

Janice O'Connell

From: Mary Chaffee
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2019 11:03 AM
To: Janice O'Connell
Subject: FW: Reject the RPP

From: Kathryn Smith [REDACTED]
Date: Monday, January 14, 2019 at 11:07 PM
To: Mary Chaffee <mary.chaffee@barnstablecounty.org>
Subject: Reject the RPP

Dear Ms. Chaffee,

I am writing to you as a concerned Brewster resident about the upcoming vote this Wednesday, January 16, where the Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates will be voting on the Cape Cod Commission's Regional Policy plan (RPP). The RPP, as currently written, falls far short of measures essential to promoting energy efficiency, renewable energy, net-zero construction, electric transportation, zero waste practices, and more. Here are some ways it needs to be fixed and can be fixed:

- **reject the RPP** and recommend that it be **sent back to Cape Cod Commission staff for revision** so that it complies, at a minimum with state law.
 - Send the RPP back to the Cape Cod Commission drawing boards and return with a regional policy plan that establishes Barnstable County as a leader in reducing carbon emissions.
 - As our regional planning agency, the Cape Cod Commission must provide the vision and leadership required to build a sustainable future.
 - The updated RPP must, at a 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.
 - Climate change is already wreaking havoc in our region and around the world. As a coastal community, we are experiencing impacts sooner than other locations and will feel them more severely. We must act aggressively, and now.

I hope you will seriously consider and vote appropriately on this incredibly important issue for Cape Cod.

Thank you,
Kathryn Smith

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From: Mary Chaffee
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2019 11:04 AM
To: Janice O'Connell
Subject: FW: climate change & the RPP

From: Elizabeth Aldred
Date: Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 7:50 AM
To: Mary Chaffee <mary.chaffee@barnstablecounty.org>
Subject: climate change & the RPP

Good morning Mary Chaffee:

As a Brewster resident who has voted for you and followed some of the positions you have taken, I believe you are already speaking out and supporting actions that recognize and reduce the serious risks of climate change. I hope, therefore, that you will be sending the Regional Policy Plan back to the Cape Cod Commission for revisions that more suitably address this major issue, in our vulnerable region and in our state.

Thank you.

Elizabeth Aldred

Janice O'Connell

From: Mary Chaffee
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2019 11:04 AM
To: Janice O'Connell
Subject: FW: Cape Cod Commission's Regional Policy Plan

From: Mary Patten
Date: Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 9:12 AM
To: Mary Chaffee <mary.chaffee@barnstablecounty.org>
Subject: Cape Cod Commission's Regional Policy Plan

Dear Ms. Chaffee:

i am a part-time Brewster resident. i'm writing to ask that you please **reject** the Cape Cod Commission's Regional Policy Plan (RPP) at this Wednesday's Assembly meeting. The Commission needs to aggressively work to **reduce** carbon emissions – to actively advance energy efficiency, renewable energy, zero waste practices, and so much more.

We are particularly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, already wreaking havoc in our region and around the world.

Please act now! Thank you.

Mary Patten
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From: Mary Chaffee
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2019 11:03 AM
To: Janice O'Connell
Subject: FW: RPP

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Hello Mary,

As a resident of Brewster, I would like to ask you, to send the current RPP back to the CC Commission and require a more pro active plan. Cape Cod, as a community that exists because of its fragile environmental beauty, deserves a plan that goes well beyond the 2008 Global Warning Solutions Act. I have been informed that the current plan falls far short of such goals. This is not the time to be overly cautious in requiring changes that bring the culture in line with the need to preserve the life of our natural community, which only a far sighted and rigorous plan can do. I urge you to require the Commission to revise their proposal, creating one that will make Cape Cod a leader in ecological planning and foresight.

Pam Turnbull

Sent from my iPad

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From: Mary Chaffee
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2019 1:05 PM
To: Janice O'Connell
Subject: FW: commission report

From: Mitch Relin
Date: Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 12:47 PM
To: Mary Chaffee <mary.chaffee@barnstablecounty.org>
Subject: commission report

Dear Mary Chafee,

I have just learned that the Cape Cod Commission report, which will be voted on by the Assembly of Delegates, is inadequate to significantly lessen our carbon foot print.

Please reject this report, and direct the Commission to revise it so that it at least aligns 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.

Cape Cod should be a leader in establishing progressive policies to ameliorate climate change effects.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,

Mitchell Relin
36 White Oak Trail
Brewster

Janice O'Connell

From: Nancy Gifford <ngifford@rocketmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2019 1:32 PM
To: Janice O'Connell
Subject: Messege for Ms. Harder

Dear Ms. Harder, I am writing to request that you please consider a no vote on Wednesday's Regional Plan and send it back to the Cape Cod Commission for review. The plan as it stands does not include enough focus on climate change and how we will respond to the changes in our coastline. Many of our essential businesses and services are located in the flood plain.

Thank you taking the time to consider my request.

Nancy Gifford
4 Old Chatham Road
Harwich, MA 02645

Teacher-Monomoy Schools and Board Member of the Cape Cod Climate Change Collaborative.

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From: Mary Chaffee
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2019 6:58 PM
To: Janice O'Connell
Subject: FW: Cape Cod Regional Policy Plan

On 1/15/19, 6:50 PM, "Laurel Labdon" [REDACTED]

Dear Mary,

I know we can count on you to continue to be the environmental champion you have always been, but I did want to register my voice and ask you to reject the Cape Cod Regional Policy Plan (RPP) when you vote at the Assembly meeting tomorrow and direct the Cape Cod Commission to bring back a plan establishing Barnstable County as a leader in reducing carbon emissions.

For so many reasons our beloved Cape Cod feels environmental impacts sooner and more severely than other communities and we must remain vigilant in our stewardship. I believe we must combat all of the threats posed by climate change as aggressively as possible. I am confident you will vote to reject the plan tomorrow and work hard to develop a more comprehensive and forward thinking plan using all of the "tools" available to us to safeguard our fragile environment from the ever worsening effects of the climate crisis.

I sincerely thank you for all that you do.

Best regards,
Laurel Labdon

Janice O'Connell

From: Elizabeth Harder
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2019 8:47 PM
To: Janice O'Connell
Subject: Fwd: Your Vote Wednesday - More Aggressive Action Needed!

From: Maureen Condon [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, January 12, 2019 3:07 PM
To: Elizabeth Harder
Subject: Your Vote Wednesday - More Aggressive Action Needed!

Hi Elizabeth,

I was delighted to meet you when you were running for office. I'm writing today for two reasons.

First, 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.

For nearly two years, 350 Cape Cod members have been asking the Cape Cod Commission to ensure that the RPP complies, at a minimum, 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.

Second, I want you to know that I'm so concerned about climate change that I've written a play about it, *CRUDE-The Musical*, where an environmentalist daughter outwits her oil tycoon Dad, and cleverly forces him to transform his oil

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business into a Green Energy giant. I'm hoping to have this musical produced at theaters on Cape Cod and eventually nationwide. I'm planning to have talk-backs after the show to talk with audience members about what they can do about climate change. And I plan to invite local politicians like yourself to these talk-backs.

I feel your constituents, of which I'm one, are very concerned about climate change. I can already see how the high tide is higher than it was several years ago at Red River Beach. If we do nothing and the tides continue to get higher, all beachfront property will be at risk. And the quality of life for our grandchildren and all future generations will be at risk. Please do your job and vote for more aggressive action to make Cape Cod a net-zero region.

Sincerely,

Maureen Condon
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Harwich Port, MA 02646

Janice O'Connell

From: Elizabeth Harder
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2019 9:43 PM
To: Janice O'Connell
Subject: Fwd: Cape Cod Commission Regional Policy Plan (RPP)

From: ROSANNE SHAPIRO [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2019 9:38 PM
To: Elizabeth Harder
Subject: Cape Cod Commission Regional Policy Plan (RPP)

Hi Elizabeth,

I'm writing to you as my newly elected representative to the Assembly of Delegates. I know that, at its meeting tomorrow, the Assembly will be voting on the above named plan. As a concerned resident of the Cape, fully aware of the climate crisis that is wreaking havoc all over the globe with direct impact on the well-being of Cape residents as well as the Cape's economy, I urge you to reject the RPP as formulated by the Commission as totally inadequate to address the changes we face as a coastal community. The Commission has made some revisions in its earlier

RPP (mainly in response to increasing pressure from Cape residents). However, these revisions are inadequate to promote energy efficiency, increased use of renewables, net-zero construction - to name just a few of the practices that would support reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. We need a plan that takes into account the reality of the Cape's fragile ecosystem and makes it possible for all of us to continue to live and thrive on this very special spit of land.

I thank you in advance for your support.

Most sincerely,

Rosanne Shapiro

"Trust your crazy ideas." - Dan Zadra

Janice O'Connell

From: Suzanne McAuliffe
Sent: Wednesday, January 16, 2019 7:48 AM
To: Janice O'Connell
Subject: Fwd: Cape Cod Commission's Regional Policy Plan

FYI

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: George Oleyer <oleyer@snnet.net>
Date: January 15, 2019 at 11:21:02 PM EST
To: "smcauliffe@barnstablecounty.org" <smcauliffe@barnstablecounty.org>
Subject: Cape Cod Commission's Regional Policy Plan
Reply-To: George Oleyer <oleyer@snnet.net>

Dear Delegate Suzanne McAuliffe

We must reduce carbon emissions to zero in the next 15 years as scientific consensus to avoid *endgame*. This will be an unimaginable nightmare our children will grievously seek to endure (and many not) unless we act now. PLEASE reject the Cape Cod Regional Policy Plan (RPP) when you vote at the Assembly meeting on Wednesday and direct the Cape Cod Commission to develop a plan establishing Barnstable County as a leader in reducing carbon emissions, a plan expediting Cape Cod's transition to a net-zero region. Please see attached scientific chart and narrative of ocean warming since 1940, accelerating hyperbolically with polar caps melting. <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/01/10/climate/ocean-warming-climate-change.html> Too little will be too late for all of us.

Most sincerely,

George Oleyer, 34 Studley Road, South Yarmouth 508-694-5916