



Town Council Meeting
April 16, 2020



The April 16, 2020 meeting of the Barnstable Town Council was physically closed to the public to avoid group congregation.

A quorum being duly present, President Paul Hebert called the April 16, 2020 Town Council meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. from a remote location.

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: (On Zoom) Britt Beedenbender, David Bogan, Kristine Clark, Jennifer Cullum, Debra Dagwan, Jessica Rapp Grassetti, Paul Hebert, Matthew Levesque, Paul Neary, Paula Schnepf, Tracy Shaughnessy, Gordon Starr; Eric Steinhilber. **ABSENT:** Debra Dagwan

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Hebert; followed by a moment of silence. President Hebert urged everyone to avoid group congregation, to keep up social distancing and to stay safe.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jake Dewey as a property owner, urging affordable housing program with a residential exemption for year round rentals, we need to act fast.

John Thomas at the Transfer Station there were cars all over the place, traffic jams and poor communication.

Close public comment

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Meals on Wheels could use more drivers; thank you Mr. Dewey, would like to help with that effort; affordable housing this is one path we can take.

Close response to public comment

TOWN MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS:

We have closed the Transfer Station on Tuesdays and Wednesdays; we will look at the traffic and safety issues; we have closed the recycling area to remain compliant with the physical distancing. Encourage all our staff to be compliant to wear face protection, it is not a requirement; however wearing face protection is a requirement for 1st responders.

Meg Mayo-Brown Barnstable Public School Superintendent provided an update of the recent School Committee Meeting. The School Committee has to ensure compliance with the State laws regarding the number of days the children are in school. The teaching staff is utilizing remote learning for all students. Anticipate that school closure will go on beyond May 4th.

Mark Ells:

Budget Action Calendar for FY 2021 as scheduled

Town Manager represents the Town on the Cape Cod and Islands Water Protection Fund Board

Cape Cod Commission/National Estuary Programs are developing a list of shovel-ready projects

Conversations with Vineyard Wind regarding the status of Phase I and Phase II projects

Councilor questions and comments for Meg Mayo-Brown: The process of getting the children into classes at home, it took too long. Having classes with all the classmates is important. Have you heard from other states? Think it could have been handled better. [Mayo-Brown, for the teachers we did give them that first week; Massachusetts is number 2 compared to all the other states; of course we could be better; our goal is to deepen the work] The educational component and the social networking for the children; was sluggish off the blocks. Who made the decision to close the school, troubled to hear only half the teachers responded; how many families responded to the query about vacation. [Mayo-Brown, I made the decision to close the schools; after checking with the medical people and with Chief Burke. I made that determination to help flatten the curve; for the polling numbers, 931 staff contacted, phone notification system 452 of the staff responded, there were some technical difficulties] Was the issue of canceling or not canceling vacation have anything to do with the teachers. [No] The MIT study what constitutes their ranking [I will send the report out to the Councilors; best practices] embracing this particular program [please understand from our approach, we phased things in, started with enrichment opportunities; we aligned our plan to our state agencies]

For the Town Manager re: discussion of fees that have been approved, when people have to pay for something regarding upcoming summer activities is there any mismatch [Each permit or license may have different dates, typically on an annual basis, many people will not pay for these this year, which will effect the amount of money available; we cannot guarantee everything will be open and available; and we are not doing refunds] we are entering a period of uncertainty, it will effect summer jobs, [complex issues, there are a lot of unknowns] What about the amount of funding related to the federal stimulus plan, how are you co-coordinating that, [we are coding accounts, every single department has been instructed and our finance director is keeping track]

Can you speak about the program with Cape Cod Community College (CCCC) [Mayo-Brown Barnstable High School Students can pick up college credits at a cost of 225.00, additionally CCCC offered financial aid] Thank you for working with Chief Burke, learning curve for all of us. [We are serving free meals every week, not turning anyone away]

Kate Servis, Airport Manager, provided a status report on recent federal aid package which provides for approximately ten billion dollars to support U.S. Airports due to Covid-19. The allocation is for large, medium and small non-hub primary airports and non-primary commercial service airports with 8,000-9999 passenger boarding. Barnstable has been awarded 17.9 million.

Councilor questions and comments:

Congratulations for this program; is that a full on grant [no sunset to the grant, we do have to apply for the funds, just as we do now for any FAA funds]

Department of Public Works Director, Dan Santos provided an update on the status of the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP)

Councilor questions and comments:

What impact if any does that current economic situation have on CWMP? [We anticipate no effect, however after the budget process, we will have a better idea on the long term financing on this project] What is the anticipated date on the contract with the base [no specific date indicated, believe the target is October of 2020]

Regarding how many applications or installations occurring on the small cell installations [Ells-currently there is no moratorium, we are not having a large number of applications, we have had public interest in having 4G and 5G installations] we need to have our information in place, can we have a workshop or presentation, is that something we can manage in this type of setting, or do we need to hold off [Ells-this is the world we are in now, and I will organize that]

ACT ON MINUTES:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2020 as written.

VOTE: PASSES 12 YES

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

There is an issue, regarding the number of homeless individuals appearing on Main Street, many places have been closed; lot of work happening to help. Priority right now is the Covid19. Virtual Barnstable's Got Talent, tune in for the show. Various food programs are happening in the town, grab and go, and many other programs for all. Zoning and regulatory meetings will be meeting two weeks from tonight. When will Town Council committees begin again? Any essential committee meetings all open for business, contact the Town Council Administrator. Thanked staff, medical staff, first responders, meals on wheels; meals on wheels are looking for drivers. We have had very good years of prosperity; now we may have to make adjustments to a budget however deep they may be have to be done quickly. We may have to change the way we operate; the Economic Committee should help us see where we are headed.

Workshop on Barnstable Recycling Program, Mark S. Ells, Town Manager: Department of Public Works Director Dan Santos, PJ Kelliher, Supervisor Transfer Station & Recycling Center, Assistant Town Manager Andy Clyburn:

The Solid Waste Division operates as an Enterprise Fund which is a full cost recovery, based on what we charge for the service. We cannot use the General Fund to take care of a shortfall. We have been using reserves to offset the recyclables; we don't want the residential sticker to go up.

Councilor questions and comments:

If I have a free recycling sticker, how does that work for my waste [typically they have a

vendor haul their trash] What is the burn rate [Mark Milne at this rate it will be about a half a million dollars of that reserve] If you charge \$125.00 for a recycle sticker, that would tighten the gap, lets just make a decision [the reason for providing that service is worthy of discussion, what is the goal?] [Ells, recycling market has fluctuated over the years, now we are recouping some revenue; really see no other course of action, it conflicts with the concept of recycling; this needs serious consideration] difficult time we need to minimize loss, lets set a bar. Agree that this is a bad business to be in, getting out of control, may consider full sticker price; it may for some be a financial burden; construction demo items do we break even? [Frequently we will make money on construction items, however we do set the price to break even] If we use \$65.00 is that half? [Maybe, hard to predict, may lose people once we charge for recycling] We have not had the interest, we have to take the burden off the municipalities; worth the discussion, what happens to the recycling, how much is repurposed? We cannot absorb the fees for it any longer. What is the quality of the recyclables you take in? [PJ Kelliher, when we did switch over to source separation, it is much cleaner; however some trash items get by] Food waste what happens to that [goes to a farm and it cost much less] Days of subsidizing recycling for free is over; education component to this is important are we required by the DEP [yes for all the basic recycles] support one fee to enter our transfer station. No market for our town, if we joined with other towns does that make a difference [Ells, there is no market for the recyclables, there could be for a larger scale, still \$70 a ton to get rid of the glass, we need to look at every option, with our fellow municipalities, go to the state to create new opportunities] since we have ceased recycling until May 4th, are those folks going to be able to throw that away [Ells, please store recyclables for the next three weeks] When you resume recycling can you have a drive up to throw the recycling into a bin? [that is something to think about, we had a design to change the way we recycle] Are we getting any subsidizing from the Commonwealth [no, very small amounts] we will have to make come changes.

**2020-138 APPOINTMENTS TO A BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION: INTRO:
03/19/2020, 04/02/2020**

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: **Community Preservation Committee:** Farley Lewis, 21 Wachusett Avenue ,Hyannis port, as a regular member to a term expiring 6/22; Stephen Robichaud, 63 Marble Road, Barnstable, as a Planning Board Representative member to a term expiring 6/22; **Disability Commission:** Chris Bartley, 8 LI, West Main Street, Hyannis, as a regular member to a term expiring 6/21; **Infrastructure and Energy Committee:** John Solomon,781 Old Post Road, Cotuit, as a regular member to a term expiring 6/21; **Trust Fund Advisory Committee:** Lillian Woo, 80 Kearsage, West Hyannis port, as a Financial Representative member to a term expiring 6/22; **Youth Commission:** Mark Beal c/o Hyannis Youth and Community Center, 141 Bassett Lane, Hyannis, as a regular member to a term expiring 06/30/20

VOTE: PASSES 12 YES

**2020-140 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION AND TRANSFER ORDER IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$101,000 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 AIRPORT CAPITAL BUDGET
INTRO: 03/19/2020, 04/02/2020**

Open public hearing

Katie Servis, Airport Manager gave the rationale

Close pubic hearing

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

ORDERED: That the sum of **\$101,000** be appropriated for the purpose of funding the following:

\$71,000 for MassDOT Aeronautics Leading by Example Greenhouse Gas Reduction Initiatives Propane Tractor with Attachments

\$30,000 for MassDOT Aeronautics Leading by Example Greenhouse Gas Reduction Initiatives Commercial Grade Battery Operated Zero Turn Mower with a Solar Canopy

and that to meet this appropriation, that \$101,000 be transferred from the Airport Enterprise Fund reserves; and that the Airport Commission is authorized to contract for and expend the appropriation made available for these purposes and be authorized to accept any grants or gifts in relation thereto.

VOTE: PASSES 12 YES

2020-141 APPROPRIATION AND TRANSFER ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$425,000.00 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUNDS FOR CREATION AND ACQUISITION OF CONSERVATION RESTRICTION ON THREE WOODED LOTS ADDRESSED 150 AND 180 GREAT MARSH ROAD AND 55 HAYES ROAD, CENTERVILLE 6.2 ACRES ± INTRO: 04/06/20

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 Four Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand and NO/100 (\$425,000.00) Dollars be appropriated and transferred from the amount set aside for open space in the Community Preservation Fund for creation and acquisition of a conservation restriction for open space and passive recreation on three wooded lots addressed 150 and 180 Great Marsh Road and 55 Hayes Road, Centerville totaling approximately 6.2 acres; that the conservation restriction is hereby approved in the form approved by the Land Acquisition and Preservation Committee and Town Manager subject to further approval by the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs; that the Town Manager is authorized to expend the amount appropriated on behalf of the Town for the restriction acquisition and that the President and Town Manager are authorized to execute, receive, deliver and record any written instruments for the stated purposes.

VOTE: TO PUBLIC HEARING ON 5-7-20 unanimous

2020-142 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,000 FOR THE BARNSTABLE POLICE DEPARTMENT FISCAL YEAR 2020 OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE HIRING OF PATROL OFFICERS TO FILL CURRENT VACANCIES INTRO: 04/16/20

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

ORDERED: That the sum of **\$36,000** be added to the Fiscal Year 2020 Police Department General Fund Operating Expense Budget for the purpose of funding a portion of the expenses related to hiring and equipment purchases for nine officers.

VOTE: TO PUBLIC HEARING ON 5-7-20 unanimous

2020-143 RESOLVE APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF DEREK LAWSON AS DIRECTOR OF MARINE AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS INTRO: 04/16/20

Mark Ells, Town Manager gave the rationale

Councilor questions and comments:

Congratulations Derek, very responsive and follows through, excellent choice

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

RESOLVED: That the Town Council, in accordance with Section 4-2 of the Barnstable Home Rule Charter and Chapter 241-47.1(D)(2) of the Administrative Code, Code of the Town of Barnstable, hereby approves the Town Manager's appointment of Derek Lawson as Director of Marine and Environmental Affairs effective April 17, 2020.

VOTE: PASSES 12 YES

2020-144 RESOLVE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR COVID-RELATED PURPOSES INTRO: 04/16/20

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

RESOLVED: That, in accordance with G.L. c. 44, § 53A1/2, the Town Council does hereby approve and ratify the acceptance of gifts of personal property, including but not limited to masks and face coverings, from donors for COVID-related purposes for use by the Town and its employees as directed by the Town Manager or his designee, and authorizes and ratifies the further distribution of such gifts of personal property by the Town Manager for use by first responders, private organizations and citizens as he deems appropriate.

VOTE: PASSES 12 YES

VOTE: ADJOURNMENT:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

VOTED TO ADJOURN:

Adjourned at 10:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M Quirk
Town Clerk/Town of Barnstable

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: 05/07/2020