BARNSTABLE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES
Standing Committee on Economic Affairs
Minutes

The Standing Committee on Economic Affairs met to review the 2013 proposed budgets of the Economic Development section of the Cape Cod Commission budget and the Arts Foundation on February 29, 2012, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Committee members present: Chairman Paul Pilcher, Teresa Martin, Spyro Mitrokostas, and John Ohman.

Also present: Paul Niedzwiecki and Leslie Richardson for the Economic Development section of the Cape Cod Commission budget, Kevin Howard Executive Director for the Arts Foundation, Commissioner William Doherty, and Assembly Delegate Leo Cakounes.

**Economic Development**

Paul Niedzwiecki and Leslie Richardson met with the committee and provided them with a handout and overview of their economic development program and highlighted various programs they are promoting. This handout will be considered a part of these minutes.

An explanation was provided relative to the relationship between the Cape Cod Commission and Cape Cod Economic Development Council (CCEDC) and their goals including the facilitating of OpenCape.

It was pointed out that monies received by the Cape Cod Commission do not go back to the county if the money is not spent.

If the economic development program had more money versus less there could be more community design projects implemented and that would stimulate the community’s commercial tax base. If there were less money the program would default to those things that must be done according to the Cape Cod Commission Act and its regulatory program.

**John Ohman motioned, and it was seconded, to submit the proposed budget as presented to the Standing Committee on Finance. Motion carried. 4-0-0.**

**Arts Foundation**

Kevin Howard met with the committee and provided them with an overview handout of the programs and activities of the foundation. This handout will be considered a part of these minutes.

The programs offered by the foundation help to develop partnerships with businesses, artists, non-profits, and promote economic development on Cape Cod. CapeCreative is a new initiative that the foundation is developing. An economic impact study is a targeted project.

If more funds were available it would be used for the CapeCreative initiative. If fund was cut all programs would be effected.

**Teresa Martin motioned, and it was seconded, to submit the proposed budget as presented to the Standing Committee on Finance. Motion carried. 4-0-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Submitted by:
Janice O’Connell, Secretary/Clerk for the Assembly of Delegates