pickleball community for bringing this project from vision to fruition.
7. Dan Santos, Director of Public Works, will share the Comprehensive Wastewater Facilities Plan update with Town Council by email and is available for any comments or questions regarding our progress on this matter.