



Town Council Meeting
March 2, 2023



A quorum being duly present, President Matthew Levesque called the March 2, 2023, Town Council meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

An announcement was made by President Levesque 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: Jennifer Cullum, Paul Cusack, Jessica Rapp Grassetti, Matthew Levesque, Betty Ludtke, Jeffrey Mendes, Paul Neary, Paula Schnepf, Tracy Shaughnessy, Gordon Starr, Eric Steinhilber. Absent: Nikolas Atsalis, Kristine Clark,

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Levesque followed by a moment of silence for the people of Ukraine.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:
(In-person)**

Debra Dagwan came to speak about the Dockside project, the harbor is very special to us, have some concerns about giving waivers, we have seen other developments. We need affordable units in Hyannis near the harbor.

Paul Phalan bringing attention to the Twin Books apartments, stands with his neighbors. The housing crisis affects so many; older residents have no place to downsize in an affordable house. We have 750 acres in Barnstable that are underutilized. We could have a multiuse facility up by the airport.

Wendy Crocker could someone report on the property at 310 Main Street that is rotting. It is not bringing in any revenue for our town.

Close public comment

Councilor Response to Public Comment:

(Ludtke) thank you for the comments, we are going to lose the continuity of our harbor, the Planning Board is working on it. The airport is underutilized, we don't need to lengthen our runways. There is a pilot shortage maybe we should bring back pilot training. 310 Main Street has a nice little yard, we should make it an affordable. (Schnepf) Appreciate the viewpoint on what the Dockside project means to the residents of Hyannis; interesting ideas investing in the airport, we do get a lot of money from the FAA; maybe there are other alternatives. (Rapp Grassetti) I have concerns on that project, but will wait until it comes before the Council, for me it is a lost opportunity, would like to see a mixed use development. The airport does have a lot of empty space, however, the airport is an enterprise account. (Shaughnessy) regarding the dockside project, I can't picture a four story building in that spot. I encourage everyone in the

community to share your ideas for housing. (Cullum) Reputation matters, we will have a lively discussion about that when it comes before us (Neary) When it comes down to the airport project, the FAA doesn't allow for 2nd story buildings for housing.

Town Manager Ells spoke to the 310 Main Street property, will take it under review, we have been working closely with the people of Centerville and Councilor Atsalis. We do not want to release that property as yet. The Department of Public Works (DPW) does maintain the property.

Technical difficulties, a short break

Barnstable Youth Commission Presentation by Isabelle Rudy, Chair (Exhibit A)

- Our aim is to be the voice of the youth, we are always looking for new members.
 - Luc Andre Sader spoke about Climate Change Subcommittee and Environmental Initiatives
 - Jaden Jefferies spoke about the Substance Abuse Forum
 - Cam Levesque spoke about the 7th Annual "Ready Set Work" Youth Job Fair
 - 6th Annual 7th Grade Youth Summit
 - One Love teaches healthy relationships; how to recognize an unhealthy relationship
 - Instagram and Facebook pages developed this year

Councilor Response to Public Comment:

(Cullum) Is there anyone from Pope John Paul (Rudy) Yes two girls (Cullum) Really excited to see what we can accomplish with the new Superintendent; forever thankful (Shaughnesy) Excited to see you, the next generation of our home town, the job fair is a huge success, it is a win win for the community (Jefferies) Word of mouth has spread the news of the job fair. (Sader) Thank you to Amy Harwood for helping us out with the job fair. (Schnepp) You pass on your leadership from year to year, what is your secret (Rudy) A tight knit group, we all work together (Sader) talking to people as you would talk to an adult, the youth commission really helped me grow as a person (Ludtke) Your professionalism for your age is wonderful; how do you handle it; keep the recruitment between all the schools, what is difficult is the number of students (Rudy) Right now she is trying to reach out to Sturgis students to take her place as she is graduating, we welcome people from every school.

TOWN MANAGER'S COMMUNICATIONS: (Exhibit B)

(Levesque) The Town Manager's report has been prerecorded and the written form will be available to all on the Town Manager's page on the website.

1. Remote meeting announcement
2. Golf Course damage
3. Upgrades to Channel 18
4. Votes Act
5. Budget Action Calendar
6. Proposed Regulator changes
7. Grant of Locations Locations
8. Three municipal parcels declared surplus
9. First Aid Public Awareness campaign
10. Grants to small businesses in downtown Hyannis
11. Local Comprehensive Plan update previously recorded (Exhibit C)

Councilor questions and comments:

(Schnepp) Property disposition on the Request for Proposal (RFP) process that is underway, can you tell us more about it (Anthony) RFP process is a public process that is now online. People will be given an opportunity to bid, will sit down with the highest bidder (Schnepp) How will people know there is an RFP process (Anthony) We notify the abutters, will send letters, these parcels are going to be interesting to the abutters. (Schnepp) the affordable parcel in Marstons Mills is there still conversation of what can be built on that property (Anthony) We think home ownership is the way to go, we will be flexible with this RFP; (Schnepp) Locations of wireless regulations how will this be enforced (Ells) A town manager regulation that will be enforced by our building commissioner, I will get back to you on that (Shaughnessy) Thank you to the police and fire departments for providing the first aid awareness to the community. (Starr) Did you have a meeting today with the DPW (Ells) that is tomorrow (Levesque) Thanks to the staff for getting the golf course open and handling the flooding situation at the Hyannis Golf Course (Levesque) question in how we are going to handle the sewer hook ups (Santos) there is some misinformation about a mistake in the sewer system, in this project the sewer system is very deep which may cost the home owner more money to hook up. The deeper the sewer it makes a better hook up, every person can connect; we are putting through an RFP; we will seek an appropriation for the risers. (Ludtke) Appreciate the information, we have come up with the best solution.
Close response

ACT ON PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was to accept the minutes of February 16, 2023 as presented.

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUS

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

(Levesque) read notes from Councilor Atsalis, of upcoming meetings in Centerville

President Levesque asked for a motion to suspend Town Council Rules 12 and 15 so that the Council may vote on Item 2023-137 tonight.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was to suspend the Town Council Rules 12 and 15

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUS

2023-137 APPOINTMENTS TO A BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION INTRO: 3/2/2023

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: **Comprehensive Financial Advisory Board:** Christopher Lauzon, as a regular member to a term expiring 06/30/2025; **Council on Aging:** Melissa Alden, as a regular member to a term expiring 06/30/2025; Kathleen Strudwick, as a regular member to a term expiring 06/30/2024; **Hyannis Main Street Waterfront Historic District Commission:** Jennifer Hinckley, as a regular member to a term expiring 06/30/2023; Matt Clark, as a regular member to a term expiring 06/30/2025; **Infrastructure and Energy Committee:** Barry Sheingold, as a regular member to a term expiring 06/30/2025; **Recreation Commission:** James O'Leary, as a regular member to a term expiring 06/30/2025; **Youth Commission:** Shalanda Grant, as a student member to a term expiring 06/30/2024; Megan Garthee, as a student member to a term expiring 06/30/2024.

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUS

2023-138 AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND A FISCAL YEAR 2023 GRANT FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS SEAPORT ECONOMIC COUNCIL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000 FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE BISMORE PARK MARINA BULKHEAD INTRO: 03/02/2023

Dan Santos, Director of Public Works gave the rationale

Councilor questions and comments:

(Schnepp) is there any time frame to expend the funds (Santos) we have worked that into our project (Starr) so we are going to pull it all out (Santos) Yes (Starr) if we have a high tide will it stop the water (Santos) that is the intention (Cullum) looking forward to this project, there are a lot of people very interested in the harbor but there is no place for boats to rehab, so many opportunities (Santos) we will seek that input.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

RESOLVED: That the Town Council does hereby authorize the Town Manager to contract for and expend a Fiscal Year 2023 grant in the amount of **\$1,000,000** from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Seaport Economic Council for the purpose of reconstructing the Bismore Park Marina Bulkhead.

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUS

2023-139 ORDER APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 1992, 1995 AND 1997 AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE TOWN AND THE WOODS HOLE, MARTHA'S VINEYARD AND NANTUCKET STEAMSHIP AUTHORITY INTRO: 3/2/2023

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

ORDERED: That the Town Council does hereby authorize the Town Manager to negotiate and execute an Amendment to the July 16, 1992 Agreement, the February 27, 1995 Memorandum of Understanding Relative to the Agreement dated as of July 16, 1992, and the November 6, 1997 Amendment to the Agreements Dated July 16, 1992 and February 27, 1995, between the Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority (the "SSA") and the Town of Barnstable ("Town") (collectively, the "Agreements"), to increase the permitted maximum overall length of any of the SSA's vessels to two hundred forty-five feet (245'); provided that the execution of such Amendment shall be contingent on said Amendment expressly including language in which the Town and the SSA agree to work collaboratively to consolidate the Agreements and the Amendment authorized herein into one new agreement which would supersede and replace those separate agreements (the "Superseding Agreement"). Such consolidation would be for administrative convenience only to reflect in one document the current terms and conditions of those individual agreements and to remove outdated, expired, and/or superseded language. The Town Manager is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute the Superseding Agreement as described herein.

VOTE: TO A 2ND READING ON 3/16/2023-PASSES UNANIMOUS

2023-140 APPROPRIATION ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,500 FOR BURIAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS CEMETERY PROGRAM INTRO: 3/2/2023

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

ORDERED: That the sum of **\$34,500** be appropriated for the Department of Public Works Structures & Grounds Division Cemetery Program for the purpose of purchasing burial equipment used by Town staff to maintain cemeteries and perform interments in Town

cemeteries, and to meet such Appropriation, that **\$34,500** be provided from the Town's Sale of Cemetery Lots Special Revenue Fund.

VOTE: TO A PUBLIC HEARING ON 3/16/2023-PASSES UNANIMOUS

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was moved to go into executive session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, sec. 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation since a discussion in open session may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Town and Town Council. Specifically, the Council will discuss a Notice of Intent to File Suit dated February 16, 2023 sent by the Conservation Law Foundation to the Town regarding claims under the federal Clean Water Act. The Council will not return to public session after the executive session.

VOTE: PASSES 11 YES

ROLL CALL: Cullum, Cusack, Rapp Grassetti, Levesque, Ludtke, Mendes, Neary, Schnepf, Shaughnessy, Starr, Steinhilber

VOTED TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC MEETING:

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUS

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Quirk

Barnstable Town Clerk

NEXT MEETING: March 16, 2023

Exhibits

- A. Barnstable Youth Commission
- B. Town Manager Update
- C. Local Comprehensive Plan