



Town Council Meeting  
December 1, 2016



**A** quorum being duly present, Council President Jessica Rapp Grassetto called the December 1, 2016, 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 Grassetto 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:** Frederick Chirigotis, James Crocker, Jr., William Crocker, Jr., Jennifer Cullum, Debra Dagwan, John Flores, Jessica Rapp Grassetto, Paul Hebert, John Norman, Eric Steinhilber, James Tinsley, Jr., Philip Wallace. Absent: Sara Cushing

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Rapp Grassetto, followed by a Moment of Silence

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Laura Recford advised the Council there will be a Shelter Cape Cod Telethon next Thursday night, which will be televised. They will be talking about issues such as homelessness and housing. Recford reported this is our biggest fund raiser of the year.

Mary Benoit from the Pavilion Rehabilitation and Nursing Center read from a packet (Exhibit A) regarding the abandoned building adjacent to the property which is a safety issue for the staff and the elderly residents.

Domenic Alessandra went to the preservation committee meeting regarding the most endangered property (Sea Captain's Row). He gave out (Exhibit B) information regarding the historical architecture, the first settler in Hyannis, and the gateway for religious freedom.

Close public comment

**COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Councilor Hebert indicated that the Town Manager is now aware of the issue with the abandoned building; something will be done.

Vice President Steinhilber spoke about the abandoned building and that the owner is working with the town.

Councilor Dagwan offered to help out at the telethon. She stated the Whitehall building is on the fore front.

Councilor Cullum agreed something must be done with the ghastly Whitehall property.

President Rapp Grassetto mentioned the housing crisis, has hopes that the Whitehall property could be used for housing.

- Councilor Dagwan and President Rapp Grasseti gave a recognition award to the “People of Action,” which influenced the Unity Day efforts. Dagwan gives credit for the original idea to Rene King.
- Chief MacDonald spoke about how all of this came together, and his meeting with Andre and Jessie Barboza-Penn. Andre and Jessie wanted to have a positive event to bring everyone together.
- Andre Barboza-Penn thanked everyone for believing in this effort
- Barnstable Police Officer, Brian Morrison thanked the community for supporting Unity Day; it came together quickly
- Jonathan (JT) Thompson thanked the Lorusso Foundation, and many others, JT represented the town on Channel Five’s Chronicle program.
- Councilor Dagwan and President Rapp Grasseti recognized the following people:
- Chief Paul B MacDonald, Brian Morrison, Jessie Barboza-Penn, Andre Barboza-Penn, Timothy Lus, Jonathan (JT) Thompson, William (Willie) Ford, Kyle Richardson, David Adams, William Suarez, Steven Perry, Jason Gourdine, Lounel Josephs, and Barnstable Police Officer, Maxwell Morrow.

Andre spoke about the next steps the People of Action would like to take, such as putting together a men’s group at the high school to try to influence the youth of Barnstable in a positive way.

- Kyle Richardson acknowledged Councilor Debra Dagwan as an advocate for this community.

- **Rose Evans, Deputy Undersecretary for the Department of Housing and Community Development...and Arlene McNamee, LCSW, Chief Executive Officer, Catholic Social Services at St Joseph’s House**

- Working toward the betterment of the guests and the community;
- Transitioning staff and guests.
- St. Joseph’s House is at full capacity
- Working with the state to prepare for a safe winter season
- Further the development of HAC and the St Joseph’s House
- Looking forward to 2017 and to the housing for the future.

**Councilor comments and questions:** Are we unique on Cape Cod with this housing crisis [affordability is key] what are some of the indicators of success [five of the guests have been moved into permanent housing; guests have more ownership] you are involved with our community which is a measure of success; makes everything better, thankful for your involvement; thankful and happy that Catholic Services and all the other social services have come together. Try to give us an idea of a day of the life of a resident [working guests get a special wake up; get dressed; have breakfast; all have chores; taken to medical appointments; day center works with individuals on resume building; gathering documentation; eat lunch; move as a group; have laundry time; do not carry green bags out of the residence; screened when they leave and when they come back in; showers and afternoon chores; churches are still bringing in food, clean up; bedtime]. Thank you for coming, you are welcome to come back anytime.

**TOWN MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mark Ells, Town Manager thanked Rose Evans, as she has worked hand in hand with the town.

Summary of items:

Working with the owner of the Pavilion, they are receptive and responsible  
Downtown Hyannis parking project (Exhibit C)  
Planning project focus on downtown Hyannis  
Cape Cod Commission Survey  
Armory proposal  
CVEC one year adder  
Barnstable Shellfish, Eel, Herring and Aquaculture Rules and Regulations  
Calendar year fees on Marine and Golf Course programs, plans to approve tomorrow  
Meeting regarding public water supply wells with Dept of Fish & Wildlife  
Water projects of Hyannis for a subsidy  
Assistant Town Manager second round of interviews  
Mary Dunn wells issues

Councilor comments and questions: The Whitehall pavilion, can it be ordered to be taken down [owner is receptive].

**ACT ON MINUTES:** Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was voted to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2016 meeting.

**VOTE: PASSES 11, 1 ABSTENTION**

**COMMUNICATIONS – from elected officials, boards, committees, staff, commission reports, correspondence and announcements:** Many Christmas events in each village were announced; Lorusso foundation always looking to be part of this community; residents that would like to volunteer for boards, committees, and commissions please contact the appointments committee; successful opening of Chick-Fil-A.

**2017-038 APPOINTMENTS TO A BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION INTRO:  
11/17/16, 12/01/16**

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: **Cultural Council:** Ellen Cliggott, 6 Tidal Lane, Hyannis, MA as a regular member to a term expiring 06/30/19.

**VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUS**

**2017-039 APPROPRIATION ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,710.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND RESERVES FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A TEMPORARY EASEMENT (3 YEAR) OVER A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED ALONG STRAWBERRY HILL ROAD, IN BARNSTABLE (CENTERVILLE), BARNSTABLE COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS INTRO: 12/01/2016**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

**ORDERED:** That the Town Manager be authorized to acquire by purchase or eminent domain for the purpose of constructing a public sidewalk, a temporary (three-year) easement over a parcel of land located along Strawberry Hill Road in Barnstable (Centerville), Barnstable County, Massachusetts, as follows: Parcel No. TE-1, containing 746± square feet of land as shown on a Plan of Land entitled Easement Plan of Land Falmouth Road (Route 28) & Strawberry Hill Road Barnstable, MA prepared for: McMahon Associates Scale 1"=20' Date: October 13, 2016," a copy of which plan is on file in the Town Clerk's office; and to appropriate the sum of **\$1,710.00** for the purchase or taking of

said easement and associated costs and that the Town Manager is authorized to contract for and to expend the appropriation made available for this purpose and to accept any gifts or grants in relation thereto.

**VOTE: REFER TO PUBLIC HEARING ON 12/15/2016-UNANIMOUS**

**2017-040 ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,000 FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION INTRO: 12/01/2016**

DPW Director, Dan Santos gave the rationale

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Council hereby accepts a grant in the amount of **\$11,000.00** from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, and that the Town Manager is authorized to expend the grant monies for the purpose specified therein

**VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUS**

**2017-041 APPROPRIATION AND TRANSFER ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,300 FROM THE GENERAL FUND RESERVES TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET TO FUND REPAIRS TO A POLICE BOAT INTRO: 12/01/2016**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

**ORDERED**: That the Town Council hereby appropriates and transfers from available funds, the sum of **\$15,300** from the General Fund Reserves to the Fiscal Year 2017 Police Department Operating Budget for the purpose of funding the significant repairs on a police boat

**VOTE: REFER TO PUBLIC HEARING ON 12/15/2016-UNANIMOUS**

**2017-042 RESOLVE ACCEPTING TWO WATER LINE EASEMENTS FOR THE HYANNISWATER SYSTEM INTRO: 12/01/2016**

DPW Director, Dan Santos gave the rationale

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

**RESOLVED**: That the Town accept the grant of two (2) permanent easements for water mains, lines and associated facilities as follows: the first 20 feet wide and approximately 448 feet long along the rear boundary of property belonging to JM Burke Properties, LLC, 105 Ferndoc Street, Hyannis; and the second 20 feet wide and approximately 60 feet long from the first easement across adjacent property belonging to Mill Pond Village Condominium, 121 Camp Street; that the easements be held under the care, custody and control of the Water Supply Division of the Department of Public Works and the second co-held with the Town of Yarmouth; and that the Town Manager is authorized to deliver, receive, execute and record any and all documents necessary for the acquisition of the easements described herein.

**VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUS**

▪ **Town Council Meeting Calendar 2017**

A motion was made and duly seconded to move the April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting to the 27<sup>th</sup>

Vote: Passes Unanimous

Upon a motion duly made and seconded to accept the amended Town Council Meeting Calendar

**VOTE: Amended version passes unanimous**

- Congratulations to Coach Tom Turco and the Red Raiders Girls Volleyball Team for another State Championship!

▪ **Town Council Nominations for the Election of Officers**

Nominations for the Office of President:

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| 1. Vice President Steinhilber | Seconded: Councilor Wallace |
| 2. Councilor Cullum           | Seconded: Councilor Tinsley |

Nominations for the Office of Vice President:

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| 1. Councilor James H Crocker, Jr | Seconded: Councilor Tinsley |
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**ADJOURNMENT:**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

**VOTED to adjourn:**

**Adjourned at 8:40 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M Quirk, CMC/CMMC  
Town Clerk

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: December 15, 2016

EXHIBITS:

- A Pavilion Rehabilitation and Nursing Center
- B Sea Captain's Row
- C Town Manager, Mark S Ells update