



# The Town of Barnstable

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To: Barnstable Town Councilors

From: Mark S. Ells, Town Manager

RE: Town Manager update for June 2 through June 15, 2023

1. We are proceeding with the Budget Action Calendar for Fiscal Year 2024 as scheduled. The Barnstable Public School's Operating Budget for FY2024 will be presented this evening at Town Council. For information on our fiscal year budgets, please view the Town's Open Budget website at <http://budget.townofbarnstable.us>.
2. Congratulations to Ann Quirk, Town Clerk for receiving Town Clerk of the Year award at Massachusetts Town Clerk Association meeting on June 8, 2023.
3. The Town Manager's Office will hold a second virtual public hearing on proposed amendments to the Town Manager Regulations, Part IV of the Code of the Town of Barnstable, to adopt "Grant of Location" Regulations. These regulations provide application procedures and standards for the construction of wireless communication facilities located in the public rights of way. The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 10:00 am via Zoom. Full text of the proposed regulations are available on the Town of Barnstable website: <https://www.town.barnstable.ma.us/Departments/TownManager> under 'Proposed Grant of Location Regulations'.
4. The Town Manager's Office held a public hearing on proposed Green Burial Regulations on May 10, 2023. The full text of the proposed regulation is available on the Town of Barnstable website at <https://townofbarnstable.us/Departments/TownManager/> under Town Manager Hearings. Public comment was accepted through June 9, 2023 and is currently under review. There will be a public meeting on June 22, 2023 at 9:00am via zoom to review comments and recommend final Green Burial Regulations.
5. Barnstable has been recognized as a 2022 Tree City, USA by the Arbor Day Foundation. Our community should be proud to live in a town that makes planting and care of trees a priority.

6. Beginning Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, Town of Barnstable beaches and ponds will be open seven days a week through Labor Day. All beaches will be open daily from 9AM through 9PM. Similar to last season; we are experiencing lifeguard shortages which may impact our ability to provide lifeguard coverage at all 13 locations. Ensuring public safety is our top priority. The Recreation Division is working to provide lifeguard staff at as many sites as possible. However, we advise the public that due to limited staffing, some sites may not have lifeguard coverage and swimmers will do so at their own risk. At this time we anticipate having full staffing, including lifeguards, at the following beaches: Craigville Beach, Dowses Beach, Covell's Beach, Kalmus Beach, and Veteran's Beach. We are hopeful to potentially provide lifeguard staffing at additional locations.
7. As a follow up to our last update on beach raking an interim request for beach raking at Craigville and Covell's Beach has been submitted to the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP). If approved, the town may be allowed to rake these beaches for litter control during the 2023 summer season. Part of the interim request involves a commitment by the town to submit a full Beach Raking plan to NHESP by July 15, 2023 which would then be reviewed under a Massachusetts Endangered Species Act filing. We shall keep you advised as we progress on this effort.
8. The Cape Cod & Islands Wastewater Trust Fund Board met this week and approved a 25% principle subsidy for wastewater projects listed as eligible on the 2023 Intend Use Plan for State Revolving Funds. The CC&IWTF Board also voted to prepare a letter to Governor Healy requesting additional state funding to assist the CC&IWTF in provide a continued 25% principle subsidy through 2027. The Board will be requesting that the legislative body from each town on Cape Cod provide a supportive letter for this request.
9. Discussions continue with state officials on the proposed regulatory changes to Title 5 and Watershed Permit and state funding support to communities for the implement the regulations. We do anticipate that approval of the regulatory changes in the near future. The discussion regarding funding support is critical to each community's ability to implement their approved Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan which in turn by doing so will allow a community not to have to upgrade onsite septic systems (traditional Title 5) to innovative/alternative nitrogen reduction systems and then ultimately sewer if specified in an approved CWMP. We will keep you advised of our progress on this matter.
10. Kelly Collopy, Communications Manager for the Public Works Department, will provide an update on Water Resource Management planning including the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan.