

*COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS*

Barnstable, ss.

At the regular meeting of the County Commissioners held in the Superior Courthouse in Barnstable, on the thirteenth day of December A.D. 2017

**Board of the Barnstable County Commissioners:**

Ronald R. Beaty                      Present

Leo G. Cakounes                      Present

Mary Pat Flynn                      Present

**Staff Present:**

Jack Yunits                              County Administrator

Steve Tebo                              Interim Assistant County Administrator

Owen Fletcher                        Executive Assistant, Administration

Mary McIsaac                         Director of Finance/Treasurer

Stephen Amara                        County Accountant

Sean O'Brien                         Director, Health and Environment Department

Joshua Reitsma                       Marine Program Specialist, Cape Cod Cooperative Extension

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Cakounes called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Moment of Silence**

#### **4. Public Comment**

Mr. Bergeron Dennis expressed his disapproval regarding tweets by Commissioner Beaty on immigration, and on opponents of the Sherriff's application. He also asserted that the recently passed approved Code of Conduct does not contain enough sanctions.

Commissioner Cakounes spoke regarding the work done on the Code of Conduct and that it could not enforce respect.

Delegate John Ohman spoke as a member of the Assembly of Delegates, complaining about an email regarding an ordinance. He stated that he did not have the email.

Commissioner Cakounes answered that he did not receive it. It is in the newspaper. He would agenda it.

Maria Ruddin from Harwich expressed her disapproval regarding tweets by Commissioner Beaty on immigration, and on opponents of the Sherriff's application who are part of the Cape Cod Coalition. She said she was offended that the tweet stated that they were only dealing with the issue for their own personal gain.

Commissioner Cakounes referenced the Code of Conduct and apologized on behalf of the board.

#### **5. Approval of Minutes**

##### **a. Regular Meeting of November 22, 2017**

*Motion by Commissioner Beaty to approve the regular session meeting minutes of November 22, 2017 as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0.*

##### **b. Regular Meeting of December 6, 2017**

*Motion by Commissioner Beaty to approve the regular session meeting minutes of December 6, 2017 as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0.*

#### **6. General Business**

- a. Travel Report from Joshua Reitsma, Marine Program Specialist, for the Cape Cod Cooperative Extension on a workshop meeting hosted by NROC (Northeast Regional Ocean Council) and NECAN (Northeast Coastal**

**Acidification Network) regarding monitoring the potential for acidification of waters along our coast, held December 1, 2017 in Portsmouth, NH**

Mr. Reitsma spoke about the meeting and how it relates to concerns regarding Cap Cod fisheries. There was a discussion regarding the Coastal Resources Committee. Commissioner Flynn asked about the effects of these issues on Cape Cod towns. Mr. Reitsma highlighted that solutions would require cooperation rather than solo efforts. There was a discussion regarding distinctions between the effects of these issues on saltwater areas vs. freshwater areas initiated by a question from Commissioner Beaty.

**b. Assembly of Delegates Resolution 17-07: Supporting the placement of spent nuclear fuel generated by the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station in secure dry casks**

*Motion by Commissioner Beaty to approve Resolution 17-07, previously adopted by the Assembly of Delegates on December 6, 2017, supporting the placement of spent nuclear fuel generated by the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station in secure dry cast storage, as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0.*

There was a discussion regarding how this was a temporary attempt to solve the issue until final federal policy is settled upon.

**c. Assembly of Delegates Resolution 17-08: Requesting that the Cape State Legislative Delegation file legislation regarding the Permitted Uses of Trailers**

*Motion by Commissioner Beaty to approve Resolution 17-08, previously adopted by the Assembly of Delegates on December 6, 2017, requesting that the Cape State Legislative Delegation file legislation regarding the Permitted Uses of Trailers, as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0.*

**d. Proposed County Social Media Policy**

*Motion by Commissioner Beaty to approve the Barnstable County Social Media Policy as amended, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0.*

There was a discussion regarding how the proposed policy would affect personal account. Mr. Cakounes assured the Board that it would only apply to County owned accounts.

**e. Proposed County Vehicle Use Policy**

*Motion by Commissioner Beaty to approve the Barnstable County Vehicle Use Policy as amended, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0.*

**7. New Business – Other business not reasonably anticipated by the Chair**

**8. Commissioners' Actions**

- a. Authorizing the approval of Fiscal Year 2017 year-end close transfers as presented by the Director of Finance/Treasurer and County Accountant**

*Motion by Commissioner Beaty to approve Fiscal Year 2017 year-end close transfers recommended by the Director of Finance/Treasurer and County Accountant, as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0.*

Ms. McIsaac and Mr. Amara discussed the transfers to the Board. They explained that this action would be customary and would be made pursuant to law. They further stated that the transfers would not change the current budget.

- b. Authorizing the appointment of Justyna Marczak, County Human Resources Director, to the Board of the Cape Cod Municipal Health Group**

*Motion by Commissioner Beaty to appoint Justyna Marczak, County Human Resource Director, to the Board of the Cape Cod Municipal Health Group for a term to expire upon the appointment of a replacement, as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0.*

- c. Authorizing the execution of a contract with ProCourier for courier services for the County Health Lab, for a period from the execution of a contract through June 30, 2018, with a renewal option for two (2) additional one-year periods.**

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Mr. O'Brien answered questions from the Board regarding the contract.

- d. Authorizing the execution of a cooperative agreement with the Town of Mashpee for an amount not to exceed \$117,000.00 to do and perform all dredge related work for Popponeset Bay Approach Channel.**

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*do and perform all dredge related work for Popponesset Bay Approach Channel as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0.*

- e. Authorizing the creation of a new fund for a grant award from the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture Resources (AGR), through Southeastern Massachusetts Agricultural Partnership (SEMAP), in the amount of \$15,000, for the period of October 2, 2017 through June 30, 2018, for the Cape Cod Cooperative Extension to: 1) print the 2018 Local Food Guide; 2) host a conference addressing local challenges and possible improvements to farmers markets; 3) attend two (2) Buy Local informational meetings and; 4) coordinate a Local Buy tour in collaboration with AGR**

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- f. Authorizing the execution of Certificates for Dissolving Septic Betterments**

*Motion by Commissioner Beaty to authorize the Chair to execute Certificates for Dissolving Septic Betterments as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0.*

## **9. Commissioners' Reports**

Commissioner Cakounes spoke regarding public participation issues during the previous Assembly of Delegates meeting. He stated that he would place an item on the next Board agenda to address the issue. He also spoke regarding finding new members for the proposed Barnstable County Economic Development Council.

Commissioner Beaty spoke regarding his attendance at a Water Collaborative meeting, and finding new members for the proposed Barnstable County Economic Development Council.

Commissioners Cakounes and Beaty also spoke regarding the Board's upcoming review of the Coastal Resources Committee.

**10. County Administrator's Report**

Mr. Yunits spoke regarding legal review of the Social Media Policy. Commissioner Cakounes highlighted the necessity for appointed officials to receive a copy of the policy. Mr. Yunits also updated the Commissioners regarding the proposed Early Retirement Incentive Program.

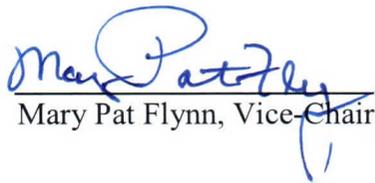
Mr. Tebo spoke regarding repairs to the new County Dredge. He also spoke regarding an upcoming review of County cost schedules for Information Technology and the Dredge.

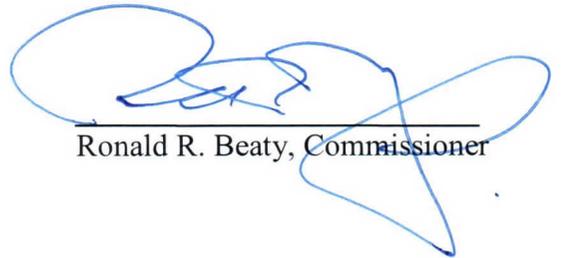
**11. Adjournment**

*Barnstable, ss. at 10:59 a.m. on this thirteenth day of December, A.D. 2017, Commissioner Beaty made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0.*

Approved:

  
Leo G. Cakounes, Chair

  
Mary Pat Flynn, Vice-Chair

  
Ronald R. Beaty, Commissioner

12/20/17  
Date

The foregoing records have been read and approved.

A true copy, Attest:

  
Barnstable County Regional Clerk