

BARNSTABLE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES
Standing Committee on Natural Resources
Minutes
March 29, 2017

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met to continue its review of the 2018 proposed budgets of Health & Environment, the Cooperative Extension, and the Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative. The Committee met on March 29, 2017, beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Committee members present: Chairman Brian O'Malley, Lilli-Ann Green, Christopher Kanaga, Edward McManus and Linda Zuern. Alternate member present: Edward Lewis.

Chair Brian O'Malley opened the committee meeting.

3:05 PM: Health & Environment and Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative Director Position

Present from the Health & Environment Department: Interim Director Sean O'Brien.

Also present Commissioner Leo Cakounes and Executive Director of the Cape Cod Commission Paul Niedzwiecki.

Chairperson provided summary of what the committee had accomplished at its 2/22/17 meeting and what was remaining.

Background Information

- Revenues for the department have increased and additional grants have been received.
- Prior discussions centered on the possibility that the Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative could be restructured to become the 208 Plan Monitoring Board and be supervised within the Health and Environment Department or with the Cape Cod Commission.
- The department budget is basically level if the \$70,000 placeholder for the Collaborative is removed.
- Comments were made relative to oversight and placement of a new CCWPC Director – Health Department, Cape Cod Commission, or under the Commissioners.
- It was suggested that the CCWPC could become the 208 Plan Board with administrative support functions handled by the Cape Cod Commission.
- It was suggested that a new director position would not be necessary. Cape Cod Commission staff could handle the administrative functions for the Collaborative/208 Plan Board. The Chair of the Collaborative could report to the Commissioners quarterly and remain independent.
- The transitional step to the Health Department anticipated for FY18 could be reconsidered with oversight being shifted to the Cape Cod Commission sooner.
- Money is also needed for a monitoring program.
- Committee discussed whether money should be removed now for funding versus waiting until other decisions have been made. Questions were raised as to whether or not this falls under the purview of the committee.

Motion made by Christopher Kanaga, and was seconded, to amend budget line item 001311-5100 Salaries and reduce it by \$70,000 to an amount of \$387,932.71, and recommend this action to the Finance Committee and Assembly. 4-1-0. Linda Zuern voted no.

Motion made by Lilli-Ann Green, and was seconded, to forward the Health and Environment Department FY18 proposed budget, minus \$70,000 from the salaries line account, to the Finance Committee. 4-1-0. Linda Zuern voted no.

4:00 P.M. Cooperative Extension

Chairman suggested the committee revisit its previous action on 2/22/17 to restore funding for the Buy Fresh/Buy Local Program.

Background Information

- Funding was restored but funds need to be allocated from another source in order to balance the financial action taken by the committee.
- The Commissioners support the program and funding it through the new grant program using license plate funds.
- Committee members felt it was important to retain the line item in the budget as a stable and sustainable funding source.

Motion made by Lilli-Ann Green, and seconded, to fund the \$10,000 Buy Fresh Buy Local Program from the savings achieved in the reduction or savings of budget line item 001311-5100 Salaries, to the Cooperative Extensions proposed budget for FY18 to the Finance Committee. 4-1-0. Linda Zuern voted no.

4:10 P.M. Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative

Chairman reviewed action previously taken by committee on 2/22/17 and to reconsider decision to fund the CCWPC at \$502,000.

Background Information

- It was suggested that a grant fund, yet to be created, be used as a funding source for FY18 from funds available at the end of FY17.
- A grant can be established before the end of FY17. Un-spent funds can be transferred from water quality funding to the grant fund, yet to be established, prior to the close of FY17, and to be used specifically for water quality testing.
- The committee would like to see a draft of the policies and procedures proposed for the new grant fund.
- Commissioners have asked finance staff to prepare a resolution to establish a grant fund.

Motion made by Edward McManus, and seconded, to rescind the prior action taken on 2/22/17 to fund the Joint Initiatives CCWPC at \$502,000. 5-0-0.

Motion made by Christopher Kanaga, and seconded, to accept the Joint Initiatives budget as submitted (\$0 budget) by the Commissioners, contingent upon review by the Finance

Committee of the draft policies and procedures for the grant fund being proposed by the Commissioners. Funds remaining from FY17 for water quality monitoring will be transferred to the new grant fund and earmarked specifically for water quality testing. 5-0-0.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was unanimous.
The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Submitted by:
Janice O’Connell, Clerk
Assembly of Delegates