



## Assembly of Delegates



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<b>Delegates</b>	<b>Town</b>	<b>% Weighted Vote</b>
Richard Anderson	Bourne	8.43%
Ronald Bergstrom (Speaker)	Chatham	2.98%
George D. Bryant	Provincetown	1.54%
Leo Cakounes	Harwich	5.57%
Christopher Kanaga	Orleans	2.85%
Thomas F. Keyes (Deputy Speaker)	Sandwich	9.06%
Marcia King	Mashpee	5.83%
Thomas K. Lynch	Barnstable	21.52%
Teresa Martin	Eastham	2.45%
John Ohman	Dennis	7.19%
Paul Pilcher	Wellfleet	1.24%
Anthony Scalese	Brewster	4.54%
Fred Schilpp	Truro	0.94%
Charlotte B. Striebel	Yarmouth	11.16%
Julia C. Taylor	Falmouth	14.70%

**Staff**

Diane Thompson, Clerk of the Assembly ♥  
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**T**he Assembly of Delegates is the legislative branch of County government. Each town that in Barnstable County is duly represented on the Assembly of Delegates with Delegates elected by the voters in each of the municipalities where they reside for two-year terms.

On Tuesday, November 4, 2008, fifteen Delegates were elected to serve during the Assembly of Delegates' eleventh session. On January 7, 2009 the Delegates were sworn in by County Clerk, Scott Nickerson. Ronald Bergstrom (Chatham) was elected Speaker and Thomas Keyes (Sandwich) was elected Deputy Speaker.

The legislative powers of the County are vested in the Assembly of Delegates, and except as provided in the Barnstable County Home Rule Charter, the acts of the Assembly of Delegates are required to be by ordinance.

The Assembly of Delegates holds regular meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m.

in the Chamber of the Assembly of Delegates, First District Courthouse, Barnstable, MA. A Delegate's vote is a weighted vote based on the 2000 U. S. Decennial Census with Barnstable having the largest vote of 21.52% and Truro having the smallest vote of 0.94%.

During fiscal year 2010, the Assembly of Delegates reviewed and adopted, with an amendment, the Board of County Commissioner's proposed budget for fiscal year 2011. After receipt of the FY2011 proposed budget, standing committees of the Assembly met with department managers and discussed the goals and accomplishments in each department.

Recommendations from the Standing Committee on Finance to the Assembly of Delegates were based, in part, on information received at the public hearing. It was also based on information gathered in committee and received from other standing committees.

At the regular meeting of the Assembly of Delegates on May 19<sup>th</sup> the Council of Churches Overnight of Hospitality Case Management made the Delegates aware of their shortfall in funding this program. It was moved, Seconded and voted to amend the budget to fund this shortfall in the amount of \$11,500.

The Assembly of Delegates received the revised Regional Policy Plan (RPP) in the form of a proposed ordinance at its meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Public hearings were conducted and testimony from the town representatives and the public was duly taken into consideration. The Assembly of Delegates voted to adopt the proposed ordinance that revised the Regional Policy Plan on May 19<sup>th</sup>. It also adopted Ordinances to amend the Regional Land Use Vision Map of the Barnstable County Regional Policy Plan to reflect amendments to the Town of Sandwich Land Use Vision Map.

The Assembly of Delegates voted to amend the Code of Cape Cod Commission Regulations of General Application, Chapter A, Enabling Regulation. The purpose of the proposed changes was purely technical amendments to allow developers that wanted to DRI, if an existing DRI still requires a modification process.

The Assembly of Delegates adopted a Resolution  
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that established a Charter Review Committee. At least every five years, the Assembly of Delegates establishes a special committee that is charged with the responsibility of reviewing the Barnstable County Home Rule Charter and the Ordinances of Barnstable County. The Committee consists of members of the Assembly of Delegates, one County Commissioner, members from each of the three regions of Cape Cod, the Lower Cape, Mid Cape and Upper Cape regions, and one at-large member. The Speaker of the Assembly of Delegates asked towns for nominations to the Committee. The Charter Review Committee will begin meeting in the fall of 2009.

On March 3<sup>rd</sup> the Assembly of Delegates adopted a Resolution that would extend the timeframe for the Charter Review Committee to complete its work to December 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Charter Review Committee presented Ordinances to amend the Charter and the Assembly adopted the Ordinances on May 19<sup>th</sup>. The amendments were to amend the Charter regarding legal holidays falling on the first or third Wednesday of the month, regular meeting days of the Assembly of Delegates. To revise and amend the Barnstable County Home Rule Charter in accordance with Section 9-4 of the Barnstable County Home Rule Charter, to change the date for organization to no later than the January 15<sup>th</sup>. To revise and amend the Barnstable County Home Rule Charter in accordance with Section 9-4 of the Barnstable County Home Rule Charter dealing with Assembly of Delegates Quorum. To revise and amend the Barnstable County Home Rule Charter in accordance with Section 9-4 of the Barnstable County Home Rule Charter by deleting the residency requirement in the Charter for the Administrator. To revise and amend the Barnstable County Home Rule Charter in accordance with Section 9-4 of the Barnstable County Home Rule Charter, by deleting language dealing with the temporary absence of the Administrator. To revise and amend the Barnstable County Home Rule Charter in accordance with Section 9-4 of the Barnstable County Home Rule Charter by deleting Sections 9-7, 9-8, 9A-1, and 9B-1 dealing with personnel issues. To revise and amend the Barnstable County Home Rule Charter in accordance with Section 9-4 of the Barnstable County Home Rule Charter by deleting language dealing with transitional

and contingency components of legislation never enacted.

These proposed changes to the Barnstable County Home Rule Charter will be on the ballot for a vote on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The ballot question will be “Shall the revisions to the Barnstable County Charter proposed by the Assembly of Delegates be adopted?” The summary of the revisions is also stated in this question.

A complete list of all ordinances and resolutions adopted by the Assembly of Delegates is available upon request.

Delegates serve on various Standing Committees. Each Standing Committee reviews certain components of the proposed County budget. Committees examine department budgets, review new programs, and look at the goals and effectiveness of each program being operated within Barnstable County.

During fiscal year, 2010 there were six Standing Committees and one AD HOC Committee. The Standing Committees were involved with many regional issues. Below is a list of the committees and a brief description of some of the issues that the committees worked on during fiscal year 2010. The Standing Committee on Finance, in addition to the overwhelming task of reviewing the budget, must look at every major decision rendered by the County that has financial implications. The Committee remains active throughout each year, dealing with the financial issues that face Barnstable County, and with the supplemental appropriations that are required. The Standing Committee on Natural Resources reviewed the Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative activities.

The Standing Committee on Economic Affairs was involved in discussions with the Economic Development Council and their involvement with CEDS. A discussion regarding the condition of the economic impact for the Cape was held.

The Standing Committee on Public Services worked on the Regional Policy Plan and on matters relating to the existing buildings within the County complex.

The Standing Committee on Health and Human Services examined human services funding needs in Barnstable County and looked at ways whereby funding could be obtained. It also examined and recommended changes to the Human Rights Commission. The committee spoke with the Director of the Health & Environment about the move to the County Jail Facility and the changes to their lab.

The Standing Committee on Governmental Regulations consists of the Chairs of each standing committee. It reviewed and recommended the adoption of the Regional Policy Plan and associated maps and changes to regulations dealing with Development Agreements. The Committee also recommended the adoption of the Ordinance to establish a District of Critical Planning Concern in the ocean waters off Barnstable County, MA. The Ocean Management Plan defines the area and specifies what uses are allowed in the ocean waters, and it includes a cap of 24 wind turbines.

The Charter Review Committee will review the Barnstable County Home Rule Charter, as amended, and Ordinances of the County, for the purpose of determining if any amendments or revisions are necessary or desirable. The Charter Review Committee made a report, with recommendations, to the Assembly of Delegates and will continue their work through the rest of the calendar year.