Janice O'Connell

From: Suzanne McAuliffe
Sent: Saturday, January 12, 2019 5:17 PM
To: Janice O'Connell
Subject: Fwd: CC Commission vote

From: "Sheila B. Place" <sbplace583@gmail.com>
Date: January 12, 2019 at 3:59:37 PM EST
To: smcauliffe@barnstablecounty.org
Subject: CC Commission vote

Dear Ms. McAulliffe,

I'm writing today to ask you to reject the Cape Cod Regional Policy Plan (RPP) when you vote at the Assembly meeting on Wednesday and to direct the Cape Cod Commission to bring back a plan establishing Barnstable County as a leader in reducing carbon emissions.

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The reality is that in order to avoid the worst impacts of climate change, we need to act a lot more aggressively than 80% by 2050 - but the RPP should at minimum comply with state law. The world's top climate scientists say we have less than 12 years to reduce our carbon emissions to zero in order to avoid climate catastrophe. We need a plan that understands this urgency and provides a vision for how Cape Cod will transition to a net–zero region. Several of us have tried to get the Commission's attention on this urgent issue, but with limited success. We hope the Assembly can do better.

Sincerely,
Sheila Place
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Yarmouth Port, Ma.

ITEM #1

Janice O'Connell

From: Suzanne McAuliffe
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2019 5:29 PM
To: Janice O'Connell
Subject: Fwd: Regional Policy Plan

From: Carol <carol_ewing@hotmail.com>
Date: January 14, 2019 at 9:28:36 AM EST
To: "smcauliffe@barnstablecounty.org" <smcauliffe@barnstablecounty.org>
Subject: Regional Policy Plan

Dear Ms. McAuliffe,

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Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

ITEM #2

Carol Ewing
3 Nautical Lane
So. Yarmouth

Janice O'Connell

From: Suzanne McAuliffe
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2019 5:30 PM
To: Janice O'Connell
Subject: Fwd: RPP

From: Jan Kubiac <jankubiac@yahoo.com>
Date: January 14, 2019 at 10:03:41 AM EST
To: smcauliffe@barnstablecounty.org
Subject: RPP

Dear Suzanne,
I have been a little involved in commenting about the RPP and how it needed to respond more to the emergency of global warming. I was happy to see some of the changes
that were made however, it doesn't yet reflect the urgency and willingness of the Commission to encourage and require a reduction in heat trapping gases. I hope you will vote to
postpone approval of the proposal.

I just happened to be compiling information about the urgency of global warming for an upcoming presentation on carbon pricing (though it is only part of the answer) and thought you might be interested as they are drawing some conclusions from the UN report IPCC. The excerpts below, were taken from climatecommunication.org and is mostly what I chose, relative to my focus on carbon pricing:

"On its current course, global energy consumption would be 40 percent higher in 2030 than it is today. Following this path for even another decade would doom efforts to keep future warming below 2*C. Government policy holds the key to steering a different course. The International Energy Agency has called for "strong action now" by all the world's top emitters.

"The biggest single policy change that is needed is to put a price on carbon, making it no longer free to dump heat-trapping gases into the atmosphere. Whether established by placing a tax on the carbon content of fossil fuels, or placing a cap on emissions and creating a market-based system for trading emissions permits, pricing carbon will end the era of free pollution and enable the world to save the cheapest tons first. To be most effective, carbon

prices should cover the entire economy and all greenhouse gases, not only carbon dioxide from fossil fuels."

"In addition to pricing carbon, aggressive policies are needed in three key area: **energy efficiency, low carbon energy, and land-use, which includes forest conservation and agriculture."**

"Energy efficiency-wringing more useful work out of coal, oil, and natural gas-is the fastest and cheapest way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The efficiency resource is vast, and most efficiency investments in homes, offices, and factories are profitable, saving money and carbon. The key policy targets are:

1. Stronger building codes to eliminate wasteful energy use, while improving comfort.
2. Appliance efficiency standards to enhance the energy productivity of everything from lighting to refrigerators to office equipment.
3. Vehicle fuel economy standards to ensure that cars of the future go much further on every tank.
4. Incentives to accelerate the adoption of more efficient technologies, such as tax breaks for hybrid cars and lower mortgage rates for energy efficient homes."

Thank you,

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ITEM #3

Janice O'Connell

From: Suzanne McAuliffe
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2019 5:30 PM
To: Janice O'Connell
Subject: Fwd: RPP vote on Wednesday

From: Susan Brinckerhoff <gsbrinck@comcast.net>
Date: January 14, 2019 at 11:09:52 AM EST
To: smcauliffe@barnstablecounty.org
Subject: RPP vote on Wednesday

Dear Ms. McAuliffe,
I am writing today to ask you to reject the Cape Cod Regional Policy Plan (RPP) when you vote at the Assembly meeting on Wednesday and to direct the Cape Cod Commission to bring back a plan establishing Barnstable County as a leader in reducing carbon emissions.

Climate change is already wreaking havoc in our region and around the world. Being a coastal community, we are experiencing impacts sooner than other locations and will feel them more severely. We have a responsibility to act.

At the very least the RPP should comply with the Massachusetts 2008 Global Warming Solutions Act, which sets greenhouse gas emission reduction goals at 25% by 2020 and 80% by 2050, relative to 1990 levels. The Commission has revised the RPP in response to public concerns, **but the changes fall far short of what is necessary to promote energy efficiency, renewable energy, net-zero construction, electric transportation, zero waste practices, and more.**

The reality is that in order to avoid the worst impacts of climate change, we need to act a lot more aggressively than 80% by 2050 - but the RPP should at minimum comply with state law. The world's top climate scientists say we have less than 12 years to reduce our carbon emissions to zero in order to avoid climate catastrophe. We need a plan that understands this urgency and provides a vision for how Cape Cod will transition to a net–zero region.

Please be a climate mitigation leader. Thank you.

Susan Brinckerhoff
20 Boxwood Circle
Yarmouth Port, MA 02675

ITEM #4

Janice O'Connell

From: Suzanne McAuliffe
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2019 5:31 PM
To: Janice O'Connell
Subject: Fwd: RPP

From: Gordon Starr <gordon.m.starr@gmail.com>
Date: January 14, 2019 at 11:22:32 AM EST
To: linda.zuern@barnstablecounty.org, mary.chaffee@barnstablecounty.org, randi.potash@barnstablecounty.org, terence.gallagher@barnstablecounty.org, elizabeth.harder@barnstablecounty.org, thomas.ohara@barnstablecounty.org, ckanaga@barnstablecounty.org, jkillion@barnstablecounty.org, dmccutcheon@barnstablecounty.org, lilli-ann.green@barnstablecounty.org, smcauliffe@barnstablecounty.org
Subject: RPP

Dear Commissioners,

I have been a resident of Barnstable for 35 years and I am on the Infrastructure and Energy Committee for the town. I have been following the RPP process for a year and I have spoken at hearings and sub-committee meetings to have climate change mitigation be a major focus of this report. The report is strong on adaptation, but we need leadership and vision to help us make the kinds of changes in energy use we will need to in the near future. Government scientists say we have 10-12 years to reduce our use of fossil fuels to levels that will begin to slow climate change. This RPP should state that climate change is real, urgent and a problem we can and need to work together to solve. I would ask you to reject this draft and send it back to be rewritten with a serious look at our energy future.

Gordon Starr
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ITEM #5

Janice O'Connell

From: Suzanne McAuliffe
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2019 5:31 PM
To: Janice O'Connell
Subject: Fwd: Cape Cod Regional Policy Plan

From: Carol Royal <c.weldroyal@gmail.com>
Date: January 14, 2019 at 12:27:57 PM EST
To: smcauliffe@barnstablecounty.org
Subject: Cape Cod Regional Policy Plan

Dear Ms McAuliffe,

I am asking you to please reject the Cape Cod Regional Policy Plan when you vote at the Assembly meeting on Wednesday and bring back a plan establishing Barnstable County as a leader in reducing carbon emissions.

Thank you,

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ITEM #6

Janice O'Connell

From: Suzanne McAuliffe
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2019 9:29 PM
To: Janice O'Connell
Subject: Fwd: Regional Policy Plan

From: Lisa Coedy <lisacoedy@gmail.com>
Date: January 14, 2019 at 8:27:57 PM EST
To: smcauliffe@barnstablecounty.org
Subject: Regional Policy Plan

ITEM #7

Dear Suzanne,

My name is Lisa Coedy and I've reached out to you before about my concerns about the environment. I imagine you saw the headlines last fall where the world's leading climate scientists, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, released their latest report and it gave a very grim outlook and a specific deadline. They stated we have 12 years to drastically reduce our greenhouse gas emissions or we face climate catastrophe.

For nearly two years, myself and fellow 350 Cape Cod members have attended meetings, asking the Cape Cod Commission to provide the vision and leadership required to create a regional policy plan that builds a sustainable future and addresses the climate crisis. We requested the updated RPP to at minimum comply with the Massachusetts 2008 Global Warming Solutions Act, which sets greenhouse gas emission reduction goals at 25% by 2020 and 80% by 2050, relative to 1990 levels.

The reality is that in order to avoid the worst impacts of climate change, we need to act a lot more aggressively than 80% by 2050 but the RPP should at minimum comply with state law so the county can get started on a plan for how Cape Cod will start to drastically reduce our greenhouse gas emissions.

This climate crisis calls for leadership at all levels of government - town, regional, state and federal. We owe it to current and future generations who deserve a livable climate.

You have the opportunity on Wednesday to help Cape Cod do what's needed and create a plan to address climate change. I ask that you reject the RPP so that it can be sent back to Commission staff and updated to comply with Massachusetts law, the Global Warming Solutions Act.

All the best,
Lisa.