

**MEETING NOTES**

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Barnstable, ss.

At a regular meeting of the County Commissioners held in the Open Cape Building in Barnstable on the ninth day of April, A.D. 2014.

Chairman Flynn called the meeting to order at 11:23 a.m.

**Board of the Barnstable County Commissioners:**

William Doherty	Present
Mary Pat Flynn	Present
Sheila R. Lyons	Present

**Staff Present:**

Michael Brillhart County Administrator

The Commissioners recited the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a Moment of Silence.

**I. Public Comment**

**II. Discussion and potential vote on communications regarding the potential threats to Cape Cod from the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station (Pilgrim).**

Diane Turco for Cape Downwinders presented the Commissioners a slide show on the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station and its safety to the public. According to Ms. Turco's presentation, some of the imminent risks included:

- High density nuclear waste
- 4x higher cancer rates

- 9<sup>th</sup> worst plant in the US according to Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- The most shutdowns in the US
- 8<sup>th</sup> most vulnerable to terrorist threat from the water
- Ongoing damage to Cape Cod Bay
- the plant's license was just recently renewed for the next 20 years despite the objections from the Governor and ongoing safety concerns
- there is no evacuation in place for people living on Cape Cod

The presentation also included a brief audio presentation given by Director Kurt Schwartz, Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) in Harwich on October 8, 2012 stating that there would be no evacuation if there was an explosion or any other threat from the Pilgrim station.

Finally Ms. Turco requested that the Commissioners "call upon the NRC to uphold their federal oversight mandate and immediately order the revocation of the operating license of the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station in Plymouth because the health and safety of the residents and visitors of Cape Cod cannot be assured".

Commissioner Lyons stated that just like the events of 9/11 - there should be an evacuation plan in place for people living on Cape Cod so every agency knows what to do in case of emergency, including ferries, regional airports and military base. Federal government needs to be aware of that situation and the cost that will come with it. Otherwise the plant should be closed.

Commissioner Doherty asked if the fuel from the site of power plants that were closed in other parts of the country has been removed. Also if Pilgrim station was to be decommissioned - which of the existing plants would produce the power that is now being generated by Pilgrim?

Ms. Turco stated that the current discussion is regarding the public safety and the lack of assurance from the officials and not the power supply. Pilgrim generates 5% of energy mix for the whole Massachusetts per

grid. There are other energy sources that could be used instead of Pilgrim.

Next Sean O'Brien, Barnstable County Regional Emergency Planning Committee, spoke about the Pilgrim Task Group, a task force that was created in 2012 to provide public education and planning. He spoke about the issue of evacuation, the fact that population of Cape Cod would not only face the challenges of crossing the two Cape Cod bridges in case of emergency but also the congestion created by people evacuating from the Plymouth area. According to the recent survey 50% of Cape Coders would evacuate in the event of Pilgrim explosion.

Commissioner Flynn stated that it is critical for the Barnstable County to get involved and support the efforts of the closure of the Pilgrim Nuclear Plant.

Commissioner Doherty said that viable evacuation plan is the current priority for the region because the closure would require finding storage for the spent fuel rods from the plant.

Commissioner Doherty said that the Entergy, as the profit making entity, has the responsibility to provide to the public the reasonable and tangible evacuation plan.

Mr. O'Brien pointed out that the federal funding for emergency evacuation efforts is provided only to Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ), within 10 miles radius from the plant and does not include Cape Cod.

*Motion made by Commissioner Doherty to assign County Administrator to formulate a continuation to the petition presented to the Commissioners by Cape Downwinders that will emphasizes the responsibility of state and federal agencies for the evacuation plan for Cape Cod in case of emergency at the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Lyons, approved 3-0-0.*

### III. Commissioners Actions

*Motion made by Commissioner Doherty to approve minutes of April 1, 2014, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Lyons, approved 3-0-0.*

*Motion made by Commissioner Doherty to approve the following Summary of Items, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Lyons, approved 3-0-0:*

- 1) Executed the Agreement and Statement of Work between County of Barnstable and ePlus Technology, inc. in the amount of \$67,445.00 for the installation and implementation of CISCO Unified Call Environment for the new County phone system, for the estimated project completion of June 30, 2014.
- 2) Executed the discharge of HOME mortgage for Susan E. Childs.
- 3) Executed the discharge of HOME mortgage for Kathleen O'Brien.
- 4) Executed the Contract between County of Barnstable and Lawrence-Lynch, Corp. in the amount of \$1,259,465.00 (Town of Barnstable), \$273,600.00 (Town of Dennis) and \$607,480.00 (Town of Harwich) to provide Road Resurfacing, for the period of April 1, 2014 - March 31, 2015, as awarded on March 19, 2014.
- 5) Executed the Contract between County of Barnstable and Comer Contracting to provide Road Construction Items to the towns of Barnstable County, for the period of April 1, 2014 - March 31, 2015, as awarded on March 19, 2014.
- 6) Executed the Contract between County of Barnstable and Lawrence-Lynch, Corp. to provide Road Resurfacing, for the period of April 1, 2014 - March 31, 2015, as awarded on March 19, 2014.

- 7) Executed the Contract between County of Barnstable and Sealcoating, Inc. to provide Road Construction Items to the towns of Barnstable County, for the period of April 1, 2014 - March 31, 2015, as awarded on March 19, 2014.
- 8) Executed the Contract between County of Barnstable and Pavement Maintenance Systems, Inc. to provide Road Construction Items to the towns of Barnstable County, for the period of April 1, 2014 - March 31, 2015, as awarded on March 19, 2014.
- 9) Executed the Contract renewal between County of Barnstable and BBE Corporation for the Elevator Maintenance for the period of July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015.
- 10) Executed the Contract between County of Barnstable and P.J. Keating Co. to provide Road Construction Items to the towns of Barnstable County, for the period of April 1, 2014 - March 31, 2015, as awarded on March 19, 2014.
- 11) Approved the request from the Town of Barnstable, 375<sup>th</sup> Committee to place a temporary sculpture of three numbers (3-7-5) of 12 feet high and 10 feet long on the front lawn of the Courthouse, in between the James Otis and Mercy Otis Warren statues.
- 12) Approved time sheets for Mark Zielinski and Michael Brillhart.

In her capacity as Chairman Commissioner Flynn:

- 13) Executed Certificate for Dissolving Betterments for Mary A. Kahila, Trustee, Mary A. Kahila Family Trust, u/d/t dated January 3, 2006.
- 14) Executed Certificate for Dissolving Betterments for Gail E. Durant f/k/a Gail E. Williams.
- 15) Executed Certificate for Dissolving Betterments for Paula A. Myette.

- 16) Executed Certificate for Dissolving Betterments for Edwin H. Watts, Jr. and Deborah J. Watts.
- 17) Executed Certificate for Dissolving Betterments for Dennis Foster and Laura Foster.
- 18) Executed Certificate for Dissolving Betterments for Patricia Ann Drayton.
- 19) Executed Certificate for Dissolving Betterments for A. John Epsenhardt and Rita M. Vamvakas, a/k/a Rita M. Epsenhardt.
- 20) Executed Certificate for Dissolving Betterments for Marsha Alibrandi.
- 21) Executed Certificate for Dissolving Betterments for Richard J. Pavlas, Jr.
- 22) Executed Certificate for Dissolving Betterments for Thomas E. Sheedy Trustee, Liberty Trust u/d/t dated August 1, 2007.

#### **IV. Commissioners Reports**

*Motion made by Commissioner Doherty to approve the request from the Town of Barnstable's 375<sup>th</sup> Committee to place a temporary "375" sculpture on the front lawn of the Barnstable Superior Courthouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Lyons, approved 3-0-0.*

County Administrator Michael Brillhart said that the Town of Barnstable received a grant to create a template community rating system program (for resilience for flood management practice that could be used for lowering FEMA insurance rates). The Cape Cod Cooperative Extension would like to get involved in drafting that program and creating it for all the communities on the Cape. The Extension staff will be making a presentation for the Commissioners at their next available meeting.

Commissioner Doherty talked about the heroin addiction issue on the Cape and the support group that is available for families affected

at Yarmouth Police station every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. or can be reached at 5087385138 or [www.learn2cope.org](http://www.learn2cope.org).

Barnstable, ss. at 1:02 p.m. on this ninth day of April, A.D. 2014, Commissioner Doherty moved to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Lyons, approved 3-0-0.