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**Announcement of a Board of Health Special Workshop
Regarding a Proposal from the CWMP Ad Hoc Committee
Which Requests the Board of Health to Require the Installation of Best Available
Innovative Alternative (I/A) Sewage Disposal Technology at Properties Located
Within 1,000 Feet of Nitrogen Sensitive Area Waterbodies and Within 1,000 Feet
of Surface Waters that Feed into Nitrogen Sensitive Areas (Other Than at
Locations Identified Within Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the CWMP Sewer Plan)**

(BARNSTABLE, MA – (Updated February 9, 2026 to include map) The Town of Barnstable Board of Health will be holding a Special Workshop on **Monday, March 16, 2026 at 3:00 PM**. This special workshop will be held at the Barnstable Town Hall, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, on the second floor in the James H. Crocker, Jr. Hearing Room.

This workshop pertains to a proposal from the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP) Ad Hoc Committee which is requesting the Board of Health to require the installation of best available innovative alternative (I/A) sewage disposal technology at properties located within 1,000 feet of nitrogen sensitive area waterbodies and within 1,000 feet of surface waters that feed into nitrogen sensitive areas (other than at locations identified within Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the CWMP). This proposal also requires the installation of best available innovative alternative sewage disposal technology at properties located at Little Island, Osterville and at Grand Island, Osterville.

During this workshop, the public is invited to provide comments.

Attached is a map and the proposal which will be discussed. The affected parcels in the proposal are shown in green and pink on the map.

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**Recommendations of the
Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP) Ad Hoc Committee
on the Implementation of Innovative/Alternative Septic Systems**

1. The Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP) Ad Hoc Committee recommends:
WHEREAS all Property owners whose property has any or all parts of its boundary line
WITHIN one thousand (1,000) feet of a nitrogen sensitive waterbody¹ OR
WITHIN one thousand (1,000) feet of surface water that feeds into a nitrogen sensitive
waterbody¹ OR
IS located on Little Island, Osterville OR
IS located on Grand Island, Osterville
AND whose property is not identified to receive municipal sewer as part of Phase 1 or Phase 2
of the Town of Barnstable's Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan
SHALL, upon needing to replace their property's septic system due to failure of the existing
system², be required to replace the existing septic system with the best available
technology³.
OR SHALL, upon property change or expansion⁴ OR transfer of property ownership⁴, be
required to replace the existing septic system with the best available technology³ within
two (2) years from the date of inspection.
ADDITIONALLY any property within the aforementioned area which does not meet the above
criteria for replacing their septic system must upgrade their septic system to the best
available technology³ within twenty (20) years of the approval of this policy

2. The Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP) Ad Hoc Committee recommends:
THAT the Town of Barnstable Board of Health (BOH) and the Town of Barnstable Department of
Public Works (DPW) collaborate and create a list of the best available technology for
onsite wastewater treatment and disposal systems.
AND that this list should be reviewed at least annually by an elected or appointed group of
people with understanding of these technologies and an understanding of public health.

¹ As defined by the State of Massachusetts Title 5 Regulations (310 CMR 15.214.1.B)

² As defined by the State of Massachusetts Title 5 Regulations (310 CMR 15.303 and 15.304)

³ As defined by the Barnstable Health Division in consultation with the Barnstable Department of Public Works

⁴ As defined by the State of Massachusetts Title 5 Regulations (310 CMR 15.301)