



Town Council Meeting
December 7, 2017



A quorum being duly present, Council President Eric Steinhilber called the December 7, 2017, 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 Steinhilber 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.

Actively taping is Rob Bastille, from Hyannis News.

PRESENT: Britt Beedenbender, James Crocker, Jr., Jennifer Cullum, Debra Dagwan, John Flores, Jessica Rapp Grasseti, Paul Hebert, Matthew Levesque, Paul Neary, Paula Schnepf, Eric Steinhilber, James Tinsley, Jr., Philip Wallace.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Steinhilber, followed by a moment of silence; remembering those who lost their lives on December 7, 1941, and offering prayers for the family and friends of Doug Kalweit.

Len Gobeil, from the Cape Cod Regional Technical High School, recognized the winners of the John and Abigail Adams Scholarships; eleven students were chosen to receive these awards, these student will receive full scholarships to college.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mark Segerman asked the Council to add an arrow to the intersection of between Pitchers Way and Route 28, for public safety.

Christine Greeley spoke about the proposal by Vineyard Wind. Significant issues about the proposal to put power cables through Lewis Bay for a wind farm. There are currently three bidders getting in line to take the place of Cape Wind. The deadline for the bid is December 20th. A letter of interest from the Barnstable Town Council was discussed at the meeting and the town of Yarmouth Selectman did not sign. There should be conversation between Yarmouth and Barnstable.

Close public comment

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

TOWN MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS:

Budget Calendar

Capital Improvement Program

Permits and Fees approved as proposed
Ten Year Financial Forecast-final
Mass Dept of Fish and Wildlife re: Wells
Inter-municipal Agreement (IMA) discussions on going
Vineyard Wind discussions are on going
Policy on Temporary Signs
Consolidating Dispatch
Odors from the Wastewater Plant (temporary)
Stoughton Recall Election

Councilor questions and comments:

New 911 system, are they just from the town of Barnstable [yes, eliminates one transfer]; In the sign policy, can the signs be registered on line [will check on that and get back to the Council] When the contaminated soil was found at the Airport and sent to another location, are we using that soil [we are renovating the Lombard Field, the Contractor brought soil that was rejected; during the same period of time soil was removed from the airport, we would not take that soil if it was contaminated]

ACT ON MINUTES: Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was voted to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2017 meeting.

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUS

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

- Welcome to the new Councilors;
- Excellent change in the 911 system;
- Freeman Johnson a 1942 Pilot was honored today;
- Clarifying comments made that were not true, stored the text messages sent and received, and responded immediately, we all need to be honest;
- Ceremony here for the years of service for the employees who work for the town;
- Successful boat parade.

Snow and Ice Overview , Daniel W. Santos, P.E., Director of Public Works

Dan Santos, Director of Public Works used a Power Point program to emphasize the responsibilities for the removal of snow and ice on all roads, both public and private (Exhibit A);

Councilor Comments and Questions:

Appreciate the work of the DPW; instead of calling a Town Councilor to tell us their road is blocked; how should the public respond [send an email; or call us at the DPW] to report an issue what do you use? [you can go to the Town website, or give us a call] precautions for driving; is that through a reverse 911 [on the website we tell folks to stay off the roads, and in extreme snowstorms we use reverse 911] do you have enough subcontractors this season to move all the snow [we raised our rates to be consistent with the state rate, currently have a wait list] will the same contractors work within their own area [yes] fine job, is there a snow fence near the airport [no] can we have a snow fence near the airport [will check and get back to the Council] how can we participate, is it helpful to have the snow stakes [yes, it helps the driver to see the edge of the road] people who need shelters, who do they talk to [Lynne Poyant, Director of Community Services, you need to check in with the police department, they will pick people up to help those in need]

**2018-044 ALLOCATION OF TAX LEVY FISCAL YEAR 2018 – TAX FACTOR,
INTRO 11/16/17, 12/7/17**

Mark Milne, Director of Finance, gave the rationale utilizing a power point presentation; this is one of those items that you must vote on every year, the Council has historically selected a factor of one.

Open public hearing seeing no one close public hearing

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 2018

VOTE: PASSES 13 YES

**2018-045 ALLOCATION OF TAX LEVY FISCAL YEAR 2018 – RESIDENTIAL
EXEMPTION INTRO 11/16/17, 12/7/17**

Rationale given by Finance Director, Mark Milne

Open public hearing seeing no one close public hearing

Councilor Comments and Questions:

Standing position about equity, not everyone gets the exemption; it's a community issue first does not always have positive effect on the residents.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby votes to adopt a Residential Exemption of 20 percent for Fiscal Year 2018.

VOTE: PASSES 12 YES, 1 NO (Crocker)

**2018-046 ORDER TO APPROVE TERM OF CONTRACT CHANGE FOR OLDE
BARNSTABLE FAIRGROUNDS GOLF COURSE GOLF CARS INTRO 11/16/17, 12/7/17**

Community Director, Lynne Poyant introduced the Director of Golf Operations, Bruce McIntyre gave the rationale

Councilor Comments and Questions:

The savings and an all-inclusive maintenance plan is great; visited both facilities great staff. [We are very lucky to have some passionate people working at the golf courses]. When you make changes do you discuss them with the Golf Committee [Bruce McIntyre, yes we did a review of the three submissions, and had the committee use the carts] commend the team for courses well maintained [tremendous dedicated staff] course is in fantastic condition, great staff. The fuel efficient new carts, is a great move.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

ORDERED, that the Town Council, under the provisions of M.G. L c, 30B, §12 (b), does hereby authorize the Town Manager to enter into a five (5) year contract to lease golf cars and utility vehicles for use at the Olde Barnstable Fairgrounds Golf Course.

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUS

