

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has presented a Distinguished Budget Award to the Town of Barnstable for its annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011. The award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting. In order to receive this award, a government unit must publish a budget document that meets program criteria as a policy document, as an operations guide, as a financial plan, and as a communications device. This is the **eleventh consecutive year** that the Town of Barnstable has been presented with this prestigious award.

The criterion on which the award for fiscal year 2012 was based is that which has been used as a guide in preparing the budget for fiscal year 2013. Therefore, it is my belief that the Capital and Operating budgets presented for fiscal year 2013 conform to program requirements, and I will submit them to GFOA to determine their eligibility for another award. Former Town Manager John C. Klimm and my Staff, Mark Milne, Finance Director, and Robert L. O'Brien, Budget Director are to be congratulated for their parts in this and the previous ten awards.

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