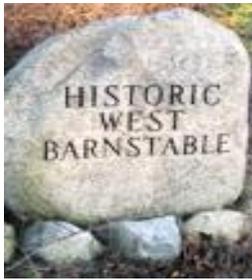


West Barnstable Civic Association

“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.



2019 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, the Whelden Memorial Library, Luke’s Love Playground, the West Barnstable Historical Society, the West Barnstable Fire Department and the BWB Playground. Some of the events include the:
 - WBCA Fundraiser was held Thursday, February 28th at The Dan’l Webster Inn & Spa
 - Annual Spaghetti Supper was held Saturday, April 6th at our Fire Station where 340 dinners were served.
 - Coffee Social was held Saturday, April 13th with Representatives from the Water Commission and the Prudential Committee as well as Town Counselor Phil Wallace and Meetinghouse Farm Representative Judy Desrochers discussing the Paine Black House restoration
 - Flag Day Ceremony was held June 14th at Meeting House Farm
 - Barnstable-West Barnstable 4th of July Parade in Barnstable Village
 - Annual Village Festival was held Saturday, August 17th
 - Annual Village Tree Lighting and caroling was held Sunday, December 1st at the 1717 Meetinghouse
 - Publishing and mailing our *Cornerstone* Newsletter each Spring, Summer and Fall would not be possible without the generous support of the Cape Cod Cooperative Bank and Sunderland Printing.
- ❖ We identify and engage town and state officials in the exchange of ideas with the goal of promoting open discussion that influences decisions matters of importance affecting our village and the town as a whole:
 - We held monthly Board meetings the first Tuesday of each month at the Community Building to discuss matters of importance to the village as we learn about them either directly from the Town, through our Precinct’s Town Counselor Phil Wallace, or as they develop.
 - After several years of planning, the long awaited Lombard Parking and Field Improvements and the relocation of Luke’s Love Playground behind the old Selectmen’s building opened for public use this summer! We now have access to a quality ball field with new turf and drainage, a new entrance from Meetinghouse Way, a new Press Box, paved parking for 70 vehicles and a walking path around the perimeter of the ball field. Public opening of the Lombard Field was held April 15th
 - With the support of Councilor Wallace and a letter of support from the WBCA, the Town’s Community Preservation Committee approved \$177,000 to complete the renovations for the historic Paine Black House to repair the bathrooms and the floors to ensure their safe use. Questions remain concerning the use of this historic structure. When the Town chose to rehabilitate this building it was with the stipulation that it would be a self-sustaining agricultural entity; presumably in conjunction with the adjacent Meetinghouse Farm property. We now believe that the Town will oversee its public use through the Town Manager’s Office, as it does for other municipal buildings.
 - To facilitate public safety at the new entrance to Community Building parking lot, the West Barnstable Fire Department’s Prudential Committee responded to the Board’s request to install a streetlight.
 - The Daniel Webster Inn Dinner Fundraiser was held on February 28th. Board member Gary Cremeans reported that \$176.12 was raised and rounded it up to donate \$200.00.
 - The Annual WBCA Scholarship fund raising event, led by Fran and Jane Manzelli, was held Sunday, March 10th for a festive evening at the Tavern on the Green at Old Barnstable Fairgrounds Golf Course. Fine sampling of Tavern specialties, music by Livin’ Las Vegas, cash bar and silent auction were enjoyed by all. The West Barnstable Civic Association offers scholarships to graduating seniors from public or private schools, who are residents of West Barnstable.

- Within the space of a month, through the Go Fund Me page, donations from 43 people successfully raised \$5790 for the Barnstable-West Barnstable 4th of July Parade and Festivities. Family Events at the Hallow were organized by Ed Jay.
- The Annual Saturday Coffee Social was held April 13th at the 1717 Meetinghouse. The potential use of the proven future public supply well by the fire district as a source of income for the Fire Department was the topic of discussion by representatives from the Water Commission and the Prudential Committee. Also on the agenda, Town Counselor Phil Wallace and Meetinghouse Farm Representative Judy Desrochers provided an update concerning restoration of the Paine Black House.
- The WBCA brought the issue of depleting adult herring to Town manager Mark Ells who petitioned the Division of Marine Fisheries with the project of restocking Mill Pond with adult herring. This was accomplished the last week of April 2019.
- Funds are still needed to build a playground at Barnstable-West Barnstable Elementary School. We encourage the Town's support of this endeavor.
- The WBCA supported this year's COASTSWEEP on Sunday, September 22nd and encouraged residents to help out at Sandy Neck Beach. Trash bags and gloves were provided.

❖ Highlights at our General Meetings:

- Following the election of officers and board members, our January 15th General Meeting included brief presentations by Councilor Wallace who updated the audience on the status of West Barnstable Capital projects, and State Representative Randy Hunt who provided a brief update from Beacon Hill. Guest speaker, Chief of Police Matthew Sonnabend discussed some of the big issues facing the BPD with a focus on West Barnstable followed by a question and answer period.
- At our May 21st General Meeting, the WBCA Scholarship Committee presented the winners of WBCA's College Scholarships to Eve Bancroft, Emma Barrett, Bryson Bergal and Joseph Yalmokas. Guest speaker Nancy Viall shoemaker of the WB Historical Society shared some interesting and unusual stories from West Barnstable's historic past.
- Our October 15th General Membership Meeting was *Precinct 11th Candidates Night* with current Town Council member Phil Wallace and candidate Kris Clark vying for this position on the Town Council. They introduced themselves, presented a brief description of their platforms, and engaged in a question and answer session.

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

- The approved funding for landscaping, lighting, drainage and parking provisions for the Community Building, playground and adjacent ball field.
- The ongoing improvements to the Community Building (painting, refinishing the wooden floors, new septic system, stone wall and brickwork).

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

- To continue our collaboration with Judge Joseph Reardon in his role as Trustee of the Lombard Trust.
- To fund and award scholarships to college bound West Barnstable students.
- To produce and fund publishing and mailing three issues of the *Cornerstone* Newsletter to West Barnstable residents, and to cover the cost of Association insurance.
- To keep our members informed of activities and issues vital to the village through postings on our website (www.westbarnstable.org), through email notifications, and the publication and mailing of the *Cornerstone* Newsletter.

Please support our work with your membership! We welcome your help!

WBCA Membership Application

Calendar Year 2020

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 by **PayPal** at the www.westbarnstable.org membership website.

\$15—Individual 2020 Membership Dues

Member _____

Associate Member (nonresident)

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail : _____