



# The Town of Barnstable

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To: Barnstable Town Councilors

From: Mark S. Ells, Town Manager

RE: Town Manager update for January 20 through February 2, 2023

1. We are proceeding with the Budget Action Calendar for FY 2024 as scheduled. The Capital Budget for FY 2024 and Capital Plan for FY24 to FY28 are scheduled to be submitted to the Town Council on March 6, 2023. Public hearings on the CIP orders are scheduled to begin April 27, 2023. For information on our fiscal year budgets, please view the Town's Open Budget website at <http://budget.townofbarnstable.us>.
2. The Superintendent of Barnstable Public Schools Sara Ahern shared a draft of her presentation to the School Committee on the Superintendent's Report of Entry Findings for my review. I want to thank Superintendent Ahern for involving my staff and me in development of these findings. One the essential questions asked in this entry plan is what are the strengths and opportunities within the Barnstable Public Schools. I look forward to continuing to work with Superintendent Ahern as she develops a multi-year strategy for our public schools. In addition to this effort our Superintendent is reaching out to community partners in developing a vision of our graduates. I will keep the Town Council advised as these important efforts progress.
3. On January 27, 2023 we submitted the Town of Barnstable's comments on proposed Watershed Permit Regulations and changes to Title 5 Regulations. (attached) We await the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's response and will keep you advised relative to the proposed changes. We recorded a Community Update that explains the proposed changes and our comments and questions regarding the proposed changes which you can view here: <https://youtu.be/4sJCKkmBp2s>.
4. On January 20, 2023, I attended the Massachusetts Municipal Association Annual meeting in Boston. Municipal leaders from Cape Cod had an opportunity to communicate with Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll on priority issues for our community. I shared a summarized version of our concerns regarding the proposed regulatory changes to Title 5 and Watershed Permit regulations, and the need for additional funding to support the cost of compliance with the Clean Water Act and proceeding with our Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plans. We hope discussions with the new administration on this priority issue for Cape Cod will continue.

5. In January 2022, the Town of Barnstable was officially recognized as a Complete Streets community. This past summer, the Town of Barnstable and the Cape Cod Commission held five community meetings to obtain feedback from residents for priority Complete Streets roadway improvements. Based on the comments presented at the meetings and submitted online, staff developed a draft Prioritization Plan: a list of priority roadway improvement projects throughout the Town of Barnstable ranked by defined evaluation criteria including safety, mobility, ability to implement, and community support. The draft Prioritization Plan will be presented at the upcoming public virtual meeting for community feedback: Wednesday, February 15th at 6:00 PM Zoom Link: <https://capecodcommission.org/CompleteStreets/join> Passcode: join Phone: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 932 6393 2207 The Cape Cod Commission and the Town of Barnstable want to hear from you. Does the Prioritization Plan reflect our community's priorities? Are there any roadway improvements that should be added to the Prioritization Plan? Input gathered will directly inform the final Prioritization Plan which will be submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) as part of the Town's ongoing participation in their Complete Streets Program. For more information visit <https://www.capecodcommission.org/our-work/barnstable-complete-streets/> or contact Kate Maldonado, Town of Barnstable Assistant Director of Planning and Development, [kaitlyn.maldonado@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:kaitlyn.maldonado@town.barnstable.ma.us) or 508-862-4791.