

West Barnstable Civic Association Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 2, 2022
West Barnstable Community Building

I. Call to Order

President Andrew Lee called the regular meeting of the West Barnstable Civic Association to order at 7:04 PM.

II. Attendance

Board members in attendance were Jon Britton, Dan Dewey, Ed Jay, Dave Kern, Andy Lee, Nancy Meagher, Bob Stolte, and George Zoto. Also in attendance was Precinct 11 Councilor Kris Clark (via Zoom).

III. Approval of Minutes

Meeting minutes from July 5, 2022 were not yet available.

IV. Councilor's Report

Town council updates:

https://town.barnstable.ma.us/BoardsCommittees/TownCouncil/Agendas/2022/07-21-22_Agenda.pdf

2022-008 ORDER ACCEPTING THE PROVISIONS OF M.G.L. CHAPTER 59, SECTION 5N AND AMENDING CHAPTER 183 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES TO ADD A PROGRAM FOR A VETERAN'S PROPERTY TAX WORK-OFF ABATEMENT—referred to a public hearing on August 18, 2022 [pages 17-20]

2023-011 AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF BARNSTABLE, PART I, GENERAL ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 240 ZONING, ARTICLE V SECTION 46, HOME OCCUPATION, AND ARTICLE III SECTION 14, RC-1 AND RF RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS, SUBSECTION (C) CONDITIONAL USES, TO UPDATE REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO HOME OCCUPATIONS—referred to Planning Board [pages 25-29]

2023-019 RESOLVE ACCEPTING THE PROVISIONS OF M.G.L. CHAPTER 59, SECTION 5, CLAUSE TWENTY-SECOND H TO PROVIDE A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION UP TO THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE TAXABLE VALUATION FOR SO-CALLED GOLD STAR FAMILIES—Passed [pages 53-54]

Complete Street meeting for the villages of Barnstable and West Barnstable to occur next Wednesday August 3rd at 4:30 PM at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. In January 2022 the Town of Barnstable became one of more than 250 towns across the Commonwealth to be recognized as a Complete Streets community. Planning and Development and DPW are currently collaborating with the Cape Cod Commission to analyze the Town's transportation network in order to identify opportunities to create a more connected, efficient, and accessible roadway network.

At this time staff is seeking community feedback to identify projects that would better support walking, biking and safe driving in the Town of Barnstable. Based on community feedback staff will develop a draft Prioritization Plan, a list of priority roadway improvement projects ranked by defined evaluation criteria such as increase in safety, ability to implement and community support, which will be presented at a public meeting anticipated to occur Winter 2023.

Wednesday, August 3rd 4:30 PM for the *Villages of Barnstable & West Barnstable* Saint Mary's Episcopal Church, 3055 Main Street (Route 6A), Barnstable. **Public comment is open through August 31st.**

Representative Xiarhos, filed Amendment 765 requesting \$75,000 to fund a generator for the WB Community Building. The funding for the generator is approved as part of a bond bill. Rep. Xiarhos' assistant, Stuart Daniels, tells me that the amendment for the West Barnstable Community Center generator was included in the final version of H5065 that was sent to Governor Baker's desk on 7/26. Stuart believes that the Governor has until 8/5 to sign it into law.

In light of the Town's interest to drill for municipal water in West Barnstable, the WB Water Commissioners planned to meet every other month on the first Mondays of the month. The meeting scheduled for August 1 at 7pm was cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for October 3.

The first Local Comprehensive Planning Committee meeting was on Wednesday, June 29, 2022. Wendy Northcross is the only member from West Barnstable. The next meeting of the LCPC will be on Thursday August 25 at 6pm in the Public Hearing room of Town Hall. No one regularly scheduled day worked for the Committee as a whole. The Committee may wish to discuss ongoing scheduling further at the August meeting.

Parking at Sandy Neck is now \$25 per vehicle for visitors other than those who already have an Off-Road Vehicle permit or a beach sticker. The parking fee will be from 8am to 5pm daily through Labor Day. The ORV Permit does not afford access to public beach parking lot during business hours.

The next Festival Committee meeting will be on August 11th. Volunteers are welcome! We are soooooo lucky to have Nancy step up as Festival chair, especially when she is busy with a family wedding. Let's help her out!

Speaking of Nancy, she wrote the grant application that awarded the West Barnstable Village Festival Committee. Inc. with \$500 towards the purchase of a new banner for the West Barnstable Festival. We will be having a reception at the GUYER BARN in Hyannis on Thursday, September 22 at 5:00 pm. Have some food, a drink and meet the other local recipients of a Mid-Cape Cultural Council Grant. (This will recognize awardees from 2020, 2021 and 2022.

Nancy also wrote and received \$800 from the Town of Barnstable Tourism Minigrant for Shuttle Stop signs and letters. The aim is to better communicate the availability of the air-conditioned shuttle van service for use by the Festival attendees.

After meeting with our volunteer Flag Custodian, Steve Wallace, I am proud to announce that the Town has replaced that flag pole. There is funding in the Town's budget for the replacement of all American flags on Town property.

V. Officer Reports

Treasurer – Bob Stolte

West Barnstable Civic Association - Financial Reports				
JULY 2022			Income	Expenses
July 1, 2022	Beginning Balance	\$5,091.78		
July 29, 2022	Interest Scholarship Savings		\$0.04	
	TOTAL INCOME		\$0.04	
	TOTAL EXPENSES			\$0.00
	Balance as of 7/31/2022	\$5,091.82		
	Checking	\$4,597.15		
	Savings-Scholarship	\$448.84		
	PayPal	\$45.83		

Ed Jay made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, it was seconded by George Zoto, and unanimously approved.

Membership – Jon Britton

Jon, and Dolores will set up a Membership and Merchandise Table at the August 20th Village Festival. Bob will provide a bank of cash to make change.

Corresponding Secretary –

Thank you notes were received from Hannah Clark, Delaney Cronan, and Paul Sullivan.

VI. Old Business

Kris Clark reported that although the water at the WB Community Building may have a metallic taste, it is safe to drink. The Town is looking into changing the filter.

VII. New Business

WB Village Festival Update

Bob is working hard to facilitate the Raffle (gathering items, ticket sales, banks for ticket sales, etc.)

Dave and Dan Philos-Jensen are helping with Parking

Ed and Andy are working the Food Table with Lenny Clark

Dan Dewey went to the Public Safety Expansion meeting and reported that they are in the gathering of ideas stage at this point. There are many villages with requests for sidewalks.

Kris signed off and Andy requested that we send her a *Thinking of You* gift to wish Kris well before her upcoming surgery. The Board approved and Andy will take care of ordering an edible fruit basket.

Public Comment

Adjourn:

Dave made the motion to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded by Jon, and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Meagher, acting Recording Secretary for this meeting.

Nancy A. Meagher

Meeting Dates:

Saturday, August 20, 2022, ~ Village Festival, 10 AM - 3 PM West Barnstable Community Building and along Route 149

Tuesday, September 6, 2022, 7:00PM ~ Board Meeting, NOTE: West Barnstable Train Station

Tuesday, October 4, 2022, 7:00PM ~ Board Meeting, West Barnstable Community Building

Tuesday, October 18, 2022, 7:00PM ~ General Membership Meeting: Meet the Candidates, NOTE: 1717 Meetinghouse

Tuesday, November 1, 2022, 7:00PM ~ Board Meeting, West Barnstable Community Building

Sunday, December 4, 2022, 5:00 PM ~ Village Tree Lighting

Tuesday, December 6, 2022, 7:00PM ~ Board Meeting, West Barnstable Community Building