

MEETING NOTES

Board of the Barnstable County Commissioners:

William Doherty	Present
Mary Pat Flynn	Present
Sheila R. Lyons	Present

Staff Present:

Justyna Marczak	Administrative Assistant
Mark Zielinski	County Administrator

The Commissioners recited the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a Moment of Silence.

I. Public Comment - None offered

II. 11:02 a.m. Donald Liptack, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Update on the Cape Cod Water Resources Restoration Project.

Donald Liptack, District Conservationist for the Natural Resource Conservation Service, Cape Cod Conservation District spoke about the Cape Cod Water Resources Restoration Project that started in 2010. The Recovery Act funding allowed the project to begin on 25 of the 76 proposed project sites and was provided with \$6.5 million through Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Watershed Operations program. Mr. Liptack informed the Commissioners that 70% of the projects have been implemented out of the 27 original projects. Two sites were canceled by the towns: the Rushy Marsh in Cotuit (Barnstable) and Lower Red Brook in Bourne. Due to the increase of the cost over the time and the design changes those towns were not able to match the 25% cost they agreed to in the beginning of the project. The other issue that the program is facing is the timing of the project; the funding through the Recovery Act will expire on September 30, 2013. That would mean finishing the remaining 30% by that particular date. Also many of the construction would need to be performed during the summer months which are very difficult to reinforce on Cape Cod.

Commissioner Doherty asked what were the specific reasons for the delay in the project implementation.

Mr. Liptack explained that the following factors could be responsible for the delay:

- Design changes
- The length of the decision process

- The number of people involved in the decision making
- Personnel changes

Commissioner Lyons asked what would be the impact of not being able to finish the whole restoration project. Mr. Liptack said that the program would lose the resource benefits that are in acres of shellfish habitat, salt marshes or fish passages. Commissioner Lyons stated that there are huge economic benefits to completing the project as well.

Mr. Liptack said that the program is also monitoring the future needs and has a list of interested towns willing to contribute some portions to prospective sites pending the additional funding.

Rick Devergilio, Project Manager, said that despite the fact that some of the projects were either canceled or will not be completed in time, the designs for those projects have been completed, which is a huge accomplishment, and could always be used in the future.

Next Mr. Devergilio talked about the Barnstable NRCS office space and the fact that due to increase in the cost the program is facing the threat of not being able to afford the staff and the district office to continue to stay opened.

Mark Zielinski and the Commissioners discussed the possibility of finding the office space for the project. Also Mr. Zielinski proposed to Mr. Liptack and Mr. Devergilio to prepare a list of projects that require work in the summer months and Commissioners could offer their assistance in obtaining the town or state permissions for these works.

Next Commissioners applauded Mr. Liptack and the whole staff for all their work and the completed projects!

Jari Rapaport, League of Women Voters, suggested raising the public awareness regarding that matter.

Commissioners agreed that the public and press should be made aware of how much was accomplished. They provided a website for the public to view and get familiar with the project. It is www.capecodcd.org.

III. 11:46 a.m. Darlene Johnson - Morris, Resource Development Office, Discussion on a "Mayor's Day of Recognition for National Service", April 9, 2013.

Darlene Johnson - Morris presented the Commissioners a sample toolkit for Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service. Some of the ideas that she presented included:

- A proclamation
- Letter from the Commissioners to the existing AmeriCorps members applauding them on their hard work especially during the past few storms
- Awards for the members as the recognition of their work

Commissioner Doherty said that organizing volunteers for the future winter storms would be the biggest challenge that the AmeriCorps is facing right now.

The Commissioners and Ms. Johnson agreed that organizing the grant money for that purpose would be the most effective.

Next Commissioner Flynn suggested organizing a bus tour with the members, volunteers and town managers to visit some of the sites that AmeriCorps has completed and have a celebration there for the Mayors Day on April 9, 2013.

Next Ms. Johnson talked about the Bourne House, an AmeriCorps Cape Cod Members house located in the town of Pocasset. She invited the Commissioners to visit the House and see how much has been done to it.

IV. Commissioners Actions

Motion made by Commissioner Doherty to approve the Meeting Minutes of March 20th, 2nd by Commissioner Lyons, approved 3-0-0.

Motion made by Commissioner Doherty to approve a Disclosure form regarding a participation of Martha Hevenor, Cape Cod Commission Planner, in development of a bicycle and pedestrian master plan for the towns of Provincetown, Truro, and Wellfleet and determined that the financial interest is not so substantial as to be deemed likely to affect the integrity of the services which the county may expect from that employee, 2nd by Commissioner Lyons, approved 3-0-0.

Motion made by Commissioner Doherty to approve the Summary of Items, 2nd by Commissioner Lyons, approved 3-0-0:

- 1) Authorized a payment in the amount of \$319,234.25 for health, dental and vision insurance for employees and retirees for the month of April 2013.
- 2) Executed a Contract between Cape Cod Commission and Department of Environmental Protection in the amount of \$350,000.00 for the Regional Water Quality Management Plan Update for the execution through June 30, 2016.
- 3) Executed a 14th Amendment to the Contract between Cape Light Compact (CLC), in accordance with our responsibility as Fiscal Agent for CLC, and Housing Assistance Corporation in the amount of \$2,081,441.56 for Low-Income Single-family (LISF) and Low-Income Multi-family (LIMF) contracts for the period of January 1, 2013 - September 30, 2013.
- 4) Executed a 3rd Amendment to the Contract between Cape Light Compact (CLC), in accordance with our responsibility as Fiscal Agent for CLC, and Rise Engineering in the amount of \$2,905,000.00 for Commercial & Industrial Direct Install Services for the period of January 1, 2012 - December 31, 2013.
- 5) Executed a Contract between Cape Cod Commission and Accela, Inc. in the amount of \$42,550.00 for the Change Order #3 that requires additional assistance with reports for the period of September 10, 2012 - April 30, 2013.
- 6) Executed a Contract between Cape Cod Commission and MassDOT in the amount of \$102,656.00 to continue 3C transportation planning activities for Federal Transit Administration Section 5303 grant for the Cape Cod Commission (MA-80-X007) for the period of April 1, 2013 - September 30, 2014.
- 7) Appointed George Heufelder as an Agent of the Dennis Board of Health for a one year period of April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014.

Motion made by Commissioner Doherty to approve the request from Cape Cod Art Association to use the Superior Court House grounds for the Art in the Village event to be held on Saturday, June 29 and Sunday, June 30, 2013, 2nd by Commissioner Lyons, approved 3-0-0.

V. Reports from Commissioners and County Administrator

Commissioner Lyons talked about the Human Rights Commission meeting that she attended on Saturday, March 23rd, 2013 and how well organized it was and how much recognition it gained.

Commissioner Doherty talked about the Legislative Budget Review Meeting he attended.

Barnstable, ss. at 12:32 p.m. on this twenty seventh day of March, A.D. 2013, Commissioner Doherty moved to adjourn, 2nd by Commissioner Lyons, approved 3-0-0.