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MEETING AGENDA March 04, 2021 7:00 PM

The March 04, 2021 meeting of the Barnstable Town Council will be held remotely and shall be physically closed to the public to avoid group congregation.

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PUBLIC SESSION

1. ROLL CALL

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE

The 2021 Black Excellence on the Hill Award

Officer Brian Morrison was recently recognized by our West Villages Elementary School as a "Hero of Positivity" in the community.

John L. Reed taught Social Studies at Barnstable High School for 37 years and is a mentor to countless students throughout Barnstable.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT

6. TOWN MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

7. ACT ON MINUTES (Including Executive Session)



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

Update from Nate Mayo, Director of Public Affairs, Vineyard Wind

9. ORDERS OF THE DAY

A. Old Business

B. New Business

10. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: March 18, 2021

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Approve Minutes: February 18, 2021

Please Note: The lists of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Council President which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may be discussed and other items not listed may be discussed to the extent permitted by law. It is possible that if it so votes, the Council may go into executive session. The Council may also act on items in an order other than as they appear on this agenda. Persons interested are advised that in the event any matter taken up at the meeting remains unfinished at the close of the meeting, it may be continued to a future meeting, and with proper notice.

A. OLD BUSINESS (Public Hearing) (Roll Call Majority Full Council)

BARNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

**ITEM# 2021-076
INTRO: 02/18/2021, 03/04/2021**

2021-076 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING SEASONAL SALARIES AND WAGES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 GOLF ENTERPRISE FUND OPERATIONS

ORDERED: That the sum of **\$37,000** be appropriated for the purpose of funding labor costs for seasonal salaries and wages associated with increased facility activity and compliance with state COVID-19 regulations and that to meet this appropriation, that \$37,000 be provided from the Golf Enterprise Fund Reserves.

SPONSOR: Mark S. Ells, Town Manager

DATE	ACTION TAKEN
<u>02/18/21</u>	<u>Refer to Public Hearing 03/04/2021</u>

- ___ Read Item
- ___ Motion to Open Public Hearing
- ___ Rationale
- ___ Public Hearing
- ___ Close Public Hearing
- ___ Council Discussion
- ___ Vote

BARNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

ITEM# 2021-076
INTRO: 02/18/2021, 03/04/2021

SUMMARY

TO: Town Council
FROM: Mark S. Ells, Town Manager
THROUGH: Madeline Noonan, Director of Community Services
DATE: February 18, 2021
SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation Order in the amount of **\$37,000** for the purpose of funding seasonal salaries and wages for the Fiscal Year 2021 Golf Enterprise Fund Operations

BACKGROUND: During the first six months of Fiscal Year 2021 the Golf Division experienced a significant increase in activity. Golf has provided our community with a safe, healthy outlet during the ongoing public health emergency. While golf is providing a natural, socially distanced outdoor activity, it comes with a cost. Adhering to strict COVID-19 compliance regulations is very labor intensive. In order to remain open for business and comply with state guidelines it was necessary to hire additional temporary operations staff at both golf facilities. More staff are working longer shifts. What was once done in a couple of hours in the morning and afternoon is now an all day, open to close process. The following tasks are associated with providing public and staff safety:

- Daily, ongoing facilities cleaning and disinfecting for workplace and public safety
- Golf cart cleaning and disinfecting after every use
- Driving range balls and buckets cleaned and disinfected every day
- Full time Golf Starters outdoors managing the first tee and pace of play
- Security and monitoring of adherence to rules and regulations by visitors

The additional work required has resulted in the usage of 76% of seasonal wages at Olde Barnstable Fairgrounds, and 81% at Hyannis Golf Course as of December 31, 2020. The remaining budget balances are insufficient to get through the remainder of the fiscal year. The requested appropriation will ensure adequate staffing levels to service increased facility activity and COVID-19 compliance when both facilities are open for the season from mid-March through June 30, 2021.

ANALYSIS: Golf has become one of the few acceptable social activities available for residents and guests to safely engage in during the ongoing public health emergency. The Golf Division experienced a 19% increase in rounds of golf played in the first half of Fiscal Year 2021. The Operations staff serviced 50,693 players, an increase of 9,526 rounds over last year, and 7,316 over Fiscal Year 2019 for the same period.

The Operations staff cleaned and disinfected 28,000 golf cart rentals in the first half of Fiscal Year 2021, representing an average of 150 per day, every day. Golf cart rentals were up 27%. COVID-19 compliance requirements mandated single riders for golf carts. On average, by 11:00am each day, all carts were on the courses and staff had to disinfect them multiple times each day to satisfy customer demand.

Driving range usage increased 73% over last year and is currently 77% over Fiscal Year 2021 revenue forecast. Golfers hit 17,000 buckets of balls, representing approximately 1.25 million golf balls. All range balls are picked, cleaned and disinfected, along with the buckets on a daily basis.

The front line Operations staff must constantly clean the golf shops, restrooms, and all high contact areas throughout the day. The Golf Starters are required to check-in groups, stage them to reduce gatherings, monitor the first tee and pace of play. The starters also act as security and remind players about their responsibilities and the requirements they must adhere to while at our facilities.

At present, the Golf Division is experiencing a \$526,422 positive variance in revenues to budget year-to-date. This represents a 35% increase in revenues over last year for the same period. All indications point to a continuation of current business trends for the foreseeable future. Annual Pass sales for the 2021 season have just begun. The 5 year average of total Pass Holders is 1,155, generating approximately \$1.1 million per year. Annual Pass Holder retention rate averages 95%. Advance time bookings have been brisk as have hotel/motel golf package sales. Our contacts from large group tournaments and outings have expressed their interest in returning once large gatherings are again permitted.

FISCAL IMPACT: A revenue surplus for the Golf Operations is expected for Fiscal Year 2021. This will replenish the Golf Enterprise Fund Reserves requested to cover this supplemental budget appropriation. The Golf Enterprise Fund reserve balance is currently \$433,134. A Decision Package request has been submitted for the Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget to address additional seasonal salary and wage needs going forward.

TOWN MANAGER RECOMMENDATION: Mark S. Ells, Town Manager, recommends approval of this Supplemental Appropriation Order.

STAFF ASSISTANCE: Bruce McIntyre, Director of Golf Operations

A. OLD BUSINESS (Public Hearing) (Roll Call Majority Full Council)

BARNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

**ITEM# 2021-077
INTRO: 02/18/2021, 03/04/2021**

2021-077 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 AIRPORT OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE AIRPORT MASTER PLAN UPDATE PLANNING PROJECT

ORDERED: That the sum of **\$5,000** be appropriated for the purpose of funding the administrative costs for the Airport Master Plan Update Planning Project and that to meet this appropriation, that \$5,000 be provided from the Airport Enterprise Fund Reserves.

SPONSOR: Mark S. Ells, Town Manager

DATE	ACTION TAKEN
<u>02/18/21</u>	<u>Refer to Public Hearing 03/04/2021</u>

- ___ Read Item
- ___ Motion to Open Public Hearing
- ___ Rationale
- ___ Public Hearing
- ___ Close Public Hearing
- ___ Council Discussion
- ___ Vote

BARNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

ITEM# 2021-077
INTRO: 02/18/2021, 03/04/2021

SUMMARY

TO: Town Council
FROM: Mark S. Ells, Town Manager
THROUGH: Katie R. Servis, Airport Manager
DATE: February 18, 2021
SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation Order in the amount of **\$5,000** for the Fiscal Year 2021 Airport Operating Budget for the purpose of funding the administrative costs associated with the Airport Master Plan Update Planning Project

BACKGROUND: Cape Cod Gateway Airport is requesting an increase in the Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Expense Budget to cover the cost of the administration fees for the Airport Master Plan Update Planning Project. Fees for legal ads, notices, press releases, and other administrative type costs were not included in the original appropriations.

In 2017 and 2018 the airport requested appropriations for the airport master plan totaling \$1,000,000. The true cost of the project and the grant received from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) outlines the total cost of the project at \$1,004,461.80. The \$5,000 administration fee was never added to the appropriation.

Previous Appropriations:

- \$700,000.00 2017-091 Approved 4/6/17
- \$300,000.00 2018-069 Approved 4/5/18

Any funds remaining at the end of the fiscal year will be returned to the Airport Enterprise Fund's reserve.

FISCAL IMPACT: The project is funded 95% by the FAA and the state. The Airport's share is \$50,223.09. Of the \$5,000 appropriation, 95% will be reimbursed by the FAA and the state and the airport's share is \$250. The federal and state reimbursements received will replenish the airport's reserve fund used for this appropriation. The airport's reserve fund was certified at \$3,885,899 as of July 1, 2020.

TOWN MANAGER RECOMMENDATION: Mark S. Ells, Town Manager, recommends approval of this Supplemental Appropriation Order.

STAFF ASSISTANCE: Katie R. Servis, Airport Manager; Mark A. Milne, Director of Finance

A. OLD BUSINESS (Public Hearing) (Roll Call Majority Full Council)

BARNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

**ITEM# 2021-078
INTRO: 02/18/2021, 03/04/2021**

2021-078 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$470,000 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 AIRPORT ENTERPRISE FUND OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING AVIATION JET FUEL FOR RESALE

ORDERED: That the sum of **\$470,000** be appropriated for the purpose of funding the purchase of aviation jet fuel for resale, and to meet this appropriation, that \$470,000 be provided from the Airport Enterprise Fund Reserves.

SPONSOR: Mark S. Ells, Town Manager

DATE	ACTION TAKEN
<u>02/18/2021</u>	<u>Refer to Public Hearing 03/04/2021</u>

- ___ Read Item
- ___ Motion to Open Public Hearing
- ___ Rationale
- ___ Public Hearing
- ___ Close Public Hearing
- ___ Council Discussion
- ___ Vote

BARNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

ITEM# 2021-078
INTRO: 02/18/2021, 03/04/2021

SUMMARY

TO: Town Council
FROM: Mark S. Ells, Town Manager
THROUGH: Katie R. Servis, Airport Manager
DATE: February 18, 2021
SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation Order in the amount of **\$470,000** for the Fiscal Year 2021 Airport Enterprise Fund Operating Budget for the purpose of purchasing aviation jet fuel for resale

SUMMARY: Cape Cod Gateway Airport is requesting an increase in the Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Expense Budget to cover the cost of jet fuel purchases through the end of the Fiscal Year. This request is the result of an increase in the projected fuel sales.

The Airport tracks year-over-year and month-over-month the average fuel loads purchased and sold. This tracking allows the operation to identify the number of fuel loads typically needed year-over-year and month-over-month and is used for forecasting purposes. With the onset of COVID-19, there has been an increase in aviation jet fuel sales with more corporate aircraft utilizing the facility and purchasing fuel in Fiscal Year 2021 than in Fiscal Year 2020. In fact, starting at the end of the first quarter and into the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2021, the Airport had already sold 17% more fuel than in Fiscal Year 2020.

The Fiscal Year 2021 budget anticipated the sale of 900,000 gallons of fuel. As of January 2021, the airport has sold over 800,000 gallons and has not even come into the busy season. The table below compares the month-to-month sales for Fiscal Year 2020 and Fiscal Year 2021.

GALLONS SOLD FY2020 Vs. FY2021			
MONTH	FY2020	FY2021	FY21 vs. FY20
JULY	193,787	178,835	-14,952
AUGUST	189,718	179,013	-10,705
SEPTEMBER	96,384	135,432	39,048
OCTOBER	69,791	131,529	61,738
NOVEMBER	52,280	73,225	20,945
DECEMBER	42,615	56,190	13,575
JANUARY	21,438	49,916	28,478
FEBRUARY	23,749		-23,749
MARCH	30,138		-30,138
APRIL	18,790		-18,790

MAY	61,794		-61,794
JUNE	138,455		-138,455
TOTALS	938,939	804,140	-134,799

From February through June, the airport has historically have purchased 25-27 fuel loads. The historic average purchase of fuel is outlined below.

ANALYSIS OF HISTORICAL GALLONS SOLD/MONTH			
MONTH	Average Load Purchased/Month	Average Gallons/Load	Total Gallons/Month
FEBRUARY	3	9,900	29,700
MARCH	3	9,900	29,700
APRIL	3	9,900	29,700
MAY	5	9,900	49,500
JUNE	12	9,900	118,800
TOTALS	26	-	257,400

However, due to the increases the airport has witnessed in Fiscal Year 2021 and if the trend continues, it is anticipated that at least 38 loads of fuel will be needed from now until June. The cost of this fuel is determined as follows:

- The average cost per load is currently \$25,000
- 38 loads x \$25,000 = \$950,000.
- Fuel budget remaining as of February 9 is \$522,000
- \$950,000 - \$522,000 = \$428,000 needed for the remainder of the fiscal year
- Two additional loads to be conservative and as a buffer = \$50,000
- **Appropriation Request = \$478,000.**

Any funds remaining at the end of the fiscal year will be returned to the Airport Enterprise Fund reserves.

FISCAL IMPACT: The sale of jet fuel will replenish the airport’s reserves used to fund this appropriation for fuel. The airport’s reserve fund was certified on of July 1, 2020 at \$3,885,899.

TOWN MANAGER RECOMMENDATION: Mark S. Ells, Town Manager, recommends approval of this Supplemental Appropriation Order.

STAFF ASSISTANCE: Katie R. Servis, Airport Manager; Mark A. Milne, Director of Finance

A. OLD BUSINESS (Public Hearing) (Roll Call Majority Full Council)

BARNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

ITEM# 2021-081

INTRO: 02/18/2021, 03/04/2021

2021-081 APPROPRIATION ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,000 FOR A COMMUNITY DATA AND VISIONING PROJECT CONSULTANT IN SUPPORT OF A LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

ORDERED: That the sum of **\$70,000** be appropriated for the purpose of funding a consultant to facilitate collection, analysis and presentation of community data and facilitate a community visioning effort in support of an update to the Town’s Local Comprehensive Plan; and that to fund this appropriation, that \$70,000 be provided from the General Fund Reserves.

SPONSOR: Mark S. Ells, Town Manager

DATE	ACTION TAKEN
<u>02/18/2021</u>	<u>Refer to Public Hearing 03/04/2021</u>

- ___ Read Item
- ___ Motion to Open Public Hearing
- ___ Rationale
- ___ Public Hearing
- ___ Close Public Hearing
- ___ Council Discussion
- ___ Vote

BARNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

ITEM# 2021-081

INTRO: 02/18/2021, 03/04/2021

SUMMARY

TO: Town Council
FROM: Mark S. Ells, Town Manager
THROUGH: Elizabeth Jenkins, Director of Planning & Development
DATE: February 18, 2021
SUBJECT: Appropriation Order in the amount of **\$70,000** for a Community Data and Visioning Project Consultant in support of a local comprehensive plan update

BACKGROUND: A local comprehensive plan update is a way to interpret the community's vision and the values we seek to protect. It is a way to anticipate, coordinate and balance policy decisions related to growth and development, infrastructure, the economy, and resource protection. The Town last updated its local comprehensive plan in 2010, with much of the research and community outreach occurring several years earlier. In the years since that update, the Town's capital infrastructure plans, identification of housing needs, and other factors have shifted dramatically. Building a comprehensive and objective base of community data and broadly engaging our community to develop a collective vision for our future is the first phase of development of an updated local comprehensive plan.

ANALYSIS: This request is for consultant services to develop and implement a plan to engage, involve and collaborate directly with the public to develop a shared vision for our community's future. Supported by Town staff and in cooperation with a designated Local Comprehensive Plan Committee, the consultant will compile, analyze, and showcase relevant demographic, economic and community land use data that will be used to "set the table" for conversations between the Town, residents, and other stakeholder groups. The consultant will then provide support for convening the community through a series of outreach methods to assess perspectives on core values and perceived challenges and opportunities. The aim is to use innovative, creative and diverse public participation strategies to overcome the limitations of physically convening during the public health emergency and ensure participation in the process is well-rounded and inclusive. This community assessment and visioning process will provide the foundation for other future planning processes, and an additional phase of the local comprehensive planning process to include development of a strategic action plan and performance standards.

FISCAL IMPACT: This is a one-time expenditure which will not be added to the Planning and Development Department's annual operating budget. Funding for these services will be provided from the General Fund reserves which were last certified with a balance of \$18,524,377.

TOWN MANAGER RECOMMENDATION: Mark S. Ells, Town Manager, recommends approval of this Appropriation Order.

STAFF ASSISTANCE: Gloria McPherson, Planning & Economic Development Coordinator; Mark A. Milne, Director of Finance

A. OLD BUSINESS (Public Hearing) (Roll Call Majority Full Council)

BARNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

ITEM# 2021-082
INTRO: 02/18/2021, 03/04/2021

2021-082 APPROPRIATION ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$92,945 FOR THE TREATMENT OF THE INVASIVE SPECIES HYDRILLA IN LONG POND, CENTERVILLE AND MYSTIC LAKE AND MIDDLE POND, MARSTONS MILLS

ORDERED: That the sum of **\$92,945** be appropriated for the purpose of treating Hydrilla in Long Pond, Centerville and Mystic Lake and Middle Pond, Marstons Mills; and that to fund this Appropriation, that \$92,945 be provided from the General Fund Reserves.

SPONSOR: Mark S. Ells, Town Manager

DATE	ACTION TAKEN
<u>02/18/2021</u>	<u>Refer to Public Hearing 03/04/2021</u>

- _____ Read Item
- _____ Motion to Open Public Hearing
- _____ Rationale
- _____ Public Hearing
- _____ Close Public Hearing
- _____ Council Discussion
- _____ Vote

BARNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

SUMMARY

ITEM# 2021-082

INTRO: 02/18/2021, 03/04/2021

TO: Town Council
FROM: Mark S. Ells, Town Manager
THROUGH: Elizabeth Jenkins, Director of Planning & Development
DATE: February 18, 2021
SUBJECT: Appropriation Order in the amount of **\$92,945** for the treatment of the invasive species Hydrilla in Long Pond, Centerville and Mystic Lake and Middle Pond, Marstons Mills

BACKGROUND: The Town annually manages the growth of the invasive, non-native plant Hydrilla in Long Pond, Centerville and Mystic Lake and Middle Pond, Marstons Mills with an EPA-approved chemical treatment Sonar (fluridone). Treatment is recommended to take place early to mid-May to address early plant growth, reduce the amount of herbicide needed, and protect fish species.

ANALYSIS: There have been significant advancements in the understanding of how Sonar (fluridone) can be dosed and applied to achieve maximum efficacy with minimal impact over the last several years. Some of these advancements have been supported by the data collected and the experience gained working on the Barnstable ponds. As such there is a vast amount of evidence to support that hydrilla in particular is ultra-sensitive and susceptible to fluridone's mode of action in the very earliest stages of active vegetative growth. So this means that effective control can be achieved with lower doses of the herbicide (less chemical applied) and with a shorter exposure time. As a result, in recent years many other hydrilla treatment programs have evolved to almost a "pre-emergent" treatment approach where a lethal concentration (<4ppb) is established before any observed active hydrilla growth. Treating early not only improves efficacy, but significantly reduces the potential non-target impact to native species. Lower concentrations provide an even wider margin of safety to the herbicide tolerance levels of native species. Also the earlier start to the program allows in some cases for active treatment to be completed before vigorous growth of later emerging native plants. Starting and completing the program earlier in the growing season reduces the potential risk of target plant die-off and the subsequent release of nutrients negatively impacting water quality and the production of microscopic algae such as harmful cyanobacteria species. All three waterbodies have an increased chance of a cyanobacteria bloom as temperatures increase. Treatment must be postponed until cyanobacteria meets safety standards. In 2020 the cyanobacteria bloom impacted our treatment dates, and increased the number of treatments required.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget included \$120,500 of funding for invasive weed control. These funds have been exhausted treating invasive plant growth over the summer. This appropriation will allow the town to implement a more effective treatment cycle in the Spring of 2021 as described above. Funding is expected to be repeated in the Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget which will be used in the spring of 2022 for invasive plant eradication. This request will be provided from the General Fund Reserves which were last certified as of July 1, 2020 at \$18,524,376.

TOWN MANAGER RECOMMENDATION: Mark S. Ells, Town Manager, recommends approval of this Appropriation Order.

STAFF ASSISTANCE: Darcy Karle, Conservation Administrator; Mark A Milne, Director of Finance

B. NEW BUSINESS (May be acted upon) (Roll Call Majority)

BARNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

**ITEM# 2021-131
INTRO: 03/04/21**

2021-131 ACCEPTANCE OF AN INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES CARES ACT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,430 FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS BY AND THROUGH THE TOWN TO THE WHELDEN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

RESOLVED: That the Barnstable Town Council does hereby accept a grant in the amount of **\$3,430** from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners for the purpose of providing those funds to the Whelden Memorial Library to be used to support “Citizen Scientist” virtual programming at the library.

SPONSOR: Mark S. Ells, Town Manager

DATE	ACTION TAKEN
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- ___ Read Item
- ___ Rationale
- ___ Council Discussion
- ___ Vote

BARNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

ITEM# 2021-131
INTRO: 03/04/2021

SUMMARY

TO: Town Council
FROM: Mark S. Ells, Town Manager
THROUGH: Kelly Depin, Whelden Memorial Library Director
DATE: March 04, 2021
SUBJECT: Acceptance of an Institute of Museum and Library Services Cares Act grant in the amount of **\$3,430** from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners by and through the town to the Whelden Memorial Library

BACKGROUND: The results of a recent survey indicated that Whelden Memorial Library patrons preferred nature programs over other subjects. Books, articles and websites that promote non-scientists working with scientists on their projects have also become more popular. Scientists are harnessing the power of the internet to harvest data from hundreds to thousands of individuals to help their research. Whelden Memorial Library, in collaboration with the Long Pasture Wildlife Sanctuary of the Massachusetts Audubon Society, proposes to create a series of programming that will highlight these ‘Citizen Scientist’ programs and provide the basic minimal training that might be required to be a successful contributor.

Ian Ives, Site Director of Long Pasture, states that he believes people who have ‘rediscovered’ Cape Cod’s natural resources during the pandemic are going to want to continue their new relationship with the natural world going forward. By combining patrons’ interest in their natural surroundings with the knowledge that they can make an impact in science, we anticipate that this will become a lifelong love affair with science and being part of something greater than themselves. They will become a more invested part of their community, and the science community at large.

The Whelden Memorial Library is grateful to the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners for their generous support of this engaging and interactive program.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no financial impact to the Town’s operating budget as a result of accepting this grant. A condition of the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners grant is that payment be made directly to the municipality. If accepted, these funds will pass through the Town to the Whelden Memorial Library.

STAFF ASSISTANCE: Madeline Noonan, Director of Community Services