



**RON PERSUITTE ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF
BARNSTABLE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT COMMISSION**

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HYANNIS – Ronald Persuitte of Barnstable Village has been unanimously elected as the new chairman of the Barnstable Municipal Airport Commission. He succeeds Daniel W. Santos who resigned earlier.

Persuitte (PURR-SUIT'-TEE), who previously served as chairman of the commission's finance subcommittee, owns an investment planning and counseling service in Hyannis. He has been a commission member since 2007.

"I am excited at the opportunity to take our new airport to the next level of its service to the community," Persuitte said in accepting the chairmanship.

At Tuesday's airport commission meeting, commissioners saluted Santos for achieving the goals that he set out when he became chairman in 2006: to improve the airport's management, build a new terminal and air traffic control tower, and improve relations with neighboring communities. "I commend you for the key decisions that you made and for making the right decisions," Commissioner Michael Dunning said to Santos who attended part of the meeting to hear his colleagues' tributes.

Commission Vice Chairman Donald Megathlin told commissioners that the airport's arts jury has selected the works of 15 local artists for the first exhibit in the new terminal. He said he was "astounded" by the number of applicants and "extremely pleased" with the quality of the

finalists' work. The art is expected to be on display in time for the airport's May 18 grand opening.

Commissioners also reaffirmed their support of a plan to place solar panels on land adjacent to runways as part of a public-private initiative to reduce electric bills.

Airport Manager Roland "Bud" Breault reported that construction crews will resume work next week to complete the airport access road and reconfigure access from the Airport Rotary. When work is scheduled to be complete by early next month, the airport entrance from the rotary will be permanently closed. Drivers coming from Yarmouth along Route 28 will turn right into the new entrance road located where the former TD Bank building used to be, or at Hinckley Road off Route 132. The main access from Routes 6 and 132 will be via Attucks Lane and Airport Road to the new access road. Motorists will continue to exit the airport into the rotary, via Hinckley Road to Route 132 or the new access road to Airport Road.

Breault said that final construction work on the new terminal, tower and roads will be finished by month's end. He said that landscaping crews will plant new trees and shrubs to replace ones that did not survive the initial planting.

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