

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

I. 2:04 p.m. Public Comment - None offered.

**II. 2:05 p.m. Christin Marshall, Interim Resource
Development Officer, Update on AmeriCorp Week
2013, March 9th through March 17th**

Christin Marshall presented the Commissioners with the update on AmeriCorps Outreach Week that will be taking place on Monday, May 20th through Friday, May 24th, 2013 in Mashpee, MA. The AmeriCorps will partner with the town of Mashpee Shellfish Constable to double the current habitat for oysters in the Mashpee River. Additionally, members will partner with Mashpee's Department of Public Works and Conservation Department to mark entrances to underutilized conservation properties through the installation of informational kiosks and pollinator gardens.

Commissioner Doherty asked if Cape Cod Cooperative Extension will be included in that process and Ms. Marshall said that yes, at least in the planting stages.

In addition to AmeriCorps week in May there will be an AmeriCorps Outreach Week taking place on Monday, March 11th through Friday, March 15th, 2013. The following sites will be hosting those events:

Monday, March 11: Meetinghouse Farm, West Barnstable

Tuesday, March 12: Uncle Harvey's Landing, Orleans

Wednesday, March 13: Taylor Bray Farm, Yarmouth

Thursday, March 14: Shoop Gardens, Dennis

Friday, March 15: Multiple Sites, Mashpee

Next Sebastian Wheeler, AmeriCorps Cape Cod Member talked about the Orleans Green Week taking place on April 22nd through April 26th, 2013. The project idea started with the Nauset

Regional Middle School in Orleans and the need for planting new trees there as a result of NSTAR cutting down old trees that are in the way of wires. NSTAR will be paying for those trees.

Orleans Green Week will be made up of a series of collaborative service projects that will occur both on town and private conservation lands. NSTAR, the Massachusetts DCR, the Massachusetts Service Alliance, and the National Volunteer Week are providing funding for that project, along with the Barnstable County Resource Development Office and potential donations from local businesses. The AmeriCorps Members solicited \$4,500 through the Grand Funding with the Total Projected Funding in the amount of \$14,000. The schedule for the events will be as follows:

Monday, April 22nd - Earth Day at the Orleans Conservation Trust Property on White's Lane.

Tuesday, April 23rd - Ice House-Reuben's Pond Conservation, Mill Pond Valley.

Wednesday, April 24th - OCT's Mauch Property on Old Duck Hole Road.

Thursday, April 25th - Nauset Regional Middle School

Friday, April 26th - Nauset Regional Middle School, Orleans Elementary School.

Next Dan Schell, AmeriCorps Cape Cod House Supervisor, updated the Commissioners on Barnstable County AmeriCorps Cape Cod Storm "Nemo" Response. He stated that a total of 21 members served approximately 1,500 hours at three American Red Cross shelters, located in Falmouth, Yarmouth and Eastham. The members assisted with shelter set up, registration, food, and elderly care, collaborating with several organizations like Disaster Animal Response Team (DART), Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC).

Erik Boyer, AmeriCorps Cape Cod House Supervisor informed the Commissioners on his involvement in storm clean-up projects. The ACC chainsaw crews served with the MA state DCR on cleaning up down trees on access roads in Sandwich and clearing downed trees on all 22 miles of the Cape Cod Rail Trail from Wellfleet to Dennis.

The Commissioners thanked the members for their work and assistance during Nemo. Both parties agreed that the lack of volunteers was the biggest issue during the storm.

Mr. Wheeler emphasized the fact that public should know that volunteering is not a hard work and anybody can do it. The volunteers during storm were overtired due to the small amount of manpower. But he wanted to encourage anybody who is interested to register for volunteering for the future events.

2:34 p.m. Commissioners Actions

Motion made by Commissioner Doherty to approve the Meeting Minutes of February 27th, 2nd by Commissioner Lyons, approved 3-0-0.

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

- 1) Ratified the actions of Mark Zielinski, County Administrator, for authorizing a payment in the amount of \$311,417.25 for health, dental and vision insurance for employees and retirees for the month of March 2013.
- 2) Approved the Public Official Bond insurance policy bond for the Assistant Treasurer Patricia Rogers issued by the Travelers Insurance Company effective February 10, 2013.
- 3) Executed the Amendment to the Contract between Cape Cod Commission and Town of Falmouth for the Contract time extension for use of mitigation funds for MEP reports until June 30, 2013.
- 4) Executed the Contract between Barnstable County and the Town of Harwich, in the amount of up to \$88,000.00, for all dredge related work for Allen Harbor Basin, effective March 6, 2013.
- 5) Executed the Contract between Barnstable County and the Town of Harwich, in the amount of up to \$74,800.00, for all dredge related work Herring River, effective March 6, 2013.
- 6) Executed a Subordination of HOME Mortgage for Mary L. Canavan and Caron E. Potts.

III. 2:37 P.M. Discussion on Agenda Structure

Commissioner Flynn informed the public that the current Agenda for the Barnstable County Commissioners meetings needs to be restructured in order to be more understandable to the public and to meet the requirements of the Open Meeting Law. She distributed several copies of the different agendas from Barnstable towns meetings. The general discussion on the agenda included the following propositions:

- The Executive Sessions to be kept at the end of the meetings
- Scheduled 15-minute Department Heads briefings
- Introducing the Old Business as an agenda item that would be explained in detail
- Introducing the list of topics to be discussed at the next meeting as an agenda item

David Still, Editor of the Barnstable Patriot suggested that agenda items, especially fiscal matters, should be explained on the agenda more clearly.

Commissioner Flynn agreed to work on the draft agenda and present it to the public at the next meeting.

Barnstable, ss. at 3:13 p.m. on this sixth day of March, A.D. 2013, Commissioner Flynn moved to adjourn, 2nd by Commissioner Lyons, approved 3-0-0.