



# West Barnstable Civic Association

*"Building a Better Community - Keeping the Village Character"*



We pledge to represent the people of West Barnstable in working for the betterment of our community, to promote timely and informative communication and to perpetuate good relationships with town officials, other village and civic associations and all residents of the Town of Barnstable.

## 2023 Year in Review

Thank you for your continued loyalty and support of the WBCA this past year. Your membership enables us to serve our village and its residents in many important ways.

- ❖ Each year we continue to collaborate and be supportive with the promotion of events and town projects within our village such as the Village Festival, Meetinghouse Farm, 1717 Meetinghouse, Whelden Memorial Library, Luke's Love Playground, the West Barnstable Historical Society, and the West Barnstable Fire Department. Please see the Calendar of Events on our website for details, photos, and a few videos. Some events include the following:
  - January 17<sup>th</sup> Annual General Membership Meeting was held with more than 50 people attending.
  - A Fundraiser to benefit WBCA Educational Scholarships was held at Amari Ristorante Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - The Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> Village Clean Up Day was organized by Tony Lovell with nearly 40 residents turning out to help.
  - The WB Spaghetti Supper was brought back after a two-year COVID hiatus. This popular event was held Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Lenny and his cooking crew received rave reviews.
  - The May 16<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting was held at the West Barnstable Community Building.
  - The June 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Flag Day Ceremony was held at Meetinghouse Farm.
  - The Barnstable-West Barnstable 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade marched through Barnstable Village to the Hollow.
  - The Annual Village Festival was held Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> with great food and many friends and neighbors in attendance.
  - The October 17<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meet the Candidates was held at 1717 Meetinghouse.
  - The Annual Village Tree Lighting and caroling was held outdoors Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Village Green
  - Publishing and mailing our *Cornerstone* Newsletters would not be possible without the generous support of Sunderland Printing, the Cape Cod Cooperative Bank, and the WB Village Festival Committee.
- ❖ We identify and engage town and state officials in the exchange of ideas with the goal of promoting open forums aimed at influencing decisions and the discussion of matters of importance that affect our village and the Town as a whole:
  - Board meetings were held at the West Barnstable Community Building the first Tuesday of each month. Matters of importance to the village were discussed. We learn about issues directly from the Town through our Precinct's Town Councillor Kris Clark, or as they develop.
  - The Town of Barnstable continues to seek public input as they prepare for the update of the Local Comprehensive Plan (LCP), last updated in 2010. The Town Manager established a committee who set out a vision for growth and development, land use, infrastructure, and resource protection for our distinctive community, as well as a targeted action plan to guide our future work and resource allocation. Interested members of the community were invited to apply. The Town is approaching the LCP update in two phases: Phase I is a community data/existing conditions evaluation and community visioning process; and Phase II is the development of topic-specific goals and a strategic action plan.
  - The WBCA Educational Scholarship Committee raised more than \$8,000 this year. Please check the WBCA website to view the list of generous donors. Chair Nancy Meagher and her committee, Jon Britton, Ed Jay, Debbie Leary, and Julie Lee reviewed applications, interviewed students, and awarded eight \$1,000 Scholarships.
  - The Barnstable-West Barnstable 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade marched through Barnstable Village and Festivities were enjoyed at the Hollow. West Barnstable resident Nancy Meagher was elected to serve as Grand Marshall.
  - The WBCA made financial contributions to support the Cape Cod Times Needy Fund, the Mercy Otis Warren Woman of the Year Award, and the Barnstable High School 2023 After Prom Celebration.
  - The WBCA continues to work with other village associations to share information and to support their activities and events.
  - The WBCA sold T-shirts, stickers, and koozies at the Village Festival and online to fund operational expenses.

- SPS New England Inc., acting through MassDOT, replaced the barriers at the existing Route 149 bridge that crosses over Route 6. The project included the installation of temporary construction signage, selective clearing and thinning, staged removal and replacement of the bridge barrier and end posts, bridge pavement micromilling and Superpave Waterproofing Surface Course placement, pavement markings, and incidental items necessary to complete the work. Construction was completed earlier than expected.

❖ Highlights at our General Membership Meetings:

- Following the election of officers and board members, the January 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting included brief reports from Precinct 11 Councilor Kris Clark, State Representative Steve Xiarhos, and Village organizations. The featured guest speakers were Town of Barnstable Local Comprehensive Planning Committee. An update was provided from James Kupfer and Kate Maldonado followed by a Q & A session.
- The May 16<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting was held at the West Barnstable Community Building. Scholarships (\$1000 each) were awarded to Micah Leary attending UMass Amherst; Ava Pecorella attending the University of New Hampshire; Lucille Komar attending Harvard University; Owen O'Connor attending Lake Forest College, IL; Claire Komar attending the University of New Hampshire; Annabelle Kane attending Clemson University; Grace Bunnell attending the College of Charleston; and Rose Bancroft attending the Fashion Institute of Technology, NYC. State Representative Steve Xiarhos presented each student with a citation from the State House of Representatives. Marc Bergeron, Principal at Epsilon & Assc., Ken Fitzgerald, Senior Engineer at Stantec, Rachel Lake, Massachusetts Outreach Coordinator at Avangrid, and Ken Kimmell, Vice President for Offshore Wind Development at Avangrid provided an update on the proposed Commonwealth Wind Substation.
- The October 17<sup>th</sup> General Membership *Meet the Candidates Night* was held at the 1717 Meetinghouse. Candidates introduced themselves and shared their reasons for running.  
 Precinct 11 Town Councilor: Kris Clark, Toby Leary  
 School Committee: Kathleen Bent  
 Housing Authority: Deborah Converse

❖ The WBCA appreciates their ongoing dialogue with Town officials and the WB Fire Department on a number of projects, including:

- The ongoing maintenance and upkeep to the Community Building.

❖ With your support, we will continue our advocacy and commitment to our village and:

- Continue our collaboration with Judge Joseph Reardon in his role as Trustee of the Lombard Trust.
- Fund and award scholarships to college bound students who reside in West Barnstable.
- Publish the *Cornerstone* Newsletters.
- Keep members informed of activities and issues vital to the village through postings on our website ([www.westbarnstable.org](http://www.westbarnstable.org)), through email notifications, and the *Cornerstones*.

We welcome your support and participation! Please join today!

**WBCA Membership Application**

Calendar Year 2024

Membership to the Association is open to all voters, residents, and taxpayers of West Barnstable, as defined by the boundaries of the West Barnstable Fire District or 02668 ZIP. Associate membership is available to non-residents.

Please return your application and check to:  
**West Barnstable Civic Association**  
**P.O. Box 243, West Barnstable, MA 02668**  
 Or submit online: [www.westbarnstable.org](http://www.westbarnstable.org)

**\$15 - Individual 2023 Membership Dues**  
**\$25 - Family 2023 Membership Dues**  
**\$35 - Business 2023 Membership Dues**

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Please list names and emails if this is a Family Membership:

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