



# Town Council Meeting

November 5, 2015



**A** quorum being duly present, Council President Jessica Rapp Grassetti called the November 5, 2015, Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Hearing Room of Town Hall, 367 Main St., Hyannis, MA.

An announcement was made by President Rapp Grassetti 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:** Ann Canedy, Frederick Chirigotis, James Crocker, Jr., William Crocker, Jr., Jennifer Cullum, Sara Cushing, Debra Dagwan (7:03), Jessica Rapp Grassetti, Paul Hebert, John Norman, Eric Steinhilber, Philip Wallace. **Absent:** James Tinsley, Jr.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Rapp Grassetti, followed by a Moment of Silence for the family of Mary Ellen Hayden.

Proclamation was read by President Jessica Rapp Grassetti for Vice President Ann Canedy. Vice President Canedy said she has enjoyed working with the best council for the last twelve years; "remember the chart and move the question."

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Hank Farnum addressed a few items on the agenda, starting with the snow and ice overdraft; Farnum said he has respect for Vice President Canedy's efforts on the Council. "You must get involved to have impact"

Diane Kovanda a teacher who works on Main Street and brings her students to the town green is asking for help from the Council regarding the issues with the homeless on the green.  
Close public comment

#### **COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:**

We are continuing to have our conversations regarding the public safety on the green; there is a strong commitment from Councilors, Police and staff. It is time for us to fight for what is right for our community and save our neighborhoods; we are working on many levels to take back our neighborhoods. This is killing us as a community; will continue to fight this issue; we need our legislature, county officials and our boards to take a stand and zero tolerance. Our office overlooks the village green; never feel burdened by calling the police

#### **TOWN MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Interviews for Lieutenant
- Shooting Range surveys are being tallied
- Aging of Barnstable Forum
- Barnstable Talks and Listens (Exhibit A)
- Board of Health special meeting regarding the needle exchange
  - Town Attorney, Ruth Weil told the Council her office is working to put into place some protocols; currently there are five pilot projects in the Commonwealth.

**Councilor questions and comments:** How do we bring this matter before the Town Council [Ruth Weil stated the matter does have to have local approval to have a pilot program, sponsorship by a Councilor will help us move forward. The DPH has to approve the pilot project before it moves forward]

- Ground breaking yesterday at Cape Space
- CFAC Document (Exhibit B)

**Councilor questions and comments:** Contaminated wells from the Fire Academy, who bears the burden; [tax payers in Hyannis would pay for that]; large commercial base that should work to our favor; asked to look at the vacant Lakeville Hospital for homeless with drug issues; [opening Lakeville is a creative solution; will ask our legislature] the court system has not been helpful; someone has to take some action [outreach needs people who can talk the talk] what is our strategy, would you like the Councilors to go to the next meeting? There has to be a shake up [our Attorney is writing up a response, to force everyone to the table] CVEC going to the towns looking for a quick payback on the solar [we are enforcing a signed contract] unwilling to pay for the outreach people to do their job; how do we force their hand; Should we be inviting County Government to come before us? Fire Academy is in Precinct One; larger issue than just Hyannis; Shooting range any results on the wells [Dan Santos, has a contract for the drilling; will start on the 17<sup>th</sup>; three to four weeks for results]

**ACT ON MINUTES:** Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was voted to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2015 meeting as written

**VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUS**

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

- **Report from Housing Committee**, Donald Lynde, Chair:
  - Eight dedicated people on the committee
  - Mission Statement
  - Makes recommendations
  - Ten percent of affordable housing is a mandate
  - Current level is 6.6%

**Councilor questions and comments:** How do you interact with the Barnstable Housing Authority; housing that was designed for seniors now creating a conflict [aware of that concern] communicating with other committees and towns all 15 towns are facing this issue [not enough cooperation] [winter rentals do not work, puts a tremendous strain on the family]; repurpose old abandoned buildings.

- **Snow and Ice Presentation** by Daniel Santos, Director, Department of Public Works: reviewed the snow and ice policies using a power point presentation; Juno's impact; reviewed the standards of service; parking bans; damage issues; communication; and equipment (Exhibit C)

**Councilor questions and comments:** State co-ordination will we be left in the lurch with a category B or C storm; [we are aware of the impact to keep the main roads open] parking bans and travel restrictions needs to happen more often; give an overview to the Roads Committee; real time viewing to see where the crews are working; during Juno, cars left abandoned should pay for the tow and a fine; tree trimming needs to be part of this policy; tire chains will provide traction; v plows; [will address those suggestions] has advertisement brought a good response [Yes] newsletter to constituents; sub contractors, will they be required to go out to the routes as part of their training [Yes]

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**2016-043  
11/05/15**

**APPROVE FISCAL YEAR 2016 SNOW AND ICE OVERDRAFT ORDER INTRO:**

DPW Director, Dan Santos gave the rationale

**Councilor questions and comments** Just asking for the minimum amount why? [Mark Milne, Director of Finance, we give the money they need to do the job] always operating a year behind [yes, this is the one area we can because we never know what to expect] past winter 58% was for contractors, is that typical [yes] with the GPS will that drive costs down [may be some savings] money coming our way for Juno, how does it show upon our books [general fund]

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

**ORDERED:** That pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 31D MGL, which provides for the ability of the Town to incur liability and make expenditures for any fiscal year in excess of appropriation for snow and ice removal, the Town Council approves expenditures in excess of available appropriation for snow and ice removal for fiscal year 2016, subject to further approval action by the Town Manager

**VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUS**

- Presentation on Tax Classification by Mark A. Milne, Director of Finance; Jeff Rudziak, Director of Assessing: (Exhibit D) reviewed the fiscal year 2016 property tax levy and the tax levy shifting options.
- Report from Town Manager Search Committee Councilors Steinhilber and Cushing gave a summary of the work that was done over the last few weeks. Identified the firms that could assist; proposal will be submitted to all Councilors; 90 to 120 day time line; phase one is complete. [President Rapp Grassetti thanked the committee and stated that the next phase will include all Councilors]

**Communications from elected officials:** Appointments Committee will be meeting next Tuesday; Hyannis Historical Society is going to reengage; School Committee accepted bid for the modular; Superintendent search moving forward; Council report will be included in the Annual report; show your support for our law enforcement people; Veterans day parade in Hyannis on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

**2016-041 APPROPRIATION ORDER OF UP TO \$34,999 FOR THE PURPOSE OF HIRING AN OUTSIDE CONSULTANT FOR A TOWN MANAGER SEARCH INTRO: 11/05/15**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

**ORDERED:** That the sum of \$34,999 be appropriated for the purpose of hiring an outside consultant to assist in the search of the Town Manager, and that to fund this appropriation, that the sum of \$34,999 be transferred from the General Fund Reserves. This appropriation is for the consulting fees and any other costs associated with the search process.

**VOTE: Refer to a Public Hearing on 11/19/2015-Passes 11 Yes, 1 Opposed (Chirigotis)**

**2016-042 RESOLVE TO REQUEST THAT THE CAPE COD COMMISSION EXTEND THE DURATION OF THE DOWNTOWN HYANNIS GROWTH INCENTIVE ZONE FROM APRIL 6, 2006 TO OCTOBER 6, 2017. INTRO: 11/05/15**

Rationale given by Jo Anne Miller Buntich

**Councilor questions and comments** Scribner's error fix to October 6, 2017; suggestion to have a more complete explanation; the summary states 18 months.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

**RESOLVED:** Pursuant to Cape Cod Commission Growth Incentive Zone Regulations, Chapter G, Section 11, the Town Council hereby requests that the Cape Cod Commission initiate the process to

extend the duration of the Downtown Hyannis Growth Incentive Zone (DHGIZ) from April 6, 2006 until October 6, 2017 and that the Town Manager is authorized to execute any documents or agreements necessary to effectuate that purpose.

**VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUS**

**2016-044 ALLOCATION OF TAX LEVY FY16 – TAX FACTOR INTRO: 11/05/15**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Council hereby votes to classify the Town of Barnstable under the Classification Act at a Factor of 1 (one) for the fiscal year 2016.

**VOTE: Refer to a Public Hearing on 11/19/15-Passes unanimous**

**2016-045 ALLOCATION OF TAX LEVY FY16 – RESIDENTIAL EXEMPTION INTRO: 11/05/15**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Council hereby votes to adopt a Residential Exemption at the percentage of 20% for fiscal year 2016.

**VOTE: Refer to a Public Hearing on 11/19/15-Passes Unanimous**

**2016-046 ALLOCATION OF TAX LEVY FY16 – SMALL COMMERCIAL EXEMPTION INTRO: 11/05/15**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Council hereby votes to adopt a Small Commercial Exemption of 10% for fiscal year 2016.

**VOTE: Refer to a Public Hearing on 11/19/15-Passes Unanimous**

**2016-047 APPOINTMENTS TO A BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION INTRO: 11/05/15**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

**RESOLVED**: That the Town Council appoint the following individuals to a multiple-member board/committee/commission:

**CULTURAL COUNCIL**: Georgia Kreth, 233 Lake Shore Drive, Marstons Mills as a regular member to a term expiring 06/30/18

**VOTE: Refer to a Second Reading on 11/19/15-Passes Unanimous**

**2016-048 REAPPOINTMENTS TO A BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION INTRO: 11/05/15**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

**RESOLVED**: That the Town Council reappoint the following individuals to a multiple-member board/committee/commission:

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**: Scott Fitzgerald as a regular member to a term expiring 06/30/18; Charles Hetzel as a regular member to a term expiring 06/30/18; Heidi Nelson as a regular member to a term expiring 06/30/18

**VOTE: Refer to a Second Reading on 11/19/15-Passes Unanimous**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

**VOTED to adjourn:**

**Unanimous**

**Adjourned at 10:00 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M Quirk, CMC  
Town Clerk – Town of Barnstable

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: November 19, 2015

**EXHIBITS**

- A. Barnstable Talks and Listens
- B. CFAC report
- C. Snow and Ice Workshop 2015
- D. Fiscal Year 2016 Tax Bill
- E. Downtown Hyannis Growth Incentive