



Town Council Meeting
January 9, 2020



A quorum being duly present, President Paul Hebert called the January 9, 2020, Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the James H. Crocker, Jr. Hearing Room of Town Hall, 367 Main St., Hyannis, MA.

An announcement was made by President Hebert regarding the meeting being televised live and questioning if anyone was actively taping the session to please make their presence known. This session is recorded and broadcast on Channel 18.

PRESENT: Britt Beedenbender, David Bogan, Kristine Clark, Jennifer Cullum, Debra Dagwan, Jessica Rapp Grassetti, Paul Hebert, Matthew Levesque, Paul Neary, Paula Schnepf, Tracey Shaughnessy, Gordon Starr **ABSENT:** Eric Steinhilber

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Hebert; it was followed with a moment of silence.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Karla Cabal spoke about plastic bottle use and its destructive effect on the environment. She urged Council to adopt a plastic bottle ban.

Mary Cote supported the municipal plastic bottle ban. She mentioned several municipalities had already adopted this ban.

Amy Mesirow discussed the water quality of Long Pond in Marstons Mills. She urged Council to move up the water quality for the pond as it was in the last phases of the Comprehensive Water Management Plan.

Heather Hunt spoke about the short term rentals. She urged Council to help educate the public regarding the nuisance laws and the zoning.

Emory Anderson resident of Indian Pond Association explained Mystic Pond will need assistance in the future to keep it clean of algae. She hoped Council would look at the welfare of all Barnstable lakes and ponds.

John Crow stated he had the same concerns as Heather Hunt regarding the short term rentals. He felt there were investor owners and not residential owners and this was ruining the neighborhoods.

Chuck Tuttle mentioned the property across from 310 Main St was for sale and was significantly cheaper in price. He supported utilizing Mother's Park as a wastewater

station.

Janet Davies was concerned with the 5G technology and it infiltrating the Town of Barnstable.

Devin Curran supported Janet Davies and felt the public was grossly uneducated regarding the potential dangers of the 5G technology. She urged Council to invite 5G experts to speak at a Council meeting.

Susan Nickerson felt a municipal plastic bottle ban was a step in the right direction.

Linda Edison spoke about the Long Pond issues and its three catch basins.

Bonnie Brydges spoke about plastic bottles not being able to degrade. She supported the plastic bottle ban.

Joe Butera asked about a report on Mother's Park.

Dianne Covanda talked about 5G technology and invited town officials to the upcoming events regarding the 5G technology

Close public comment

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

We need to change the behavior and the plastic bottle municipal ban is a good idea. The 5G Technology is a federal issue not a town, city or municipality issue. Making sure the water quality of our lakes and ponds is a complicated issue. Education is a key component to understanding water quality. We should look to other communities for their best practices regarding the short-term rental.

Two-minute recess

TOWN MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS:

Plastic bottle ban is on the radar

Dan Santos, Public Works Director, gave an overview of the public buildings. He said the review included looking at recycling, reusing and the cost and affect to the environment.

Long Pond and Indian Pond looking to evaluate with emphasis on education

5G Technology is an active issue that needs conversations to understand the parameters.

Budget Fiscal Year 2021

Frequently Asked Questions – Assessing Department

Public Water Supply Well Rehab Mary Dunn #4

Cape Cod & Island Water Protection Fund Board

Mass Clean Water Trust

Economic Development Task Force

Director of Communication Position

E-News has links to calendar, official agendas and legal notices

Litter Control Ordinance

Councilor questions and comments:

Are the Mass Clean Water Trust dollars available? [Yes but no funds have been

distributed] Are alternative measurers discussed in the sewer expansion? [Yes, reflected in current plan in the third phase] Please include non-traditional opportunities in the next update.

ACT ON MINUTES:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was voted to amend and approve the minutes of the December 19, 2019 as written.

VOTE: AS AMENDED PASSES UNANIMOUS

COMMUNICATIONS- from elected officials, boards, committees, staff commission reports, correspondence and announcements:

The Appointments Committee is encouraging all citizens to participate in our boards and committees.

Marston Mills ham and bean supper January 25th 4pm – 6pm

Today is national law enforcement day – thank you

Zoning and Regulation subcommittee new chair – Councilor Schnepf

Short-term regulations – key discussion points

Committee on Homeless Assessment has been retired new Committee to Address Homelessness – Councilor Beedenbender is the chair. New focus is functional zero.

The Appointments Committee should be televised allowing for more transparency.

**2020-073 APPOINTMENTS TO A BOARD/ COMMITTEE/ COMMISSION:
INTRO: 12/19/19, 01/09/2020**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

RESOLVED: That the Town Council appoints the following individuals to a multiple-member board/committee/commission: **Airport Commission:** John G. Flores, 83 Keveney Lane, Cummaquid, MA as a regular member to a term expiring 06/2021; **Land Acquisition and Preservation Committee:** Douglas Payson, 110 Commerce Road, Barnstable, MA as a regular member to a term expiring 06/2020; **Planning Board:** Aimee Guthinger, 27 Holly Hill Road, Centerville, MA as a regular member to a term expiring 06/2021

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUS

2020-074 APPROPRIATION AND TRANSFER ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,500 FOR THE BARNSTABLE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FISCAL YEAR 2020 OPERATING EXPENSE BUDGET FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING MAINTENANCE AT THE FORMER COTUIT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, LOCATED AT 140 OLD OYSTER ROAD, COTUIT, MA. INTRO: 01/09/2020

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

ORDERED: That the sum of **\$16,500** be added to the Fiscal Year 2020 Department of Public Works General Fund Operating Expense Budget for the purpose of funding Fiscal Year 2020 expenses related to maintenance of the former Cotuit Elementary School and that to fund this appropriation, \$16,500 be transferred from the General Fund reserves.

VOTE: TO PUBLIC HEARING ON 01/23/2020 - UNANIMOUS

**2020-075 TRANSFER ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 TO INCREASE THE FUNDING FOR THE REFURBISHING AND REPAIR OF five COMPACTOR UNITS
INTRO: 01/09/2020**

Dan Santos, Public Works Director gave the rationale. He explained the funding would refurbish equipment to complete the work. He added it was a transfer of funds.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

ORDERED: That the sum of \$20,000 be transferred from the Fiscal Year 2020 Solid Waste Division Capital Improvement Project approved under Town Council Order 2019-141 Roll Off Trailer Replacement and added to the Fiscal Year 2020 Solid Waste Division Capital Improvement Project approved under Town Council Order 2019-139, Compactor Refurbishing, for a total appropriation of \$80,000, for the purpose of awarding the winning bid and funding the refurbish and repair of 5 compactor units, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto, and that the Town Manager is authorized to contract for and expend the funds made available for these purposes.

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUS

**2020-076 APPROPRIATION ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$169,266.00
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUNDS FOR HARD AND SOFT COSTS ASSOCIATED
WITH PRESERVATION, REHABILITATION AND RESTORATION WORK TO THE
WEST BARNSTABLE COMMUNITY BUILDING LOCATED AT 2377 MEETINGHOUSE
WAY, WEST BARNSTABLE, MA INTRO: 01/09/2020**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

ORDERED: That, pursuant to the provisions of the Community Preservation Act, G. L. c 44B, the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Six and NO/100 (**\$169,266.00**) dollars be appropriated and transferred from the amount set aside for historic preservation in the Community Preservation Fund and that the Town Manager is authorized to add this appropriation to the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand, Seven Hundred and Thirty and NO/100 (\$158,730.00) appropriated under Agenda Item 2016-114 and expend the total appropriation of Three Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand, Nine Hundred and Ninety Six and NO/100 (\$327,996.00) made available for preservation, rehabilitation and restoration work on the historic resource consisting of the West Barnstable Community Building, 2377 Meetinghouse Way, West Barnstable for the replacement of failed metal windows with historic wood replicated windows, subject to oversight by the Community Preservation Committee.

VOTE: TO PUBLIC HEARING ON 01/23/2020 - UNANIMOUS

VOTE: ADJOURNMENT:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

VOTED TO ADJOURN:

Adjourned at 9:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Murphy
Assistant Town Clerk/Town of Barnstable

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: January 23, 2020

EXHIBITS:

A. Town Manager Report