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## **NEW AIR TRAFFIC TOWER TAKES CONTROL**

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HYANNIS – Quietly and overnight, Barnstable Municipal Airport recorded another major milestone in its multi-million dollar improvement program as management of all flights transitioned to FAA contract controllers in the airport’s new tower.

“It went smoothly and without any hitches,” said Airport Manager Roland “Bud” Breault. “At 10 p.m. Monday we ceased operations at the old tower and, at 6 a.m. today, began work in the new one.”

Because controllers are up higher than before, Breault said, they have a full view of the entire airfield, increasing the margin of safety for passengers and flight crews. “Our upgraded communications equipment and security features are state of the art,” he added.

The tower was designed by CTBX Aviation Of Cocoa Beach, Florida, built by Suffolk Construction Co. of Boston, and placed into operation in 15 and a half months.

At 4,000 sq. ft. and six-stories, the tower rises 85 feet above ground. It cost \$6.96 million, paid in full by Federal Aviation Administration capital grants and federal stimulus funds.

The old tower, in use since the 1950s, will be demolished later this year once all hazardous materials are safely removed.

### **An Energy-Efficient Building**

The new tower includes Energy Star-rated heating, ventilation and air conditioning, along with an energy-efficient elevator. Those design elements are expected to earn the airport a LEED

(Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) "silver" certification, meaning that the tower was planned and built to meet high conservation standards. It is the Town of Barnstable's first LEED-certified municipal structure, and airport officials believe it is the first federal contract air traffic control tower in the nation to achieve such a rating.

### **Terminal Close to Opening**

Construction of the airport's new 35,000 sq. ft. passenger terminal is nearly complete and should be placed into use soon, Breault said. Airport officials are awaiting approval of a temporary certificate of occupancy from Cape Cod Commission and Town of Barnstable officials.

The new access road from Attucks Lane is open to traffic; phase one of a new aircraft parking apron is complete and ready for use; and, four new water quality units have been installed in the airport stormwater drainage system.

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