



The Town of Barnstable

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To: Barnstable Town Councilors

From: Mark S. Ells, Town Manager

RE: Town Manager update for April 15, 2026, through April 29, 2026

1. We continue with the preparation of the Operating Budget for FY 2027. We remain on schedule with the budget action calendar. Town Council hearings on the recommended FY 2027 Capital Budget concluded on April 16, 2026. The [Fiscal Year 2027 Capital Improvement Plan](#) is available on the Town's website at the link provided. On April 1, 2026, the School Committee voted to adopt their proposed FY2027 School Operating Budget, the proposed operating budget shall be included in the Town Manager proposed FY 2027 Operating Budget scheduled to be submitted to Town Council on May 13, 2026. For information on our fiscal year budgets, please view the Town's Open Budget website at <http://budget.townofbarnstable.us>.
2. The Board of the Cape Cod and Islands Water Protection Fund which was established by the Massachusetts Legislature in 2018 to help Cape Cod and Islands towns pay for necessary wastewater infrastructure and water quality remediation projects voted favorably on April 29, 2026, a 25% subsidy for all projects listed on the 2026 Clean Water Intended Use Plan. Since its inception, the Fund has awarded more than \$300 million in subsidies to wastewater and water quality projects in 13 of the 15 Cape Cod communities. The list of qualified projects is available at www.capecodcommission.org/meetingnotices.
3. The four Town-owned Marinas will open Friday, May 1st.

Gateway Marina in Hyannis

Bismore Park Marina in Hyannis

Barnstable Harbor Marina in Barnstable

The Marina at Prince Cove in Marstons Mills

Transient slips are available, please contact the Harbormaster office 508-790-6273 for further details.

4. A total of 169 rain barrels were purchased through the Town's newly established Rain Barrel Program. By collecting water that runs off rooftops, rain barrels are an effective way to reduce stormwater runoff, conserve water, and support the health of our local waterways. The Town will continue to coordinate the Rain Barrel Program in collaboration with the Great American Rain Barrel Company annually each spring.
5. Kelly Collopy, DPW Communications Manager, provides a Water Resources Update including the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan.