

BARNSTABLE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES
Report of the Standing Committee on Finance
Proposed Ordinance 17-01
February 1, 2017

Dear Mr. Speaker and Assembly Delegates:

This is a report on Proposed Ordinance 17-01. The proposed ordinance was submitted to the Assembly of Delegates by the Board of Regional Commissioners at the Assembly of Delegates regular meeting on January 18, 2017. A public hearing was scheduled and held by the Standing Committee on Finance on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at the Assembly of Delegates Chamber Hall, First District Courthouse Route 6A, Barnstable, Massachusetts. The public hearing was duly advertised in the Cape Cod Times on January 25, 2017.

The purpose of the proposed ordinance is to appropriate \$32,205 from the Vehicle Replacement Stabilization Fund as a supplemental appropriation for Barnstable County for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, two thousand and seventeen. Said funds shall be derived from the Vehicle replacement Stabilization Fund for FY2017.

Committee members present: Chairman John Ronald Bergstrom, Edward Lewis, Deborah McCutcheon, John Ohman (arrived at 3:05 p.m.) and Patrick Princi.

Chairman Ronald Bergstrom opened the committee meeting for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on Proposed Ordinance 17-01.

Deborah McCutcheon motioned, and it was seconded, to waive the reading of the public hearing notice. Motion carried 4-0-0.

There were no members of the public present to speak. Finance Director Mary McIsaac and Facilities Director Steve Tebo were present to answer questions regarding the purpose of the proposed ordinance.

General Information:

- A strategy and program is being developed for the replacement of vehicles and equipment. Leasing might be an option.
- The vehicle being replaced fell into disrepair several months ago. The frame is broken.
- Because of the state reimbursement to the county for vehicle costs, cross over of vehicles from the county to the Fire Training Academy for their use would not be acceptable.
- This particular type of vehicle (a 250) is needed for prop towing capacity. It can also be used as a back-up plow vehicle.
- There is currently \$250,000 in the Vehicle Replacement Fund and is replenished at the end of the fiscal year.
- Price was determined through the county procurement process.
- County vehicles are not taken home by employees.

Comments Pro:

- There is no other vehicle that could be used for a few months until the FY18 budget is adopted. Without a vehicle the program could not run and revenue would be lost.
- The revenue this will generate has not yet been placed in the budget.

Comments Against:

- Reflects a piecemeal approach to budgeting.
- Purchase should be delayed until a policy is developed.

There were no other comments. Chairman Ronald Bergstrom closed the public hearing at 3:15 p.m.

Edward Lewis motioned, and it was seconded, to recommend Proposed Ordinance 17-01 to the full Assembly. Motion carried. 4-1-0. Deborah McCutcheon voted no.

Respectfully submitted:

Ronald Bergstrom, Chairman
Edward Lewis
Deborah McCutcheon
John Ohman
Patrick Princi