

BARNSTABLE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES
Standing Committee on Finance
Minutes

The Standing Committee on Finance met with the Standing Committee Chairs to review the 2013 proposed budget recommendations from each committee on April 4, 2012, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Committee members present: Chairman John Ohman, Thomas Lynch, Leo Cakounes, and Marcia King.

**Recommendations from the Standing Committee on
Natural Resources and Health & Human Services**

Natural Resource Chair Julia Taylor (and Committee Member of Health & Human Services) met with the committee to present the recommendations of the committee for the proposed FY 2013 budget. It was reported that the committee was satisfied with the proposed projects and there was nothing new. One committee member expressed a concern about employees receiving a COLA. If cuts were needed it could be considered here but there were no cuts suggested to programs. No staff was added for FY 2013. The proposed budget of Health & Environment, Cooperative Extension, Cape Cod Commission, and the Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative were approved for submission to the Finance Committee by the Natural Resources Committee.

Health & Human Services Committee member Julia Taylor reported that the committee was interested in increased human services versus a decrease in programs. No cuts were suggested to Elder Services, Human Rights, Human Services, Children's Cove, or the Affordable Housing section of the Cape Cod Commission budget and all were approved for submission to the Finance Committee by the Health & Human Services Committee.

Recommendations from the Standing Committee on Public Services

Public Service Chair Richard Anderson met with the committee to present the recommendations of the committee for the proposed FY 2013 budget. It was reported that the Facilities Department and its projects were reviewed and updated, the Registry of Deeds revenue projections were more reasonable as compared to the FY 2012 projections, the County Dredge enterprise fund budget was reviewed with an expressed interest in obtaining a feasibility study for a second dredge, and the Fire Academy will be under contract with the Massachusetts Maritime Academy next year. The proposed budgets of these county departments were approved for submission to the Finance Committee by the Public Services Committee.

Recommendations from the Standing Committee on Economic Affairs

Economic Affairs Vice-Chair Teresa Martin met with the committee to present the recommendations of the committee for the proposed FY 2013 budget. It was reported that the Arts Foundation provided a great value to the economy and is working on a collaborative to increase growth within the business sector. The committee received an update on the economic development section of the Cape Cod Commission budget which typically cannot be altered or changed. The proposed budgets of these county departments were approved for submission to the Finance Committee by the Economic Affairs Committee.

Recommendations from the Standing Committee on Finance

Finance Chair John Ohman, Thomas Lynch, Leo Cakounes, and Marcia King reported that the proposed FY 2013 budgets for Resource Development, IT, the Assembly, and the Regional Commissioners (with the exception of \$75,000 for Regional Services) were all approved for submission to the full Assembly. It was suggested that Mark Zielinski report to the committee (prior to the public hearing) on the status of the FY 2012 budget as it could relate to the FY 2013 budget.

The committee took up discussion and reviewed the request for \$75,000 for Regional Services (Regional Umbrella Services Support Center a/k/a RUSS) contained in the FY 2013 Regional Commissioners budget. The County Commissioners were present and offered an explanation of the direction of RUSS and intent of the use of these funds identified as a contribution to the development of a regional network.

Tom Lynch motioned, and it was seconded, to recommend the Regional Services budget as submitted. Motion carried. 3-1-0.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Submitted by:
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Assembly of Delegates