



Town Council Meeting
December 17, 2020



The December 17, 2020 meeting of the Barnstable Town Council was physically closed to the public to avoid group congregation.

A quorum being duly present, President Paul Hebert called the December 17, 2020 Town Council meeting to order at 7:02 PM from a remote location.

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: (On Zoom) Nikolas Atsalis, David Bogan (7:08), Kristine Clark, Jennifer Cullum, Debra Dagwan (7:08), Jessica Rapp Grassetti, Paul Hebert, Matthew Levesque, Paul Neary, Paula Schnepf, Tracy Shaughnessy, Gordon Starr. Eric Steinhilber.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Rapp Grassetti followed by a moment of silence.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Stuart Hickman endorsed Matthew Levesque for Town Council President for 2021.

Tracy McEnroe called in to endorse Matthew Levesque for Town Council President, as he is committed and dedicated to the people of this town. She then read a letter from Steven Xiaharos.

Peter Scarafile called in to support Matthew Levesque, very active in supporting events, do anything that it takes to promote Barnstable and will do anything for the Vets.

Matt Moynihan spoke in favor of Matthew Levesque; he cares about people and does what is best for the people. He is a strong candidate.

Dawn Roche has volunteered with Matt Levesque, family man, heart of gold and an amazing leader for this position.

Close public comment

Councilor Response to Public Comment:

(Levesque) thanked the constituents that spoke in favor of his bid for Town Council President. (Bogan) Had video problems this evening, spoke to the endorsements for Levesque.

TOWN MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS:

Update December 4th through December 17th (Exhibit A)

Katie Service, Airport Manager provided a update on the Airport Re-branding using a PowerPoint presentation (Exhibit B)

- Bogan having issues with WIFI, and is off the zoom meeting.

(Atsalis) Have you identified why over 200,000 passengers have not used this airport (Servis) we have lost a lot of the rider ship when the fast ferries came into town. American Airlines does not have a large presence in Boston and are looking at other airports including ours. To entice airlines to come to Hyannis, we have to pitch to them, airlines often bypass municipal or regional airports. (Rapp Grasseti) Thank you Katie, took a moment to remember Commissioner Mary Smith for her dedication as she served on the Airport Commission. Limited size of the airlines that come in, does that have an impact? (Servis) Jet Blue has been a big boon to us; lots of folks don't like to fly in smaller aircraft. A thrifty-five passenger aircraft would provide more of an opportunity. (Cullum) Kudos on all your thoughts and actions and planning to bring about these changes (Servis) it has been a joint effort. (Shaughnessy) love what is happening bringing more businesses to the airport, this is the Town of Barnstable's airport, so not in favor of losing the name of Barnstable. Will the costs to fly come down, sometimes it is faster to take the bus? (Servis) Depends on the time of year, more people on the flight, the cost will go down, the cost to keep your car at a parking lot in Hyannis versus taking a flight out of Boston and parking there. (Dagwan) How soon will the name change and what would that look like? (Servis) New year, new name and then changing it in phases, the signage, logos on the vehicles and uniforms. (Levesque) Sad to see the Barnstable name going out, very excited about new possibilities, thank you for your hard work (Hebert) have you been able to attract the "Jet Set" (Servis) Good thought we have started small and we are starting to look at enticing our corporate clients (Steinhilber) Throw back merchandise opportunity (Rapp Grasseti) Are you keeping the HYA maybe you should change it to BAR (Clark) will your presentation be available on the website (Servis) Yes.

(Ells) We have been getting calls about WIFI issues, thanked Vice President Rapp Grasseti for her commitment and work as Vice President

- As a reminder the Town of Barnstable continues to follow the Orders and Directives of our Governor
- Proceeding with the updated budget action calendar for FY2022
- Review of the capital project submissions for the next 5 year plan
- Town of Barnstable Years of Service Awards scheduled for December 18th

Dan Santos, Director of Public Works, provided an update on the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP)
(Bogan back on at 8:04 PM)

(Schnepp) should we be at all concerned about the delays with Vineyard Wind (Santos) they apparently know what they are doing and it will not affect the schedule (Ells) spoke with Vineyard Wind today, because they have a new supplier it is a procedural withdrawal and submittal. They would have been required to do this, not a withdrawal of the project. (Atsalis) Mayo shared the same information with me. (Clark) please make the PowerPoint available to the public (Ells) we will have a link on the home page, to let our public find the information they may be looking for and readily available.

- Special Town Council meeting of December 10th for Fiscal Policy Review on the CWMP
- Proposed Process for Draft Sewer Assessment Ordinance:

(Starr) If this is the draft sewer assessment ordinance I found this difficult to read, this is more like a legal document we could do better (Ells) Agree with you it is a draft ordinance, we are working on getting this document into laypersons terms, there will be several different documents to help us reach out to the public, members of the Youth Commission gave him the same feedback. (Schnepf) Are you at any point going to give us an idea of what this public process is going to look like? (Ells) virtual is definite, we have many active groups we will be speaking with, such as our civic groups, 11,800 properties are involved, we have to reach out to everybody, We will keep Councilors directly informed, my intent was to start with the Councilors, time is critical, bringing on additional consultants to assist us. (Steinhilber) misinformation is out there, there is a group currently saying this project is going to cost individuals 100,000 dollars each; we need to articulate the correct information and pull together to educate our public. (Rapp Grasseti) During this outreach the cost has to be well articulated these projects and how we are going to finance them, and the consequences of the different types of financing? We are going to need to see some comparison, how that is going to play out with our community, and how it will affect each of us. (Cullum) We have an opportunity with radio stations of exactly what the cost will be and we should use every outlet to get the word out there. This is a great tool to use. (Clark) As you get feedback, will you be rolling out variations of this presentation (Ells) Yes, we are listening (Clark) When you are rolling out an advanced version will you be letting us know and the public (Ells) Yes, this is just a piece of the information, we need to fund the gap, we have a few different scenarios, it will be a back and forth process. (Hebert) all up and down Cape Cod the towns have voted yes for wastewater projects, hopeful our town is going to carry this out in good measure.

ACT ON MINUTES:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was to accept the Town Council Meeting minutes of December 3rd and December 10th as presented.

VOTE: PASSES 13 Yes–December 3

VOTE: PASSES 13 Yes–December 10

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

Luc-Andre Sader from the Youth Commission, invited the Councilors and the public to be 7th Annual Substance Abuse Prevention Forum, on January 12, 2021 at 6 PM on zoom Lucas McCauley from the Youth Commission explained the links to the flyer will be on the town website as soon as possible

(Levesque) Attended the Substance Abuse Prevention Forum last year, a worthwhile very informative program on what is going on in our schools as far as drug use and the paraphernalia how kids bring it into school, trailer showing a teenagers bedroom; worth watching, applaud everyone in the Youth Commissions great work. (Atsalis) repeat the date again please (McCauley) January 12th at 6PM. (Cullum) Explain to the newer Councilors what you have done in the past (McCauley) 7th graders it was the Youth Summit program was different this one is for adults, the speakers are there to answer parents questions, hope parents register and ask the questions (Machado) we did a seventh grade youth summit two years ago we did it the night before and the next day with the 7th graders, this allowed the parents to see the paraphernalia the 7th graders will

be seeing, and to educate the parents as well. If your child loses their license and cannot drive again until they are 26 years old it is a huge impact on the family. New stuff changes all the time, you need to know what is out there. Climate change programs (McCauley) Town Manager Ells, asked us to review the strategic plan of the town and how can we be more in line, so we are working on wastewater and are going to bring it to the next youth commission meeting (Cullum) this is your Barnstable, you make a difference. (Dagwan) commended Councilor Cullum as she dug into this program many years ago, we have learned so much then and each year since, we had started at the high school level and needed to go to younger students. (Rapp Grassetti) Opioids were a topic of discussion for most of our meetings, this has cost many lives, how are you two dealing with the pandemic and remote learning, is it taking a toll? (Sader) on line learning started out a little rough, but now everything has smoothed out and we are adjusting, I have been lucky, but friends have had a tough time. (McCauley) More of an independent person, so on line is not a issue its balance not cutting yourself off completely, keeping in touch with friends, it is lonely. (Hebert) MMA in January, the meeting is going to be held virtually this year, on the 21st and the 22nd of January, if you cannot attend please call Cindy. Most of the Councilors have returned the Town Manager evaluations, the top score is a 5, Town Manager Ells evaluation is a 4.5 (Ells) Thank you for that supportive review, look forward to next years. Plan to continue to engage the youth. (Hebert) Thank you to the Police officers for helping get the people off the street with the help of the Duffy Health Center (Sonnabend) Thank you to all the people we work with, thank you for the recognition (Hebert) Thank you to Councilor Shaugnessy who heads up the Homeless Committee, and her concern to make sure we have a warm shelter (Levesque) Thank you to the Police Department for their efforts after a State Trooper who was wounded, Farmers to Family that has been on going, will be moving to the Barnstable Airport next week or the beginning of the new year, this is not a Veterans only program, anyone in need can come down and get a fresh box of food. (Schnepp) Last night the Zoning and Regulatory Advisory Committee met finished discussion for draft ordinance regarding accessory dwelling units, had some public comment and some good suggestions, committee decided to report it out to the full Council in January 2021 (Clark) will make sure the draft is on the town website under planning an development.

2021-047 APPROPRIATION ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$90,000 FOR THE INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FISCAL YEAR 2021 THE OPERATING EXPENSE BUDGET TO FUND A CONTRACT FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE MONITORING OF RENTAL PROPERTIES INTRO 12/03/2020, 12/17/2020

Building Commissioner Brian Florence gave the rationale

Open public hearing:

Martin MacNeely is in support of this item, I believe this will give us real data and give us the facts needed.

Bob Schulte support this item, it has been a long time coming, hiring this firm is a great step in the right direction. Support the Paul Hebert as Town Council President for 2021.

Michelle Lombard teacher year round resident, sent a letter to the Town Council concerning residential zoning changes. Please think about it.

Close the public hearing

Councilor questions and comments:

(Bogan) with regard to the President of the Council, both candidates are excellent. With regard to inviting civic involvement, was disappointed with three previous meetings regarding auxiliary dwelling unit, appears the discussion had gone on for three months; however, notices were not published, no minutes posted on the website, or what was discussed. Due process is necessary to keep the public aware; people didn't know they were meeting, voted on items no minutes posted. (Neary) Will this item bring another person on staff; (Florence) the purpose of this is not to hire additional staff. (Rapp Grassetti) will you be giving us monthly reports, (Florence) we will be looking at enforcement issues, will be happy to provide information to the Council (Rapp Grassetti) Is the \$90 fee for long term rentals, is that the same case for short term rental (Florence) All rentals fall under fee schedule (Cullum) Is this going to be recurring expense for upgrades, will this be continuing (Florence) it is a yearly fee, we may not need all the items, the program pays for itself, it is an annual fee (Cullum) the menu items you are referring to is that on the agenda (Clyburn) potential contract with a potential vendor, we have to go through the procurement process, we cannot give that detail until it is done. (Schnepp) This would be for all rentals in Barnstable, are there different advertising platforms (Florence) Year round and long term rentals are advertising on those platforms (Schnepp) This would handle the correspondence to those entities that are renting that are not in compliance (Florence) Yes, we write the letter (Schnepp) Can we add a fine to those who were not registered? All the Agendas were posted under the Official Agendas, and all meetings were recorded and up on the website. We are and advisory to the Council, this is not a completed item. (Starr) Registering the rentals is an upfront cost to get everyone into the system, there is a 24/7 complaint hotline is that a person, (Florence) they have a person answering. (Starr) Monitoring rental activity and can figure out if occupancy limits have been exceeded (Florence) Don't know how but the answer is yes. (Neary) as a point of information AirBnb is now a publicly traded company

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

ORDERED: That the sum of **\$90,000** be appropriated from the General Fund Reserves and added to the Fiscal Year 2021 Inspectional Services Department Operating Budget of \$2,164,880, resulting in a revised Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget of \$2,254,880 for the purpose of funding a contract for the comprehensive monitoring of rental properties
VOTE: PASSES 13 YES

2021-055 APPROPRIATION ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$148,953.25 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE SOLID WASTE DIVISION FOR THE DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE, CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION MATERIAL, MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLABLES INTRO: 12/03/2020, 12/17/2020

Dan Santos, Department of Public Works Director gave the rationale
Open public hearing seeing no one close public hearing

(Neary) Why do you think the effects of Covid affected the solid waste (Santos) People were home and probably did some cleaning out (Starr) my question, there is another item asking for more money is this part of the same item (Santos) it is a separate item.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

ORDERED: That the sum of **\$148,953.25** be appropriated for the purpose of paying operating expenses of the Solid Waste Division for the disposal of household hazardous

waste, construction and demolition material, municipal solid waste and recyclables, and that to meet this appropriation, that **\$148,953.25** be transferred from the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Reserves.

VOTE: PASSES 13 YES

2021-048 ACCEPTANCE OF A FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2020 BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,000 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS INTRO: 12/17/2020

Chief Sonnabend gave the rationale

RESOLVED: That the Barnstable Town Council does hereby accept a Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant in the amount of **\$8,000** from the United States Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs for the purpose of funding the replacement of bulletproof vests for each police officer in accordance with the recommended 5-year replacement safety standard, and that the Town Manager be authorized to contract for and expend the grant funds for the purpose stated herein.

VOTE: PASSES 13 YES

2021-049 ACCEPTANCE OF A FISCAL YEAR 2021 STATE 911 DEPARTMENT TRAINING GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,912.26 FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY INTRO: 12/17/2020

Chief Sonnabend gave the rationale.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council hereby accepts a Fiscal Year 2021 State 911 Department Training Grant in the amount of **\$16,912.26** from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security for the purpose of funding costs associated with the mandatory training of all 911 dispatchers who perform emergency dispatch operations, and that the Town Manager be authorized to contract for and expend the grant funds for the purpose stated herein.

VOTE: PASSES 13 YES

2021-050 ACCEPTANCE OF A FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2020 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,500 FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY INTRO: 12/17/2020

Chief Sonnabend gave the rationale.

(Clark) This is a FY 2020 Grant and the last one was FY2021 (Sonnabend) this is a Federal Grant which is on a different timetable.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council hereby accepts a Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of **\$15,500** from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency for the purpose of funding costs associated with the modifications needed to outfit the Emergency Operation Center with interactive technology, and that the Town Manager be authorized to contract for and expend the grant funds for the purpose stated herein.

VOTE: PASSES 13 YES

2021-051 ACCEPTANCE OF A FISCAL YEAR 2021 911 DEPARTMENT SUPPORT AND INCENTIVE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$270,026 FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY INTRO: 12/17/2020

Chief Sonnabend gave the rationale.

RESOLVED: That the Barnstable Town Council does hereby accept a Fiscal Year 2021 911 Department Support and Incentive Grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety in the amount of **\$270,026** for the purpose of funding overtime costs associated with shift shortages in the 911 center and also to fund a portion of the base salaries of civilian dispatchers working in the 911 center, and that the Town Manager be authorized to contract for and expend the grant funds for the purpose stated herein.

VOTE: PASSES 13 YES

2021-052 ACCEPTANCE OF A FISCAL YEAR 2021 STATE 911 DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCH GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,299.98 FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY INTRO: 12/17/2020

Chief Sonnabend gave the rationale.

(Rapp Grassetti) Thank you and recognize Ms Bevilaqua, has she been under the tutelage of Anne Spillane, writing these grants,(Sonnabend) Yes, she did a lot of the work, pretty soon she will be presenting the items. (Rapp Grassetti) Anne is not going anywhere is she? (Sonnabend) No, we are working on succession planning in place, everyone needs to be trained. (Cullum) thank you to the police for very professional response in our neighborhood, very proud of our Police Department (Sonnabend) it is the men and women that I work with day to day that it is their work, thank you (Shaughnessy) Toys for tots drive the Barnstable Police were number one, anytime you have been delivered thanks you always turn it around and put it back to your team, hallmarks of a good leader, kudos' to you for that (Sonnabend) I am not the one that does all the work, thank you for your support (Clark) thank you to Lena, for writing those grants and saving us money.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council hereby accepts a Fiscal Year 2021 State 911 Department Emergency Medical Dispatch Grant in the amount of **\$20,299.98** from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security for the purpose of funding costs associated with emergency dispatch operations, and that the Town Manager be authorized to contract for and expend the grant funds for the purpose stated herein.

VOTE: PASSES 13 YES

Five minute break

2020-056 TRANSFER ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,000 FOR MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES CONTRACT INTRO: 12/17/2020

Dan Santos, Director of Public Works Department.

(Schnepp) Loss of the full time equivalent is that through attrition (Santos) last year the person left and we didn't fill it (Rapp Grassetti) has this gone out to bid,(Santos) we already have (Rapp Grassetti) how long a contract (Santos) five years (Rapp Grassetti)

will you have to come back to us (Santos) this is subject to annual appropriation. (Clark) What if the contractor does not do a satisfactory job, (Santos) will monitor, job performance in the contract, if they do not meet the contract we will get rid of them.

ORDERED: That the sum of **\$65,000** be transferred from the Fiscal Year 2021 Public Works Department Personnel Budget to the Fiscal Year 2021 Public Works Department Operating Expense Budget for the purpose of funding a Municipal Solid Waste Collection Contract.

VOTE: PASSES 13 YES

2021-057 APPOINTMENTS TO A BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION: INTRO: 12/17/2020

A motion was duly made and seconded to suspend the rules and proceed to a vote on these two members

VOTE: PASSES 13 YES

RESOLVED: That the Town Council appoints the following individuals to a multiple-member board/committee/commission: **Mid Cape Cultural Council:** Jill Horton-Simms, Marstons Mills, as a regular member to a term expiring 6/2021; Carolyn Ferrell, Hyannis, as a regular member to a term expiring 6/2021

VOTE: PASSES 13 YES

2021-058 AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWN OF BARNSTABLE TO EXPAND THE MULTIFAMILY AFFORDABLE HOUSING DISTRICT TO INCLUDE MAP 250 PARCEL 160 AT 3 WHITEHALL WAY, HYANNIS, MA INTRO: 12/17/2020

ORDERED: That the Code of the Town of Barnstable, Part I General Ordinances, Chapter 240 Zoning be amended as follows:

By amending Article II, Section 6, The Zoning Map of the Town of Barnstable to rezone property from the Residence C-1 Zoning District to the Multifamily Affordable Housing Zoning District as shown on maps entitled:

- “Proposed Amendment to the Town Zoning Map expanding the MAH District in Hyannis” and
- “Proposed Amendment to the Hyannis Zoning Map expanding the MAH District in Hyannis – Sheet 3 of 7” and
- “Proposed Amendment to the Centerville Zoning Map expanding the MAH District in Centerville – Sheet 4 of 7”

Dated August 6, 2020 as prepared by the Town of Barnstable GIS (Geographical Information System) Unit.

VOTE: To the Planning Board

2021-059 AMENDING ARTICLE III, CHAPTER 240, SECTION 16.1 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO MODIFY THE REQUIRED PERCENTAGE OF AFFORDABLE UNITS AND REVISE THE DEFINITION OF AFFORDABLE UNIT AND AMENDING ARTICLE XI, CHAPTER 240, SECTION 116 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO EXEMPT DEVELOPMENT PERMITTED UNDER THE MULTIFAMILY AFFORDABLE HOUSING FROM GROWTH MANAGEMENT INTRO: 12/17/2020

ORDERED: That the Code of the Town of Barnstable, Part I General Ordinances, Chapter 240 Zoning be amended as follows:

SECTION 1

By amending Article III, Section 16.1(F) by striking in the first sentence “25%” and replacing it with “18%” so it reads as follows:

F. Affordable Units. At least **18%** of the dwelling units shall be affordable units, subject to the following conditions:

SECTION 2

By amending Article III, Section 16.1(l) by striking in the definition of AFFORDABLE UNIT the phrase “as defined in §9.2 of the Code” and replacing it with the phrase “as defined herein” so it reads as follows:

AFFORDABLE UNIT

A dwelling unit reserved in perpetuity for rental or ownership by a qualified affordable housing unit tenant or purchaser as defined herein and priced to conform with the standards of the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) Local Initiative Program Guidelines, in order that such affordable units shall be included in the DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory.

SECTION 3

By amending Article III, Section 16.1(l) by adding a definition of “Qualified Affordable Housing Unit Purchaser or Tenant” as follows:

QUALIFIED AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT PURCHASER OR TENANT

A. An individual or household with total annual income that does not exceed the following percentages of the area median income for the Town of Barnstable, as determined annually by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development:

(1) For the purchaser of a condominium unit: 50%.

(2) For the tenant in a rental unit: 50%.

SECTION 4

By amending Article XI Growth Management, Section 116 by adding the following:

(G) Development permitted under the Multifamily Affordable Housing Residential District.

VOTE: To the Planning Board

2021-060 REAPPOINTMENTS TO A BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION: INTRO: 12/17/2020

RESOLVED: That the Town Council reappoints the following individuals to a multiple-member board/committee/commission: **Town of Barnstable’s Representative to the Steamship Authority’s Board of Governors:** Robert Jones, as a regular member to a term expiring 12/30/21; **Town of Barnstable’s Representative to the Woods Hole, Martha’s Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority Port Council:** Eric Shufelt, as a regular member to a term expiring 12/30/21

VOTE: TO A 2ND READ-UNANIMOUS

Election of officers

Ladies and Gentlemen I wish to open the Election of officers for the Barnstable Town Council for the year 2021.

We will first hold the election for the office of President.

- I will announce the names of the candidates,
- then nomination speeches by and for the candidate for President will be allowed
- Upon completion of the speeches, we will vote for the President.

Voting will be by roll call—a majority is all that is necessary.

The same procedure will then be repeated for the office of Vice President.

Election for the office of President

The nominees are:

Paul Hebert

Matthew Levesque

Do the candidates wish to make a statement at this time?

President Hebert:

Thanked many people that helped him make a difference

- 2021 continue my pledge to represent your precincts, and the best interests of the town
- so each of you are heard and respected and for every citizens as we honor our oath
- Honor what we say in the Strategic Plan
- Operating during Covid-19 has been challenging with zoom meetings
- Gave an extensive list of all the items approved
- Extended the Town Manager's contract
- Leadership and the Councilors serve the public
- We need to build bridges between the Councilors and the Citizens
- Priorities remain to address housing, environment, and our economy along with wastewater.
- A year of learning, seeking your vote, not the time to change leadership
- I will continue to serve this Council and the citizens

Matthew Levesque

Thanked everyone for their service in 2020, not an easy year

- Moved to Cape Cod in 1995
- Restaurant business brought him to Hyannis, had 130 employees
- Highest volume town and a big responsibility
- Motto is service before self
- Served on Zoning Board of Appeals
- Every Councilor brings something to the table
- Leaders job to recognize and use those skills, every Councilor will be heard
- Bridge builder
- Public needs our compassion and understanding
- Public comment, every right to speak, we need to listen
- Communication our website, needs to be consistent

- Priorities are substance abuse disorder, mental health housing, food insecurities, housing at all levels, licensing, airport, blue economy, Main St Hyannis, renewable energy, water quality.

Are there any additional speeches in support of the candidates?

Councilor Dagwan finds both candidates compassionate and community centered, Matthew has a wonderful singing voice and he is a strong candidate. Wants to speak on behalf of Paul Hebert does so many things in the community that no one is aware of, he has touched many organizations, kind, professional, strong leader that puts our citizens first, compassionate and humble. This year those skills were so necessary, 2020 has been like no other year, as a Town Council President has had to take on the challenges, no one else has had to take on. Sometimes technology works sometimes it doesn't. So for those reasons, none of us had to be the Council President under these conditions. Did a wonderful job, my support is for Paul, to help him accomplish his goals. Has set and will set a good example of someone in the leadership role.

Councilor Rapp Grassetti, thank you Councilor Dagwan for your kind words. This was a tough year in leadership; this has been very challenging to say the least. Paul has risen to the challenge, it is a testament to his ability to bring us together and involve the residents, he wants to work harder on that with our major issues. We do not want to change zoning without involving our residents, he has taken a lot of heat, but you learn through the process with input from the public. Paul is poised to lead the Council another year, he should be given the opportunity to lead the council for another year. It is true succession is how you bring people along, like to see Paul serve another term for President, so we can have some succession, beginning of succession has started and want it to be maintained.

Councilor Neary the election of Town Council leadership requires an unselfish nature, and total commitment to serve, requires organization, collaboration, communication. Keep in mind the best candidate to deliver the towns Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan is based on the quality of life, in a fiscally responsible manner. I believe there are strengths that Councilor Levesque can bring to the table. Both Candidates have integrity. Thank the Council members who have accepted their leadership nominations we are lucky to have this great group of people working for the town.

Councilor Shaughnessy this is hard, no matter who wins. President Hebert and I have a lot of history, we are very like minded, I also think both of the candidates have some of the same qualities, compassionate people who care deeply about the town. I very much appreciate Matt is willing to come to the table and discuss, always willing to listen and hear the logic, This is why I support Matt. I have to be open and collaborative with all of my fellow Councilors, wish good luck to both of you.

A motion was duly made and seconded to go beyond 11 o'clock

VOTE: Passes 13 Yes

Voting will begin for the President of the Barnstable Town Council. When I call your name please state the name of the candidate for whom you wish to cast your vote.

Voting results: Matthew Levesque 7
Paul Hebert 6

We will now hold the election for the office of Vice President:
The nominees are:

Eric Steinhilber
Paula Schnepf

Does the candidates wish to make a statement at this time?

Paula Schnepf:

- Contribute to our forward progression and continuing to serve our town
- Wastewater is our premier issue, have the passion to take this issue,
- we have identified the financing is our number one priority, as liaison to CFAC I have been able to fully absorb financial issue
- Our local comprehensive plan to help us promote year round housing
- Target and support our local economy.
- Communication in some ways it is overwhelming, we need to simplify
- Consistent going forward, these are difficult concepts and this information has to get out to the public,
- Chair of Zoning and Regulatory Committee, will work to make sure all our citizens are heard
- how we work together in our committees and Town Council meetings, difficult to have meetings that go beyond four hours, better to have multiple meetings
- Would like your consideration appreciate all that he has done for our community

Councilor Steinhilber

- In 2015 I first got into the leadership
- Happy to answer the call when asked, a strong belief in community and giving of yourself.
- Lost my Dad after the second meeting in leadership.
- Opened up some friendships on the Council,
- I will be happy to bring my experience to support our new President
- work on more collaborative work, think issues through, be steps ahead
- complex issue are ahead of us.
- Build back the customer trust.
- Educating the public bring the best ideas forward, bring items to a logical conclusion.
- I would be humbled to serve again as Vice President for 2021

Are there any additional speeches in support of the candidates?

Paul Hebert has had the opportunity to work with Councilor Schnepf for years on Affordable Housing, and most recently on her goals, Councilor Schnepf will step up to the plate with Matthew Levesque

Debra Dagwan said Eric and I experienced something similar, Eric's parents were in a terrible accident, just brought me back, it was so troubling, we had a connection from that experience. I wanted to nominate Paula last year, Paula will be a good leader and I am going to support her.

Matthew Levesque as the incoming President, the die has been cast, I can work with either candidate, and much like Paul Hebert had Jessica Rapp Grassetto to support him as he was new to leadership. Her prior experience, on many issues, communications, agendas, leadership meetings, I consider that to be valuable. Its about the sewer project that we will be working on, Councilor Steinhilber he has the knowledge, I believe it would benefit the town and make me a better President, take a little stress off; ask you to vote for him.

Paul Neary nominated Eric for Vice President, the four candidates that have been nominated there are so many big items that can make or break you. I think Councilor Steinhilber has been through this before, you are on the front line driving the bus, Matt can definably use Eric's experience. We need to move agendas forward, connecting with the folks in town, to vet items, to consider all public comment, bring it to the Council and get it to a vote. I have worked with Councilor Schnepf, we are fortunate with the talent we have. Wish you both luckl.

- Nomination speeches are now closed.

Voting will begin, when I call your name please give me the name of the candidate for whom you wish to cast your vote.

Voting Results: Paula Schnepf 7
Eric Steinhilber 6

The President for 2021 is: Matthew Levesque
The Vice President for 2021 is: Paula Schnepf

Best wishes to both of you in your ensuing terms of office. I now declare the election closed and turn the meeting over to President Levesque.

VOTE: ADJOURNMENT:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was
VOTED TO ADJOURN:

Adjourned at PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M Quirk
Town Clerk/Town of Barnstable

NEXT MEETING: January 7, 2021

Exhibit

- A. Town Manager Update
- B. Airport presentation