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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

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The January 30, 2025 Meeting of the Barnstable Town Council shall be conducted in person at 367 Main Street 2nd Floor James H. Crocker Jr. Hearing Room, Hyannis, MA. The public may attend in person or participate remotely in Public Comment or during a Public Hearing via the Zoom link listed below.

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PUBLIC SESSION

1. ROLL CALL

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT

6. TOWN MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS (Pre-Recorded and available on Video on Demand on the Town website)

7. MINUTES

- **ACT ON PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES: January 09, 2025**

8. DELEGATION OF OPEN MEETING LAW COMPLAINT

Proposed Vote: To delegate to the Town Attorney responsibility for responding to the Open Meeting Law Complaint submitted by Maria and Greg Gerdy to the Town Council President and Town Clerk on January 27, 2025

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

- **Town Manager Review 2024**

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- A. Old Business**
- B. New Business**

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Please Note: The lists of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Council President which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may be discussed and other items not listed may be discussed to the extent permitted by law. It is possible that if it votes, the Council may go into executive session. The Council may also act on items in an order other than as they appear on this agenda. Persons interested are advised that in the event any matter taken up at the meeting remains unfinished at the close of the meeting, it may be continued to a future meeting, and with proper notice.

A. OLD BUSINESS (Public Hearing) (Roll Call Majority Full Council)

BARNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

**ITEM# 2025-065
INTRO: 01/09/2025, 01/30/2025**

2025-065 APPROPRIATION ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$164,000 IN COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSERVATION, PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION OF GRAVESTONES IN THE UNIVERSALIST CEMETERY LOCATED AT 320 MAIN STREET, HYANNIS, AS SHOWN ON ASSESSORS MAP 327, PARCEL 074

ORDERED: That, pursuant to the provisions of the Community Preservation Act, G.L. c. 44B, the amount of **One Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$164,000)** shall be appropriated for the purpose of conservation, preservation and restoration work on the historic resource of 270 gravestones in the Universalist Cemetery owned and maintained by the Federated Church of Hyannis and located at 320 Main Street, Hyannis, as shown on Assessors Map 327, Parcel 074, and that to fund this appropriation, \$164,000 be provided from the amount set aside for Historic Preservation within the Community Preservation Fund. The Town Manager is authorized to contract for and expend the appropriation made available for this purpose, subject to oversight by the Community Preservation Committee.

SPONSOR: Mark S. Ells, Town Manager, upon recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee

DATE	ACTION TAKEN
<u>01/09/2025</u>	<u>Refer to Public Hearing 01/30/2025</u>

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- Read Item
 - Motion to Open Public Hearing
 - Rationale
 - Public Hearing
 - Council Discussion
 - Vote

BARNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

ITEM# 2025-065
INTRO: 01/09/2025, 01/30/2025

SUMMARY

TO: Town Council
FROM: Mark Ells, Town Manager
THROUGH: Lindsey Counsell, Chairman, Community Preservation Committee
DATE: January 09, 2025
SUBJECT: Appropriation order in the amount of **\$164,000** in Community Preservation Act Funds for the purpose of conservation, preservation and restoration of gravestones in the Universalist Cemetery located at 320 Main Street, Hyannis, as shown on assessors map 327, parcel 074

BACKGROUND: At October 21, 2024, Community Preservation Committee meeting, the six committee members present voted unanimously to recommend to the Town Council through the Town Manager, the Federated Church of Hyannis' Application for \$164,000 in Community Preservation Act Historic Preservation Funds for the final phase to conserve, protect and preserve the historic resource of 270 gravestones located in the Universalist Cemetery, 320 Main Street, Hyannis, as shown on Assessors Map 327, Parcel 074. The gravestones in need of restoration were identified in the 2024 Condition Assessment that was funded through a previous Historic Preservation Community Preservation Fund grant in 2017. The Federated Church owns the land where the cemetery lies and provides meeting space for several non-profit groups. The Universalist Cemetery is the historic burial ground of sea captains and early residents of Hyannis dating to 1830 and is listed on the State Register of Historic Places with an existing Preservation Restriction recorded. The church will donate \$1,000 with in-kind donations from volunteers providing ongoing research and management.

ANALYSIS: The Universalist Cemetery is a historically significant property and is the burial ground of the early residents of Hyannis. Its restoration will preserve history for the benefit of the public and future generations.

FISCAL IMPACT: The current balance in the reserve set aside for historic preservation is \$1,195,212. This appropriation has no impact on the general fund since the entire amount is appropriated and transferred from the Community Preservation Fund.

TOWN MANAGER RECOMMENDATION: Mark S. Ells, Town Manager, recommends approval

VOLUNTEER STAFF ASSISTANCE: Lindsey Counsell, Chair, Community Preservation Committee

A. OLD BUSINESS (Public Hearing) (Roll Call Majority Full Council)

BARNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

**ITEM# 2025-066
INTRO: 01/09/2025, 01/30/2025**

2025-066 APPROPRIATION ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 IN COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF HIRING A CONSULTANT TO ASSIST WITH UPDATING THE TOWN OF BARNSTABLE’S OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN

ORDERED: That, pursuant to the provisions of the Community Preservation Act, G.L. c. 44B, the amount of **Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000)** be appropriated for the purpose of hiring a consultant to assist the Planning and Development Department with updating the Town of Barnstable’s Open Space and Recreation Plan; and to fund this appropriation that \$50,000 be provided from the amount set aside for open space and recreation within the Community Preservation Fund. If a state land grant is awarded, the amount needed from the Community Preservation Fund will be reduced. The Town Manager is authorized to contract for and expend the appropriation made available for this purpose, subject to oversight by the Community Preservation Committee.

SPONSOR: Mark S. Ells, Town Manager, upon recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee

DATE	ACTION TAKEN
<u>01/09/2025</u>	<u>Refer to Public Hearing 01/30/2025</u>

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- ___ Read Item
 - ___ Motion to Open Public Hearing
 - ___ Rationale
 - ___ Public Hearing
 - ___ Council Discussion
 - ___ Vote

BARNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

ITEM# 2025-066
INTRO: 01/09/2025, 01/30/2025

SUMMARY

TO: Town Council
FROM: Mark Ells, Town Manager
THROUGH: Lindsey Counsell, Chairman, Community Preservation Committee
DATE: January 09, 2025
SUBJECT: Appropriation Order in the amount of **\$50,000** in Community Preservation Act Funds for the purpose of hiring a consultant to assist with updating the Town of Barnstable's Open Space and Recreation Plan

BACKGROUND: At the November 25, 2024, Community Preservation Committee meeting, the five committee members present voted unanimously to recommend to the Town Council through the Town Manager, approval of the Planning & Development Department's Application for \$50,000 in Community Preservation Open Space & Recreation Funds to hire a consultant to assist in the updating of the Town of Barnstable Open Space and Recreation Plan. The town is seeking a state land grant in the amount of \$20,000 and if awarded it will reduce the Community Preservation Act funds needed for this project.

ANALYSIS: The Town of Barnstable's Open Space and Recreation Plan is required to be updated every seven years to maintain eligibility for state grant funding through the Massachusetts Department of Conservation Services.

FISCAL IMPACT: The current balance in the reserve set aside for open space and recreation preservation is \$919,963. This appropriation has no impact on the general fund since the entire amount is appropriated and transferred from the Community Preservation Fund.

TOWN MANAGER RECOMMENDATION: Mark S. Ells, Town Manager, recommends approval

VOLUNTEER STAFF ASSISTANCE: Lindsey Counsell, Chair, Community Preservation Committee

A. OLD BUSINESS (May be acted upon) (Majority Vote)

BARNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

ITEM# 2025-067

INTRO: 01/09/2025, 01/30/2025

2025-067 AUTHORIZATION OF A CONTRACT WITH A TERM OF UP TO TEN YEARS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CONANT MEETING HOUSE FARM PROPERTY LOCATED IN WEST BARNSTABLE

RESOLVED: In accordance with G.L. c. 30B, Sec. 12(b), the Town Council does hereby authorize the award of a contract for the management of the Conant Meeting House Farm property located at 2135 Meetinghouse Way/Route 149 in West Barnstable for a term of up to ten years commencing on or about May 1, 2025.

SPONSOR: Vice President Kris Clark, Precinct 11

DATE	ACTION TAKEN
<u>01/09/2025</u>	<u>Referred to Second Reading 01/30/2025</u>

- ___ Read Item
- ___ Rationale
- ___ Council discussion
- ___ Vote

BARNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

ITEM# 2025-067
INTRO: 01/09/2025, 01/30/2025

SUMMARY

TO: Town Council
FROM: Mark S Ells, Town Manager
THROUGH: David Anthony, Director, Asset Management
DATE: January 09, 2025
SUBJECT: Authorization of a contract with a term of up to ten years for the management of the Conant Meeting House Farm property located in West Barnstable

BACKGROUND: The 22-acre Conant property, in West Barnstable was purchased in 2000 for open space and passive recreation. The former tree farm and nursery contains open space, community gardens and many species of trees along its walking trails. The Town contracts for the operational oversight, general maintenance and management of the community uses of this property through a Contractual relationship.

Under General Laws Ch. 30B, § 12(b), the Town Manager may not award this contract for Management Oversight at Conant Meeting House Farm for a term exceeding three years, including any renewal, extension, or option, without a majority vote of the Town Council.

RATIONALE: The Town of Barnstable through the Town Manager's office and the Procurement office will issue a request for proposals under Chapter 30B for management and operational oversight, general maintenance and community use of this property. In this RFP, contract terms will be offered for a minimum of three years up to a maximum of ten years, subject to Town Council approval to consider the longer term.

The potential of the longer term provides stability and consistency in the property oversight. The Request for Proposals will require the submission of:

- A Professional proposal meeting all the requirements of the RFP,
- Documentation that the proposer has all licenses and permits required to manage and oversee the proposed operations at the location,
- Successful and similar experience in the management of land similar to the Conant Property,
- A diverse set of community focused activities with a track record of financial success,
- An understanding of the principals contained within the conservation plan written in 2000 for the property, and a willingness to embrace and promote the goals contained therein,
- Evidence that they can promote a symbiotic presence with the neighbors in that area of Town.
- A security plan to monitor resident access to the property and conduct safe operations.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Traditionally the contracted operator has paid the town a minimal annual fee to operate at his location. However, they are expected to provide full insurance coverage at their expense, naming the Town as an additional insured. They will oversee all costs associated with managing the 22 acres under the limitations set by the conservation plan including mowing, plowing, trash disposal, utilities, basic tree and shrub upkeep and have the responsibility for general maintenance of the three existing buildings on site (the two bay garage, the pump house and the greenhouse).

They also manage the community garden program located on the property. Finally, they will work with the Town to identify, protect and preserve the various tree and plant species that exist on property in collaboration with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

This is an anticipated \$30,000+ per year cost avoidance for the Town in addition to any management contract payments made to the Town of Barnstable.

STAFF ASSISTANCE: David Anthony, Director, Asset Management

A. OLD BUSINESS (May be acted upon) (Majority Vote)

BARNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

ITEM# 2025-068

INTRO: 01/09/2025, 01/30/2025

2025-068 AUTHORIZATION OF A CONTRACT WITH A TERM OF UP TO TEN YEARS FOR A FIXED BASE OPERATOR TO PROVIDE MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT SERVICES AT CAPE COD AIRFIELD IN MARSTONS MILLS

RESOLVED: In accordance with G.L. c. 30B, Sec. 12(b), the Town Council does hereby authorize the award of a contract for a fixed base operator to provide Management Oversight of aviation-related activities at Cape Cod Airfield in Martons Mills for a term of up to ten years commencing on or about May 1, 2025.

SPONSOR: Councilor Matthew P. Levesque, Precinct 10

DATE	ACTION TAKEN
<u>01/09/2025</u>	<u>Refer to Second Reading 01/30/2025</u>

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- Read Item
 - Rationale
 - Council discussion
 - Vote

BARNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

ITEM# 2025-068
INTRO: 01/09/2025, 01/30/2025

SUMMARY

TO: Town Council
FROM: Mark S Ells, Town Manager
THROUGH: David Anthony, Director, Asset Management
DATE: January 09, 2025
SUBJECT: Authorization of a contract with a term of up to ten years for a fixed base operator to provide management oversight services at Cape Cod Airfield in Marstons Mills

BACKGROUND: The 217-acre Danforth Recreation area in Marstons Mills was purchased in 2002 for open space and passive recreation and contains within it 86 acres of land dedicated to the preservation and operation of one of the few remaining historic grass strip airfields in the commonwealth. The Town contracts for the aviation oversight of this activity through a Contractual relationship with a licensed and experienced provider of Fixed Base operations at the airfield.

Under General Laws Chapter 30B, § 12(b), the Town Manager may not award this contract for Management Oversight of Aviation Related Activities at Cape Cod Airfield for a term exceeding three years, including any renewal, extension, or option, without a majority vote of the Town Council.

RATIONALE: The Town of Barnstable through the Town Manager's office and the Procurement office will issue a request for proposals under Chapter 30B for Management Oversight of Aviation Related Activities at Cape Cod Airfield. In this RFP, contract terms will be offered for a minimum of three years up to a maximum of ten years, subject to Town Council approval to consider the longer term. This permission by the Town Council was given in 2015 for the most recent 10-year contract.

The potential of the longer term with a viable Fixed Base operator provides stability and consistency in the aviation oversight. The Request for Proposals will require the submission of:

- A Professional proposal meeting all of the requirements of the RFP,
- Documentation that the proposer has all licenses and permits required to manage and oversee aviation operations at the location,
- Successful and similar experience,
- A diverse set of aviation related activities with a track record of financial success,
- A noise management plan,
- Evidence that they promote a symbiotic presence with the neighbors in that area of Town.
- A security plan to monitor resident access to the property and conduct safe operations during aviation hours.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The Fixed Base operator pays the Town a monthly fee to operate at this location which is expected to exceed \$20,000 per year. Included in the contract is the requirement that the FBO provide full aviation Insurance coverage at their expense, naming the Town as an additional insured. They will oversee all costs associated with managing the 86 acres including mowing, plowing, trash disposal, utilities, fence line upkeep and have the responsibility for general maintenance of the three existing aviation related buildings on site. They also manage the fuel operations and all related

insurance and inspections. Finally, they will work with the Town to protect and preserve the three endangered plant species that exist on property in collaboration with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

This is an anticipated \$50,000+ per year cost avoidance for the Town in addition to the management contract payments made to the Town of Barnstable.

STAFF ASSISTANCE: David Anthony, Director, Asset Management

B. NEW BUSINESS (May be acted upon) (Majority Vote)

BARNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

**ITEM# 2025-069
INTRO: 01/30/2025**

2025-069 AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT FOR AND EXPEND A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$252,000 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION FOR 14 ROAD SAFETY AUDITS

RESOLVED: That the Town Council does hereby authorize the Town Manager to contract for and expend a Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Safe Streets and Roads for All grant in the amount of **\$252,000** from the United States Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration for the purpose of funding supplemental planning for 14 Road Safety Audits at various intersections in Hyannis.

SPONSOR: Mark S. Ells, Town Manager

DATE	ACTION TAKEN
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- ___ Read Item
- ___ Rationale
- ___ Council discussion
- ___ Vote

BARNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

ITEM# 2025-069
INTRO: 01/30/2025

SUMMARY

TO: Town Council
FROM: Mark S. Ells, Town Manager
THROUGH: James Kupfer, Director, Planning & Development Department
DATE: January 30, 2025
SUBJECT: Authorization to contract for and expend a grant in the amount of **\$252,000** from the United States Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration Fiscal Year 2024 Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program.

BACKGROUND: The Town of Barnstable was awarded a grant in the amount of \$252,000 to support Supplemental Planning at 14 intersections in Hyannis to support Road Safety Audits (RSA's) towards car and pedestrian safety in the area. The grant comes from the United States Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Safe Streets and Roads for All program in support of the Cape Cod Commission's regional Vision Zero Action Planning.

ANALYSIS: These audits will fund crucial technical information on how to best address safety concerns at 14 intersections to prepare these high-risk locations for temporary or permanent interventions in the future. Two of the locations are on roads owned by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT). The Town, Cape Cod Commission and MassDOT have a history of collaborating on road safety issues, including completing RSAs at other locations in the past.

By conducting RSAs, the Town will use a crosscutting Proven Safety Countermeasure to chart a course to reducing transportation-related serious injuries and fatalities. The RSAs will consider the safety of all roadway users and focus on interventions that align with the Safe System Approach. This approach will help the Town, the CCC, and MassDOT identify opportunities for multimodal safety measures and will generate clear recommendations for future implementation.

The Town of Barnstable was awarded a \$252,000.00 from the United States Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration and requires the Town to commit to implementing the proposed project. The grant funds must be spent prior to the completion of Fiscal Year 2027. In order to meet this schedule, the project schedule anticipates bidding the project in the late Spring of 2025 and commencing technical audit work in the Fall of 2025 with completion in June 2027.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The grant is 100% reimbursable and budgeted for \$252,000.00; matching funds at \$63,000 are provided via Massachusetts Department of Transportation (Mass DOT). The total project cost is \$315,000.00

TOWN MANAGER RECOMMENDATION: Mark S. Ells, Town Manager, supports this item.

STAFF SUPPORT: Planning & Development Department; Department of Public Works

B. NEW BUSINESS (Refer to a Public Hearing on 02/27/2025)

BARNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

**ITEM# 2025-070
INTRO: 01/30/2025**

**2025-070 APPROPRIATION ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,025 FOR THE
PURPOSE OF PURCHASING PRO SHOP MERCHANDISE FOR
RESALE**

ORDERED: That the amount of **\$40,025** be appropriated from the Golf Course Enterprise Fund for the purpose of purchasing pro shop merchandise for resale; and to meet such appropriation, that **\$40,025** be provided from the Golf Course Enterprise Fund Reserves.

SPONSOR: Mark S. Ells, Town Manager

DATE	ACTION TAKEN
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- ___ Read Item
- ___ Motion to Open Public Hearing
- ___ Rationale
- ___ Public Hearing
- ___ Close Public Hearing
- ___ Council Discussion
- ___ Vote

BARNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

ITEM# 2025-070
INTRO: 01/30/2025

SUMMARY

TO: Town Council
FROM: Mark S. Ells, Town Manager
THROUGH: Chris Gonnella, Community Services Director
DATE: January 30, 2025
SUBJECT: Appropriation Order in the amount of **\$40,025** for the purpose of purchasing pro shop merchandise for resale

BACKGROUND: The golf operation has experienced an increase in both the level of merchandise sales from the pro shops and the cost to stock these items. Golf shop merchandise and equipment sales are significantly up over previous years, notably at Olde Barnstable Fairgrounds Golf Course. The current budget cannot accommodate the increased level of actual sales. The appropriation is needed to fund the purchase of clothing, merchandise and equipment for resale. This will ensure the golf shops are properly stocked with new merchandise for the second half of Fiscal Year 2025. The profit margin on golf shop sales is approximately 30%.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding for this appropriation is being provided from the Golf Course Enterprise Fund Reserves. Turf equipment that was recently sold at a surplus auction generated \$40,025 in revenue and we are requesting to repurpose those funds. The anticipated increased sales will result in revenue exceeding the budget estimate thereby creating additional surplus in Fiscal Year 2025. The Golf Course Enterprise Fund Reserves currently stand at \$2,333,649.

TOWN MANAGER RECOMMENDATION: Mark S. Ells, Town Manager, recommends approval of this appropriation request.

STAFF ASSISTANCE: Chris Gonnella, Director of Community Services; Jesse Schechtman, Director of Golf

B. NEW BUSINESS (May be acted upon) (Majority vote)

BARNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

**ITEM# 2025-071
INTRO: 01/30/2025**

**2025-071 RESOLVE APPROVING A LETTER REQUESTING MASSDEVELOPMENT
CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON ESTABLISHING A JOINT MILITARY
AND CIVILIAN AIRPORT AT JOINT BASE CAPE COD**

RESOLVED: That the Town Council does hereby approve sending a letter, in the form attached to this Resolve as Attachment A, to MassDevelopment requesting it undertake a feasibility study on establishing a joint civil and military airport at Joint Base Cape Cod (JBCC), as part of MassDevelopment’s master planning process for the cantonment area of JBCC, and authorizes the Town Council President to sign such letter on behalf of the Town Council.

SPONSOR: Betty Ludtke, Councilor, Precinct 3

DATE	ACTION TAKEN
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- ____ Read Item
- ____ Rationale
- ____ Council Discussion
- ____ Vote

ATTACHMENT A

January 31, 2025

Ms. Navjeet Bal
President and Chief Executive Officer
MassDevelopment
99 High Street
Boston, MA 02110

Dear Ms. Bal,

On behalf of the Town Council of the Town of Barnstable, I write to request that MassDevelopment include a feasibility study on establishing a joint military and civil airfield at Joint Base Cape Cod (JBCC) as part of its master planning effort for the cantonment area of JBCC. We understand that your agency issued a Request for Proposals on December 9, 2024, for this master planning effort.

A joint civil and military airport at JBCC would lend aviation-related economic development to your master planning effort and complement the existing U.S. Coast Guard and Massachusetts Army National Guard aviation missions. There are many joint civil and military airports currently operating that could inform that aspect of the study. We believe the potential regional benefits of a joint civil and military airport warrant a careful and thorough examination, and we support adding such a study to your current planning effort. A feasibility study should include an analysis of the various issues associated with such an endeavor, including, for example, financial issues, legal considerations, operational capacity, regional benefit, community support, JBCC support and environmental impact.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Craig Tamash
President, Barnstable Town Council

cc: State Senator Julian Cyr
State Representative Kip Diggs
Barnstable County Board of Regional Commissioners
Kristy Senatori, Executive Director, Cape Cod Commission