

*Barnstable*

**STRENGTHS**

*Group Response*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Keeping Barnstable Village historical. This can be achieved through funding opportunities like CPC.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Walkability of Barnstable Village
<input type="checkbox"/>	Barnstable Harbor is a gem for the Village and for the Town and should remain protected. The harbor provides both business and recreation opportunities including shellfishing and charter boats. Aquaculture is a sustainable economic driver.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Barnstable trails
<input type="checkbox"/>	Barnstable libraries
<input type="checkbox"/>	Barnstable Village has been delayed with regard to development which is beneficial as residents can see what is happening in the other villages and better plan for what the future could be.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Success in maintaining and fostering marsh growth which can continue to be achieved with collaboration among Town groups.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Restaurants
<input type="checkbox"/>	Our historic Committees/Commissions. We need to continue to be careful about blending and balancing historic preservation with growth/development.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Barnstable Market
<input type="checkbox"/>	Our parades and holiday stroll
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nirvana is a central point
<input type="checkbox"/>	Concerts
<input type="checkbox"/>	A lot of the Village is sewerred
<input type="checkbox"/>	Our people. Always running into friendly residents. Small town feel; it is special here. Connections are formed through our school networks and youth athletics.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fire Department
<input type="checkbox"/>	Clean water
<input type="checkbox"/>	Beaches, sand bars and safe places to swim
<input type="checkbox"/>	Safe place for kids to walk around

## OPPORTUNITIES

### *Group Response*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Extend sidewalks to West Barnstable and improve accommodations for bicycles. Balance pedestrian circulation and scenic roads. Guidance can be taken from the Cape Cod Commission's Scenic Byways report.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Safe routes to school
<input type="checkbox"/>	A playground; BWB had a playground.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Need more businesses in our Village. Businesses are leaving because they are getting pushed out due to factors like high rent. Too many real estate law offices. Residents would like an ice cream shop and desire first floor retail. Consider opportunity to coordinate additional parking spaces with the County.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Local employment for small businesses
<input type="checkbox"/>	Second floor of historic buildings become rental for lower income residents
<input type="checkbox"/>	Existing houses could be repurposed for group housing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bike trail is coming and we should tie the Village into it. Could take pressure off 6A.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Consider incentive for property owners with flexibility in zoning for more than one use.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Improve the natural environment. Would like to see everywhere on Cape Cod but specifically here in Village first remove invasive species including phragmites. Only native plants should be planted in public spaces. We need to get aggressive to ensure that we will have natives.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Re-direct stormwater from running into Barnstable Harbor. Water quality is degrading.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Residents need to have a better understanding with regard to drainage and stormwater systems specific to their property and their collective neighborhood to ensure that future development, such as an ADU, will maintain and not disrupt existing systems.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Noise pollution
<input type="checkbox"/>	There is potential to improve Town roads that are under our jurisdiction such as portions of 6A. We can save up and budget improvements to tackle existing conditions noted to cause noise and vibration.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Desire for consistent policy on Town sidewalk as far as snow clearing. There is desire to walk to work instead of driving but not all residents maintain their property. Same for tree trimming.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Long term goal of installing utilities underground. This would really help especially as a coastal area, from a visual standpoint and it would improve our sidewalks.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tree branches and roots that are embedded in the sidewalk create a dangerous walkway.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Balancing historic preservation and development growth.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wider sidewalks for enhanced security and safety and connectivity among our sidewalks.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Providence preservation society in the past would put together renovation funds with subsidies to restore and rebuild neighborhoods. The concept of having a revolving fund could help us.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Our churches, post offices, and grocery stores should be accessible locally as opposed to having to travel across Town. Consider redeveloping historic structures to provide public facilities.

## WEAKNESSES

### *Group Response*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of smart growth strategy across Town like the development at Mashpee Commons with residents above stores and offices and Post Office nearby. This is sprawlsville.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Need to establish an identity for each of our Village centers which should be coordinated with the sewer plan.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Need to keep historical and looking the way it always have looked. That keeps people coming back.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The 35 Wilkens development. We need housing and having that density is fine but there is nothing to do with energy issues and open space. The Cape Cod Commission undermines what we want. We need to ensure that our community goals are achieved.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The Cape Cod Commission
<input type="checkbox"/>	We need a vision for what we want. We need development that is human scaled. The Cape Cod Commission should improve aesthetics and energy review.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Barnstable isn't a Green Community and we are missing out on grants.
<input type="checkbox"/>	We need more access to the water and beaches accessible for <u>all</u> residents as opposed to private property. For instance, residents used to have more access at Scudder's Lane Landing.

## CHALLENGES

### *Group Response*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Understanding that people want more housing but the cost for housing has increased tremendously. It is difficult to achieve normal housing let alone dense housing.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Desire to see the Town meet national standards for tree replacement. Too much pavement.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Need for stricter tree removal regulations at the State level. Here in Hyannis trees were removed in order to upgrade sidewalks. Less trees equates to lower property value.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Need to establish a maintenance agreement to ensure that trees are replaced.
<input type="checkbox"/>	We have the pressure of being a “resort” for tourism and a rich/wealth destination. How do we avoid massive/vacant houses?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Water restrictions need enhanced communication to better inform residents. Need to provide further information to residents with regard to restrictions and the restrictions need to be enforced.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Solid waste pickup in the Town with 7-8 companies. This should be coordinated by Precinct.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Desire to get our school districts more concerned about the waste that they produce such as solid food waste and cardboard. Students should be more aware of this. Schools should be composting.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The State has Climate Action Plan with goals and it needs to translate into actions that must be achieved by the Town. The State can't complete the goals of the Climate Action Plan alone.

## If you had one day, where would you bring a visitor?

### *Comment Wall #1 Responses*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Barnstable Harbor at low tide |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Cape Cod Airfield             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Hyannis Port                  |

## What is your favorite road to travel down?

### *Comment Wall #2 Responses*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Bone Hill Road |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Wianno Avenue  |

## General Comments

### *Individual Comment Box Responses*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Accident waiting to happen at the intersection of Phinneys Lane and 6A  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <p>The comment at the meeting regarding the Town of Barnstable planting public spaces with native species was important. There are two projects in Barnstable Village where I feel that the town made poor decisions. The first (mentioned at the meeting) was the re-do of The Hollow. It can be argued that The Hollow needed a facelift, but aside from planting non-native water guzzling decorative plant species, why does a recreational area that has been in the town for at least the past 65 years suddenly need an automated irrigation system for its grass? It would be more cost effective for the town to plant greens with resilient fescue grasses (i.e. the Cape Cod lawn), these grasses can survive a drought and don't require irrigation after they have become established. Yes, they do sometimes go brown amidst a hot summer, but they come back with the fall rains. The other project was the relocation of the sewer pump on Rendezvous Lane. The relocation plan was important in the face of rising sea levels. Communication with the neighbors by the town was excellent. However, a tremendous amount of money was wasted on landscaping. Not only did it employ another automated irrigation system (that ran full tilt throughout this summer's drought), the green was planted with water hungry "sod" that has been trained to want a lot of water. On top of that are a bunch of decorative pilings wrapped in rope that are supposed to look nautical or something. I guess they are meant to keep cars and trucks from driving on the grass over the sewer pump, but they do look silly and simply dropping some larger rocks/boulders there would have been a lot less expensive and equally effective. Further, the fancy irrigation system is exposed to car tires I have no doubt that several of the sprinkler heads will need to be replace annually.</p> |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <p>There was a lot of talk about how important the harbor, and the marina, are to the community. Mark Ells has heard me talk about this before, nevertheless in an effort to preserve “blue economy jobs”, I believe that consideration should be given to the traditional charter boat businesses that run out of the marina. There only five boats left from the “old school” 6-pack charter boat business. These boats have been around for close to 70 years. These 40' boats rely on having one of only several larger slips in the marina. These slips are part of the harbormaster’s lottery system. I would love to see these slips held “in perpetuity” for use by the charter boat fleet. Doing so would allow some of the current captains (who are aging out) to sell or pass down their businesses to the next generation with the assurance that there will be dock space for their boats. Without the ability to retain the slips, these businesses will not be able to continue. I believe that this charter boat fleet not only provides an opportunity for maritime commerce, but that they are a historic aspect of the harbor and our village. Allowing the slips to be passed down to the new owners of the charter boats will help to preserve that tradition.</p> |
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