



# The Town of Barnstable

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To: Barnstable Town Councilors

From: Mark S. Ells, Town Manager

RE: Town Manager update for January 7, 2026, through January 27, 2026

1. The Town Manager, in coordination with the Finance Department, continues to follow the budget action calendar for FY 2027. Town Council is planning to conduct a second workshop on Fiscal Policy and Revenue Strategy at their February 26, 2026, meeting. For information on our fiscal year budgets, please view the Town's Open Budget website at <http://budget.townofbarnstable.us>.
2. On behalf of the Cape Cod and Islands Water Protection Fund (CCIWPF) Management Board and as the Vice Chair of the Board, I am pleased to share the attached [2025 CCIWPF Annual Report](#). This report has been prepared for the Chairs of the Joint Committee on Environment and Natural Resources and the Cape Cod and Islands Legislative Delegation, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 29C, Section 20. The Cape Cod and Islands Water Protection Fund was established in 2018 to help Cape Cod and Islands towns pay for necessary wastewater infrastructure and water quality remediation projects. The annual report summarizes fund revenue and revenue projections, as well as actions taken by the Management Board to award subsidies for wastewater and water quality projects on Cape Cod.
3. I attended the Massachusetts Municipal Association Annual meeting on January 23, 2026. There were many topics discussed including the use of AI in providing municipal services, housing challenges facing the Commonwealth, and fiscal management strategies. I am providing a link <https://www.mma.org/new-report-from-mma-documents-a-fiscal-crisis-in-cities-towns/> to an article provide by MMA last fall that was consistently referenced in discussions at the event relevant to cities and towns in Massachusetts.
4. On January 8, 2026, I hosted the Cape Cod Managers at Town Hall for a presentation by Luisa Paiewonsky, Executive Director, Megaprojects Delivery Office, Massachusetts Department of Transportation. [MassDOT provided an update of the](#)

[project status of the Sagamore and Bourne Bridge projects](#). The presentation is attached for the project for your review. Ms. Paiewonsky plans to visit Town Council soon for a similar update.

5. On January 13, 2026, I met with staff from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEOEA) regarding prior correspondence I had sent to them requesting and updated safety and compliance report for the Vineyard Wind cables in Barnstable. I also have shared reports provided to the Town by Save Greater Dowses Beach expressing concern about safety. EEOEA is preparing a response regarding my request. I will share the response upon receipt.