



Town Council Meeting
February 6, 2020



A quorum being duly present, President Paul Hebert called the February 6, 2020, Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the James H. Crocker, Jr. Hearing Room of Town Hall, 367 Main St., Hyannis, MA.

An announcement was made by President Hebert 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: David Bogan, Kristine Clark, Jennifer Cullum, Debra Dagwan, Jessica Rapp Grasseti, Paul Hebert, Matthew Levesque, Paul Neary, Paula Schnepp, Tracey Shaughnessy, Gordon Starr; Eric Steinhilber. **ABSENT:** Britt Beedenbender

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Hebert; he asked for people to keep all those affected by the Coronavirus in our thoughts and prayers, it was followed with a moment of silence.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Steve Luciani spoke about the War Dog Memorial. He gave a history of all the dogs who had been utilized in war from World War I to the present. He hoped Council would approve of the memorial and allow it to be placed on Phinney's Lane.

Heather Hunt, surrounded by 20 supporters discussed the short-term rental issue. She explained the Town's zoning regulations had invented residential zoning which she felt was in opposition to transient vacationers. She said offsite investors were an issue. She wanted to have a policy discussion regarding the zoning. (EXHIBIT A)

Anne Roland discussed the housing problem. She felt the high prices were keeping the next generation of residents from Barnstable. She said this was a long-term issue as the Town seems to be losing all the young people.

Laura Cronin had attended the Zoning Subcommittee and felt the new draft regulations were falling short of protecting the residential areas. She urged Council to limit Airbnb's in residential areas. She noted the Cape Cod Hospital's recent expansion was halted because voices were heard and were in opposition to the changes. She hoped the Town would take similar action with short-term rentals.

Lou Gonzaga spoke about issues affecting the Town regarding unaffordable housing, traffic issues and the need to bring better jobs and businesses to create these jobs.

Cheryl Powell, Chair of the Hyannis Main Street Waterfront Historic District Commission thanked Council for their support and approval of the new members.

Jeremy Haggerty expressed his interest in hearing about the new short-term rental regulations and hoped Barnstable would retain some of the short-term rentals. He agreed with the previous comments regarding the thin job market in Barnstable.

Close public comment

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Have not seen the draft short-term rental regulations but will favor transparency and expediency in resolving the short-term rental issues. Thank you for the War Dog Memorial. The job market in Barnstable is very important. Housing is an important issue whether it is home ownership or short-term rentals. The Cape Cod Hospital is trying to be trauma center qualified and an advanced cardio and cancer center.

TOWN MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS:

- Regular contact with Cape Cod Hospital
- Budget Fiscal year 2021
- Competitive bids for bond and note underwriters
- Cotuit elementary school
- Public water well supply – Mary Dunn #4 well
- Drinking water regulations
- Building commissioners strategic approach to enforce our code and Airbnb violations at 90 properties.

Brian Florence, Building Commissioner discussed the properties of which 22 were demolished. These properties were deemed unsafe and needed to be demolished.

- The War Dog Memorial is in the best location to honor the war dogs. The location is approved.

- **Katie Servis, Barnstable Municipal Airport Update**

Katie Servis, Barnstable Airport Manager, gave an update on the Airport Master Plan and Airport Business Plan. She discussed the last 20 years and the 73 million dollars spent over the years on various airport related projects. She noted the usage decline and the different ways to improve usage traffic to the airport. She mentioned moving Barnstable airport from a local airport to a national airport system.

Councilor questions and comments:

Liked the idea of rebranding the airport. Please improve traffic access to airport as part of the master plan.

Two-minute recess

- **Chris Kennedy, Mobility Manager, Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority
Smart DART- Dial-A-Ride Transportation**

Chris Kennedy, Mobility Manager for Smart DART discussed the vision for innovation and improvements to the DART system. He mentioned the pilot project which was the smart

Dart project. This would allow people to access the Dart system from their smart phone app for short haul trips. The cost per person would be low.

Councilor questions and comments:

This sounds very exciting. Please get the word out and market this improvement.

- **Elizabeth Jenkins, Director, Planning and Development**

Transit Oriented Development and Housing

Elizabeth Jenkins, Planning and Development Director discussed development of the transit land and CCRTA study area. This is the rebuilding of the east end of downtown Hyannis. Tom Carreon, Administrator of the RTA discussed the need for housing and supported Barnstable's development plan for housing. There will be a future Request for Qualifications for the plan. Ownership will be retained by the RTA but with a 99-year lease with development.

ACT ON MINUTES:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2020 as written.

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUS

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

Councilor Schnepf discussed the short-term rental regulation meeting which happened prior to Tonight's Town Council meeting. The Town is working on draft regulations regarding the short-term rentals.

2020-078	APPOINTMENTS TO A BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION:
INTRO: 01/23/2020, 02/06/2020	

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: **Airport Commission:** Bradley Bailey, 34 Quisset Road, Centerville, as a regular member to a term expiring 6/22; **Housing Committee:** Jacob Dewey, 53 Arbor Way, Hyannis, as an alternate member to a term expiring 6/21; **Hyannis Main Street Waterfront Historic District Commission:** Cecelia Carey, 939 Mary Dunn Road, Hyannis as a regular member to a term expiring 6/22; David Sorensen, 59 Sheaffer Road, Centerville as an alternate member to a term expiring 6/20; Timothy Ferreira, 150 Old Yarmouth Road, Hyannis, as a regular member to a term expiring 6/20; **Recreation Commission:** Timothy Lus, 1480 Falmouth Road, Centerville, as a regular member to a term expiring 6/21; **Shellfish Committee:** Tyler Hagenstein, 96 Grove Street, Cotuit as a professional fisheries trained member to a term expiring 6/21.

VOTE: 11 YES 1 RECUSE (BOGAN) PASSES

Councilor Bogan explained he was abstaining on the vote for Jacob Dewey.

**2020-079 TRANSFER ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000 TO FUND THE PERSONNEL COSTS AND ASSOCIATED OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE NEW COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR POSITION IN THE TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE
INTRO: 02/06/2020**

Town Manager Mark Ells gave the rationale. He explained the administrator code change regarding the new communication director position.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

ORDERED: That the sum of **\$60,000** be transferred from the Fiscal Year 2020 Planning and Development Department Personnel cost budget to the Fiscal Year 2020 Town Manager Department budget for the purpose of funding the personnel costs and associated operating expenses of the new Communications Director position.

VOTE: 12 YES PASSES

**2020-080 APPROPRIATION AND LOAN ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$220,860 PURSUANT TO TEMPORARY REPAIRS TO PRIVATE ROADS PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN PRIVATE WAYS REGARDING GOODVIEW WAY, BARNSTABLE VILLAGE
INTRO: 02/06/2020**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

ORDERED: That the sum of **\$220,860** be appropriated for the purpose of making temporary repairs to Goodview Way in Barnstable Village, a private road within the Town of Barnstable, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Town Manager, be authorized to borrow \$220,860 under and pursuant to Chapter 174 of the Acts of 1994, as amended by Chapter 350 of the Acts of 2014 or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; and that in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §20, any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes authorized by this order, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds and notes, may be applied to pay such project costs, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed by this order by a like amount; and that the Town Manager is authorized to contract for and expend the appropriation made available for these purposes, and for these purposes assess betterments in accordance with M.G.L. c. 80, and further that the Town Manager is authorized to accept any grants or gifts in relation thereto.

VOTE: REFER TO PUBLIC HEARING ON 02/27/2020 PASSES UNANIMOUS

VOTE: ADJOURNMENT:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

VOTED TO ADJOURN:

Adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Murphy
Assistant Town Clerk/Town of Barnstable

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: February 6, 2020

EXHIBITS:

- A. Heather Hunt's Homeowner Group Barnstable Watch Drafts
- B. Town Manager update for period January 10, 2020 through January 23, 2020