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To: Barnstable Town Councilors

From: M. Andrew Clyburn, Assistant Town Manager

RE: Town Manager update for February 11, 2026, through March 10, 2026

1. The Town Manager, in coordination with the Finance Department, continues to follow the budget action calendar for FY 2027. Gareth Markwell, Assistant Finance Director, will provide an Overview of Capital Planning Process and Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Capital Budget at this week's Town Council Meeting. The Town Manager's Fiscal Year Fee Hearing is scheduled for March 17, 2026 at 11:00 AM. The Town Council is planning to conduct a second workshop on Fiscal Policy and Revenue Strategy and Election Procedures for Ballot Initiatives at their March 26, 2026 meeting. For information on our fiscal year budgets, please view the Town's Open Budget website at <http://budget.townofbarnstable.us>.
2. The Town of Barnstable Board of Health will be holding a Public Hearing regarding Proposed Tobacco and Nicotine Control Regulations during their regularly scheduled meeting on March 24, 2026 (on page 2 of the agenda, at the estimated time of 4:45 PM) at Barnstable Town Hall. The proposed changes to the regulations were attached with the media release provided with the February 10th Town Manager Communication.
3. The Town of Barnstable Board of Health will be holding a Special Workshop on Monday, March 16, 2026, at 3:00 PM at Barnstable Town Hall. This workshop pertains to a proposal from the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP) Ad Hoc Committee requesting that the Board of Health 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. The media release including map was attached with the February 10th Town Manager Communication.

4. On Monday, March 9, 2026, Rep. Kip Diggs hosted the Massachusetts Joint Committee on Ways and Means in the James H. Crocker Jr. Hearing Room. The following agencies testified:
 - Economic Development/ Housing/Labor/Technology Services
 - Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities
 - Executive Office of Economic Development
 - Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development
 - Executive Office of Technology Services and Security
 - Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation
 - Dept. of Business Development
 - Dept. of Housing and Community Development
 - Board of Library Commissioners
 - Mass. Cultural Council
 - Commission on the Status of Women
 - Cannabis Control Commission

5. Due to the amount of ice we had this winter, Natural Resources has organized an aquaculture cleanup month. This is part of a clean harbor initiative; inviting aquaculturists to dedicate time to pick up derelict aquaculture gear they find while in Barnstable Harbor. The gear that is found will be stored at Blish Point Boat Ramp in Barnstable village from March 8th – April 18th. This is in hopes the gear can be given back to their owners and to keep our waters free of debris. Natural Resources will be patrolling the area as often as they can to make sure everything operates as it should.

6. On Wednesday, March 4th, the Barnstable Youth Commission hosted their 10th Annual Job Fair at the Hyannis Youth and Community Center. This year, 31 prospective businesses and an estimated 225 students attended the event. The Job Fair was a great success, with many schools represented from across the Cape. The largest student participation came from Barnstable High School with over 160 students attending. The Youth Commissioners did a wonderful job planning and organizing the event and assisting job seekers during the Job Fair.

7. On Thursday, March 12th the Barnstable Youth Commission will host their 12th annual Youth Summit for Barnstable Intermediate School students at Cape Cod Community College. The event will feature speakers Kevin Rosario of Addiction, Consulting and Educational Services and Robert Hackenson of Dynamic Influence. The speakers will provide advice to students about making good choices as they enter high school and educate them about the impacts/effects of drugs and alcohol. The

Summit will also feature Barnstable High School National Honor Roll students who will discuss what to expect as they transition to high school including academics, athletics, schedules and homework expectations. There is also a vendor fair that will have twelve local not-for-profit entities participate in the event discussing and providing information about their programs and forms of assistance that are available.

8. Kelly Collopy, Communications Manager for the Public Works Department, will provide an update on Water Resource Management planning, including the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan.