



Town of Barnstable

Planning & Development Department

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HYANNIS, MA - The Town of Barnstable's Growth Management Department is retiring its current name and reintroducing itself as the Planning & Development Department. The Department seeks to better reflect its emphasis on comprehensive planning, economic development and addressing the Cape's housing challenges.

"Planning" represents the central role the department plays in coordinating a long-term vision for Barnstable's future and working to effectively implement policies and programs consistent with that community vision. "Development" encompasses the department's economic development and community development efforts, which include the assistance and outreach to businesses, promotion of affordable and workforce housing in support of a sustainable economy, arts and culture programs and supporting private sector development consistent with the Town's comprehensive plan.

The Planning & Development Department is comprised of four divisions: Comprehensive Planning, Regulatory Planning, Community Development, and Economic Development. The divisions work together, and with community partners and other Town departments, to promote comprehensive and sustainable land use and economic development strategies to preserve the character of the Barnstable's seven villages and improve residents' quality of life.

The renaming was championed by Town Manager Mark Ells and approved by a unanimous vote of the Town Council on May 4, 2017.



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