

# *West Barnstable*

**STRENGTHS**

*Group Response*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Great bricks from West Barnstable
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rural character and proximity to amenities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintain strong financial status
<input type="checkbox"/>	Beaches and harbor
<input type="checkbox"/>	Open space (land, trees, and conservation area) and community activities/feel
<input type="checkbox"/>	Resource Protection Overlay District ( RPOD) requiring 2-acre zoning
<input type="checkbox"/>	Allowing “Illegal” apartments to be used would help solve housing crisis
<input type="checkbox"/>	Downtown Hyannis (proposed two-way roadway)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parks and recreation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Low crime
<input type="checkbox"/>	Churches
<input type="checkbox"/>	Thriving arts community
<input type="checkbox"/>	Great relationship and communication with our fire department
<input type="checkbox"/>	Friendly community and friendly drivers
<input type="checkbox"/>	Large protected open space
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wildlife
<input type="checkbox"/>	Communication – sign boards around town
<input type="checkbox"/>	Working farms with produce
<input type="checkbox"/>	Meeting House Farm
<input type="checkbox"/>	The roundabout at 14

## OPPORTUNITIES

### *Group Response*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Develop tiny homes (6-8 units) on Town property to pay rent to the Town
<input type="checkbox"/>	Village streets aren't safe – need more sidewalks
<input type="checkbox"/>	Missing low-income family housing. Impossible to find this housing here. Also need starter homes for young families.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Our kids won't be able to live here. Need less age-restricted housing.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Can't walk on sidewalks as they are overgrown. We need to enhance and maintain our sidewalks.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Traffic – other communities have turning lanes at choke points
<input type="checkbox"/>	Paid parking in Downtown Hyannis would be unfair to restaurants and merchants. Suggest that we incorporate paid parking when other cape communities do as well and that when we incorporate paid parking we do so across all of our villages.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Need to create affordable housing; currently it is slow to be developed
<input type="checkbox"/>	More restaurants
<input type="checkbox"/>	Need to coordinate efforts to protect Bridge Creek
<input type="checkbox"/>	Abandoned schools
<input type="checkbox"/>	Climate resiliency – require solar and protect forest coverage. Also consider Transfer of Development Rights (TDR)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Oak Street is awful; consider roundabout there

## WEAKNESSES

### *Group Response*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Access to internet and associated cost for residents and businesses
<input type="checkbox"/>	Expense of cost of living
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of diversity
<input type="checkbox"/>	No municipal trash/sewer/water
<input type="checkbox"/>	(5) different fire departments
<input type="checkbox"/>	Concern BWB elementary – shortage of staff requires investment for infrastructure etc.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Abandoned schools (also an opportunity)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Future drinking water source will be lost to Hyannis. We need it here. Protect drinking water source. Consolidate wells across town.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Our Water Commissioner is underfunded and lacks a voice
<input type="checkbox"/>	Working too fast to drill water here to Hyannis yet years away from Town-wide water
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not all roads are owned by the town. If improvements are made on private roads to engineer's standard why can't the Town then take ownership of the roads? It is up those who live on private roads to pay the costs associated with improvements and they are also required to pay the same taxes as people who live on public roads.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The stretch of 6A between 132 and 149 is very dangerous. The speed limit varies and it particularly dangerous for school kids. Public safety concern. Suggest increasing signage.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vehicle speed on 149
<input type="checkbox"/>	Need to create affordable housing; currently it is slow to be developed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Aging population

## CHALLENGES

### *Group Response*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Drinking water
<input type="checkbox"/>	Retaining service workers with cost of housing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Year-round work opportunities and people to fill those jobs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Increasing severity of storms
<input type="checkbox"/>	Threats to shellfishing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Litter and garbage
<input type="checkbox"/>	Independence Park is zoned industrial; we should change zoning for job creation
<input type="checkbox"/>	No municipal water in WB and the threat of salt water in private wells
<input type="checkbox"/>	Zoning – consider amending and establishing lot coverage thresholds
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rental capacity is diminished
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wind energy and our beaches and lack of public involvement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Frightened about water capacity here in WB
<input type="checkbox"/>	Septic systems

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

*Comment Wall #1 Responses*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | To the bus station |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Sandy Neck         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Bone Hill          |

**What is your favorite road to travel down?**

*Comment Wall #2 Responses*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | The South Street drag strip from Sea Street to Ocean Street |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Cotuit  |

**If you could add one thing to Barnstable, what would it be?**

*Comment Wall #3 Responses*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Save Twin Brooks |
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