

TOWN COUNCIL AND MANAGER

State Approval of the Comprehensive Plan: In May 2015 Barrington became just the fifth municipality in Rhode Island to receive State approval of its Comprehensive Community Plan, in accordance with the RI Comprehensive Planning and Land Use Act amendments of 2011. State approval is valid for 10 years. This Comprehensive Plan - adopted by the Town Council and Planning Board in March 2015 - resulted from months of work by the Town and Planning Board, with input from the public and Town boards and commissions. Congratulations to the Town Planner and Planning Board: The Rhode Island Chapter of the American Planning Association has awarded Barrington the 2015 RIAPA Award for an Outstanding Comprehensive Plan.



Town Council Members

Michael Carroll, Ann Strong, President June Sager Speakman,
Vice President Kate Weymouth, Stephen Primiano

Economic Development Commission encourages communications between business and local government. The task force is comprised of a diverse group residents and business owners. Members investigate and evaluate strategies to enhance healthy conditions favorable to the promotion of local economic growth.

Festival of the Arts: As you drove along County Road on June 14th last year, you definitely noticed the festive atmosphere on the Town Hall property, with artists' tents, music, and lots of people. The Recreation Department hosted the first ever Barrington Art Festival. Visitors strolled among the artists' booths, met the artists, and viewed paintings, sculpture, jewelry, illustrations, photography, glass, mixed media, woodblock prints, metals, ceramics, and textiles. To add to the ambience there was live music by the RI Wind Ensemble, the Ragged Edge, and five members of Barrington High School Jazz Band. Children were engaged with art-making projects. It was a wonderful way to celebrate the power of the arts in our community. Please join us for our second annual Barrington Festival of the Arts which will be held on Sunday, June 12, 2016.

Town Beach: We listen to our residents! Beach visitors were thrilled to enjoy longer hours and take in all the beauty that Barrington Beach has to offer. Staff and lifeguards remained on duty, and the bath house was open until 7pm. Dune fencing was added along the perimeter of the parking lot in order for last year's newly planted beach grass to thrive. A snack bar became a summer fixture on the grassy area, serving tasty treats. Hundreds of residents enjoyed the twilight-time concerts. Barrington Beach officially opens each year on Memorial Day Weekend.

Community Garden had another very successful year with an expansion to include 68 plots, the construction of shed and a solar-powered watering system. Some of the beds planted with produce benefited TapIn (a local organization that provides resources to East Bay residents in need).

Congratulations! The **Finance Department** received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Congratulations Peter
40 Years of Service
Happy Anniversary!
Thank you for your dedication and
commitment to excellence.
It's truly appreciated.



Town Manager – Peter A. DeAngelis, Jr.

Police Cove Park is located on the Barrington River adjacent to County Road and the East Bay Bike Path. It's a vibrant, multi-functional park that capitalizes on its highly accessible location. The park is equipped with an ADA-accessible waterfront seating plaza, benches, bike racks, and tables. We now have a landscaped open lawn with pathways, including an improved connection to the East Bay Bike Path. Another added benefit is an area for food trucks and other vendors. In addition, an art sculpture was constructed which will represent our sailing heritage and a Blue Star Marker to honor the men and women of the Armed Forces that have served, are serving, and will serve to protect our country.

Thank you for your service **John Lazzaro**. John was a previous town councilor, chief of police, harbormaster and volunteer for 50 years. In memory of John, a bronze plaque will be displayed at Police Cove.

Thank you to the many volunteers, including the Boy Scouts who helped to improve and clean **Veterans Memorial Park**. Please take advantage of the six new picnic tables, restored grills and restored trails.