

Bourne TA Report
September 12, 2023 Select Board Meeting

- We are closely monitoring Hurricane Lee and are participating in regular briefing calls with the Barnstable Co. Regional Emergency Planning Committee in advance of the weekend. It is anticipated that winds will build overnight on Friday, with the storm passing through during the daylight hours on Saturday. We will continue to monitor the track and are receiving regular updates from the utility companies, Red Cross and shelter providers and MEMA. The ground is very saturated and we are worried about localized flooding in low lying areas.
- Maintenance work is scheduled to begin on the Bourne Bridge on Monday, September 18th with lane restrictions going into place overnight on Sunday, September 17th. Chief Esip has been in very close contact with the Army Corps, MassDOT and the State Police in advance of this project. He has convinced the Corps to provide additional details every day, and we will be putting local road restrictions in place to try to alleviate some of the potential bottlenecks. These local restrictions will prevent the traffic apps from diverting through traffic on those routes. Obviously we will be monitoring the traffic carefully and will take any additional measures that may be necessary once we have real-time information. We do expect it to be difficult with significant traffic impacts.
- The Massachusetts Dept. of Agricultural Resources and the USDA have recently confirmed sightings of the invasive pest known as box tree moth in Bourne. Box tree moth caterpillars feed on the leaves of boxwoods and can cause complete defoliation, eventually killing the plant. There are resources available for dealing with this pest online at massnrc.org.
- So far in calendar year 2023, ISWM has diverted 1.78 tons of food waste. The program has also been expanded to the High School, Middle School and Intermediate School. I'd like to thank all of the ISWM crew for their great work, and especially Phil Goddard for his tireless efforts.
- DEP has issued the Town its comprehensive 10-year permit for maintenance dredging, beach nourishment, and temporary dewatering activities under Chapter 91. The permitting process is still ongoing with the Army Corps of Engineers. The Shore and Harbor Committee and DNR continue to shepherd this work along.
- The Town has been awarded an Emergency Medical Dispatch grant in the amount of \$36,580. I'd like to thank both of the Chiefs for their efforts in obtaining these funds.