

BARNSTABLE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES
Report and Minutes of the Standing Committee on Finance
Proposed Ordinance 14-02
March 12, 2014

Dear Mr. Speaker and Assembly Delegates:

This is a report on Proposed Ordinance 14-02. The proposed ordinance was submitted to the Assembly of Delegates by the County Administrator for the Board of Regional Commissioners at the Assembly of Delegates regular meeting on March 5, 2014. A public hearing was scheduled and held by the Standing Committee on Finance on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. The public hearing was duly advertised in the Cape Cod Times on March 5, 2014.

The purpose of the proposed ordinance was to add to the County's operating budget for Fiscal Year 2014, as enacted in Ordinance No. 13-03, by making supplemental appropriations of \$240,500 for the Fiscal Year two-thousand and County Services and Public Safety.

Committee members present: Chairman John Ohman, Leo Cakounes, and James Killion.

Chairman John Ohman called the committee meeting to order for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on Proposed Ordinance 14-02. The meeting notice was read to the public.

James Killion motioned, and it was seconded, to waive the reading of Proposed Ordinance 14-02. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Proposed Ordinance 14-02 / Section 1: (County Services: Dredge \$221,000)

Finance Director Mark Zielinski explained that this section of the proposed ordinance is earmarked to replace a pump on the County dredge. The dredge was working on the vineyard when the pump broke. There is also some salary in the proposed figure to cover work for an additional project, rental equipment (excavator), fuel, and transportation that was not part of the original budget. The dredge fund will cover the cost of the additional work and incoming revenue from the project will replenish the fund.

Discussion took place regarding the replacement dredge and various long term scenarios and options for the use of the old dredge. Costs to maintain and operate two dredges, and whether or not it would make sense to operate both are all factors to be considered in the future.

Leo Cakounes motioned, and it was seconded, to recommend approval to the full Assembly of Proposed Ordinance 14-02: Section 1, in the amount of \$221,000, for the dredge, as a supplemental appropriation from FY14. Motion carried. 3-0-0.

Proposed Ordinance 14-02 / Section 2: (Public Safety: Fire Academy \$19,500)

Fire Training Academy Director Lee Pareseau explained that the request for \$19,500 in supplemental funding will be offset with \$31,000 in revenue that is directly associated with this request. The Massachusetts Maritime Academy's enrollment has increased and they are also requesting extra training days. The Maritime Academy is looking at increased enrollment into future years. This has the potential of increasing the work load of the Fire Academy but it will generate additional revenues that will cover the additional costs.

New Bedford Fire has also requested training for Fire Officer I classes.

Questions were asked regarding fire revenues specifically related to the proposed budget for FY15.

Leo Cakounes motioned, and it was seconded, to recommend approval to the full Assembly of Proposed Ordinance 14-02: Section 2, in the amount of \$19,500, for the fire academy, as a supplemental appropriation from FY14. Motion carried. 3-0-0.

There were no other comments and the public hearing was closed at 4:20 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

John Ohman, Chair
Leo Cakounes
James Killion