

**Bourne Town Administrator's Report
Select Board Meeting of May 26, 2023**

- The Fire Department took possession of 2 new ambulances on May 22. These were purchased using ARPA funds from Barnstable County. The Town has also awarded a contract to raise the header at the Monument Beach Fire Station using a portion of the Town's ARPA funds.
- The Cape Cod Bridge Replacement team is continuing with their due diligence. Enbridge Energy is coordinating the relocation of the natural gas mains while Overland is conducting subsurface utility exploration. Both companies are communicating with myself and other Town of Bourne staff.
- Barnstable County has announced a funding opportunity to address: homeless shelter & medical respite, affordable, and workforce housing needs. Grant proposals are due June 15 and more information is available on the County's website.
- EPA is accepting public comments on their proposed decision regarding the Joint Base Cape Cod machine gun range until June 26, 2023. There was a public hearing on May 24 at the Sandwich Center for Active Living. A copy of the Barnstable County's slides regarding this topic is attached to this report.
- The Bourne High School Commencement Ceremony for the Class of 2023 is scheduled for June 3 at 10 am. All members of the Select Board are invited to attend to wish the graduates well.
- The Police & Fire Chiefs, as well as members of both command staffs will be attending the International Co-Responder Conference in Spokane, WA in mid-June. The International Co-Responder Alliance was established to unite, promote, strengthen, and expand multi-disciplinary co-responder programs, while improving outcomes for first responders, behavioral health professionals and individuals affected by behavioral health issues. I'd like to thank Chief Esip for his leadership in this area and look forward to continued work and improvement in how we respond to those in crisis.
- Connect 55 (Calamar) will be holding the lotter for the 12 affordable apartments on July 18.
- The Town is expecting to have 12 lifeguards on staff this summer with 2 towers at Monument Beach. This is great news and I'd like to thank Krissanne Caron for her hard work to secure the necessary staff. The Head Guards will be working 4-5 shifts per week and the other guards will be working 2-4 shifts per week depending on their availability.
- Liz has been working with Tim Lydon and Ken Murphy to bring the last few properties in compliance with FEMA's flood insurance program. This is critical work and we need these noncompliant properties to show progress so that the community doesn't experience increased flood insurance premiums for everyone in the program.
- MMA is hosting 2 webinars that Select Board members may be interested in watching: "Regulating Comments at Public Meetings: The Legal and Operational Perspective" on June 5 at noon, and "Regulating Comments at Public Meetings: De-Escalation Strategies for Uncivilized Discourse" on June 12 at noon. I will be attending both and will also receive recordings that I

can share afterwards.

- There is additional work on the Sagamore Bridge south abutment that remains to be completed. This work will require shifting the travel lanes on Sandwich Road where it passes through the south abutment. Much of this work may be accomplished during off-peak travel times, and we are waiting for further notice from the Army Corps of Engineers on the schedule. Maintenance work will be occurring on the Bourne Bridge this fall, and we hope to stay in close contact with the Corps and MA-Dot during that project.
- I attended another stakeholder meeting with the Cape Cod Commission on May 24 regarding their update of the Regional Housing Plan.
- On May 23 I attended a webinar with the Library Director and Trustees regarding the next available round of funding from the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program, as well as attending the Trustees' meeting of May 18.
- On May 22 I met with representatives from Sandwich and their consultants who continue to explore the option of wastewater treatment and disposal at Joint Base Cape Cod.
- Available Dept. Heads and I continued with the next module of our ICMA "Learning Lab" training on May 22 together, and a few of us were also able to gather for a webinar training about Encouraging Civil Discourse.