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Barnstable Resident Robert O'Brien to Leave Barnstable Airport Commission

(Hyannis, MA – August 17, 2017) Longtime Airport Commissioner Bob O'Brien has announced his retirement from the Barnstable Airport Commission after having served on the board for more than 13 years.

"I have led a very full and active life, and I now think it is time to scale back. I plan to spend time with my family as well as enjoy all that Cape Cod has to offer – both in season and off," says Bob O'Brien. "I am deeply grateful to the Commission for honoring me with a position where I hope to have made a positive impact."

"Bob O'Brien has been a lynch pin in the Town, a mentor to many, a guiding light for the airport, and a friend," says Bud Breault, Barnstable Airport Manager. "His regular presence will be sorely missed."

Up until recently, O'Brien had remained active on several community boards and groups including the Steamship Authority. He was first appointed to the Board as the first representative for the port community of Barnstable and remained on the board for 25 years.

Prior to his life on Cape Cod, O'Brien had a long and distinguished career with the U.S. Coast Guard.

During World War II, O'Brien was with assigned to the Coast Guard Cutter Duane, the Amphibious Command Ship, stationed in Italy, assigned to the European Theater patrolling the Atlantic and Mediterranean, and participated in the invasion of Southern France.

Upon his return from the War, he graduated from Boston College and subsequently served with the Coast Guard for more than 30 years. During his career, he commanded the 125-foot CGC Cahone, a patrol boat in Alaska and the 311-foot CGC Unimak out of Boston. The Unimak was a former U.S. Navy sea plane tender.

O'Brien also served as the Director of the Office of the Comptroller at U. S. Coast Guard Headquarters and ultimately was assigned as the Chief of Staff of the First Coast Guard District in Boston, which at the time extended from Maine to New Jersey.

Upon his retirement from the U. S. Coast Guard in 1983, he settled in Barnstable and began his second career with the Town of Barnstable, serving as Director of the Public Works Department, and he continues to serve as the Budget Director, and has filled in as the Acting Assistant Town Manager.

O'Brien submitted his resignation from the Barnstable Airport Commission this past Tuesday and it will become effective on Friday, August 18. Eligible candidates are currently being considered for his seat on the Barnstable Airport Commission by the Town of Barnstable.

About Barnstable Municipal Airport:

[Barnstable Municipal Airport](#), located in Hyannis, Massachusetts on Cape Cod, provides commercial and general aviation services to Boston, New York and the islands of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. It is owned by the Town of Barnstable and managed by the Barnstable Municipal Airport Commission and its staff. Please check them out on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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