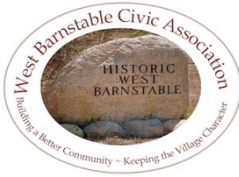


West Barnstable Civic Association

“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.



2021 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 events were cancelled or held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but include the following:
 - The January 19th Annual General Membership Zoom Meeting was held with more than 35 people attending
 - The April 18th Village Clean Up Day was organized by Tony Lovell and Marissa Caney with nearly 40 residents turning out to help.
 - The May 18th General Membership Meeting was held outdoors at the West Barnstable Community Building.
 - The Annual Flag Day Ceremony was held at Meetinghouse Farm on June 14th.
 - The Barnstable-West Barnstable 4th of July rolling parade traveled to and from both villages.
 - The Annual Village Festival was held Saturday, August 21st with great food and many friends and neighbors in attendance.
 - The October 19th General Membership Meeting was held at the West Barnstable Community Building.
 - The Annual Village Tree Lighting and caroling was held outdoors Sunday, December 5th at the Village Green
 - Publishing and mailing our *Cornerstone* Newsletters 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 forums aimed at influencing decisions and the discussion of matters of importance that affect our village and the Town as a whole:
 - Zoom Board meetings were held the first Tuesday of each month from January through May, and at the West Barnstable Community Building from June through November. The December Board Meeting was held at the home of President Nancy Meagher. Matters of importance to the village were discussed. We learn about issues directly from the Town through our Precinct's Town Councilor Kris Clark, or as they develop.
 - The Cape Cod Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society donated \$100.00 to the West Barnstable Civic Association.
 - The Town of Barnstable is updating the Local Comprehensive Plan (LCP), last updated in 2010. The Town Manager will soon be soliciting membership to this nine-member committee. The LCP will 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.
 - In lieu of a fundraising event, the WBCA Educational Scholarship Committee opted for a GoFundMe Page to accept donations. \$9,000 was raised. Please check the WBCA website to view the list of generous donors. Chair Sue Leary and her committee, Jon Britton, Marissa Caney, Ed Jay, and Andy Lee, reviewed applications, interviewed remotely, and awarded six Scholarships.
 - The Barnstable-West Barnstable 4th of July Parade and Festivities were limited to a rolling parade due to COVID restrictions. West Barnstable residents, Bob and Shirley Stolte were elected to serve as Grand Marshalls. Funds from 2020 successful drive will be set aside for use next year.
 - The WBCA made financial contributions to support the Cape Cod and Islands Major Crisis Relief Fund, and the Mercy Otis Warren Woman of the Year Award.
 - The WBCA continues to work with other village associations to share information and to support their activities and events.
 - Sadly, long-time WBCA Board Member and friend Pam Chase passed away April 15, 2021. She will be missed.
 - The public hearing of the proposed Sewer Assessment Ordinance was begun at the May 20, 2021, Town Council meeting: Order Amending Chapter 184 Sewers and Water of the General Ordinances. At that meeting, Councilor Eric Steinhilber made an amendment to the ordinance asking that the assessment per unit be reduced from \$17,000 to \$10,000, which passed. Councilor Clark made a case for those of us who will not ever have sewers, but was outvoted.
 - A new American flag, raised at the Village Green, was generously donated by Bradford's Hardware. This was facilitated by Jon Britton.

- The WBCA sold T-shirts, stickers, and koozies at the Village Festival, on Black Friday, and online to fund operational expenses.
- The Barnstable-West Barnstable Elementary School Playground was completed this year with financial support from the Town and donations from the community at large.
- The WBCA supported this year's COASTSWEEP at Sandy Neck in October encouraging residents to help out. Trash bags and gloves were provided.
- SPS New England Inc., acting through MassDOT, will be replacing the barriers at the existing Route 149 bridge that crosses over Route 6. The project includes the installation of temporary construction signage, selective clearing and thinning, staged removal and replacement of 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 duration is anticipated to be twenty-two months.

❖ Highlights at our General Meetings:

- Following the online election of officers and board members, the January 19th remote General Meeting included brief updates from Precinct 11 Councilor Kris Clark and State Representative Steven Xiarhos. Featured Guest speakers were Rose DeCosta and Nate Mayo of Vineyard Wind and Nancy Viall Shoemaker, author of *Women of Barnstable*.
- Due to Covid-19 public meeting restrictions, the May 18th General Membership Meeting was held outdoors in the parking lot of the West Barnstable Community Building. Scholarships were awarded to James Bancroft, Barnstable High School, University of South Carolina, Darla Moore School of Business; Charles Hart, Barnstable High School, University of New Hampshire; Lilianna Harvey, Barnstable High School, Wheaton College; Alexandra Stampfl, St. John Paul II High School, Commonwealth Honors College, UMass, Amherst; Emma Tilton, Barnstable High School, Boston University; Emma Yalmokas, Barnstable High School, Colby-Sawyer College. State Representative Steve Xiarhos presented each student with a citation from the State House of Representatives. They also received a gift certificate from Cape Cod Creamery. Mark Ells, Town Manager addressed Barnstable's Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan.
- The October 19th General Membership *Meet the Candidates Night* was held at the West Barnstable Community Building. School Committee candidates Stephanie Ellis, Peter, Goode, and Andre King spoke about their qualifications and reasons for running. Rose DeCosta, Nate Mayo, Dana Rebeiro provided a Vineyard Wind Update.

❖ 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 including painting, new historically accurate windows, and hanging of large wreath on the outside of the building for the holidays.

❖ 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), through email notifications, and the *Cornerstones*.

We welcome your support and participation! Please join today!

WBCA Membership Application

Calendar Year 2022

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 online at the www.westbarnstable.org membership website.

\$15—Individual 2022 Membership Dues

\$25 Family 2022 Membership Dues

Member _____

Associate Member (nonresident) _____

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail : _____