

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Barnstable, ss.

At a regular meeting of the Barnstable County Board of Regional Commissioners, held in Commissioners' Conference Room, in the Superior Courthouse, on the twenty-ninth day of May, A.D. 2019

Board Regional Commissioners:

Ronald R. Beaty Present

Ronald Bergstrom Present

Mary Pat Flynn Present

Staff Present:

Jack Yunits County Administrator

Steve Tebo Assistant County Administrator

Owen Fletcher Executive Assistant, Administration

Ian Roberts Technical Support Specialist, Information Technology

1. Call to Order

Chairman Bergstrom called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Moment of Silence

4. Public Comment

No members of the public offered comment.

5. Approval of Minutes

a. Regular Meeting of May 29, 2019

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to approve the minutes of the Board of Regional Commissioners Regular Meeting of May 22, 2019 as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

6. General Business**a. Presentation from Deep Blue LLC regarding a Shark Deterrent Proposal**

Willy Planinshek and Kevin McCarthy, the founders of Deep Blue LLC presented to the Board regarding the Marine Acoustic Deterrent Systems (M.A.D.S). Mr. Planinshek asserted the Cape has an overpopulation of seals and sharks that will increase over time. He argued that seals can be directed into deeper waters and away from the Cape using sound waves. He further argued that the great white sharks would follow as the seals are their food source. He informed the Board that he had submitted this proposal to Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI) for evaluation. Commissioner Beaty noted that each town would have to use this deterrent to ensure that seals and shark populations would not increase off their individual shores. Commissioner Flynn. Mr. Planinshek explained that the primary concern for his company was not financial, but he founded it in response to previous calls from the Board for possible solutions to the problem. Chairman Bergstrom noted local concerns with this issue. He also expressed that the Board would generally support any proposals that could be shown to be scientifically feasible while presenting no harm to the environment. He asked that Mr. Planinshek and Mr. McCarthy to conduct more testing and return when the project was further along.

Ms. Sharon Young, a resident of the Town of Bourne, and the marine issues field director for Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) spoke to the Board. She argued that the proposal relies on technology that has been unsuccessful in the past in solving the issue.

Brian Sharp, a resident of the Town of Yarmouth, Director of Marine Mammal Rescue & Research, for the International Fund for Animal Welfare also spoke to the Board. He noted his organization is tasked by the federal government with dealing with stranding on the Cape. He noted that scientific evidence showed that the seal population is not increasing and that sharks also eat other animals as well. He also noted that this proposal would have a large effect on all sea life, and not just sharks and seals.

Mr. John Kartsounis and Mr. Drew Taylor, residents of the Town of Wellfleet, expressed their opinions as residents to the Board. They discussed some of the history of the issue and argued for solutions that prioritize the effect of sharks on humans.

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

There was no new business at this meeting.

8. Commissioners' Actions

- a. Authorizing the approval of a reimbursement request from Jack Yunits, County Administrator, for the period of April 23, 2019 through May 21, 2019**

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to approve a reimbursement request from Jack Yunits, County Administrator, for the period of April 23, 2019 through May 21, 2019, as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

- b. Authorizing the re-appointment of Zenas Crocker to the Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative Governing Board, as the Board of Regional Commissioners' representative, for a two-year term to expire June 30, 2020**

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to re-appointment Zenas Crocker to the Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative Governing Board, as the Board of Regional Commissioners' representative, for a two-year term to expire June 30, 2021, as presented, as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

- c. 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 Bergstrom spoke regarding a recent Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) public hearing on Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (pfos) standards.

10. County Administrator and Staff Reports

Mr. Yunits updated the Board and public regarding recent meetings with the DEP regarding training at the County Fire Rescue Training Academy. He noted efforts to move the academy to Joint Base Cape Cod.

11. Adjournment

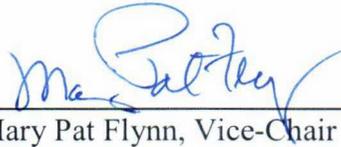
Barnstable, ss. at 11:32 A.M. on this twenty-ninth day of May A.D. 2019, Commissioner Beaty made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

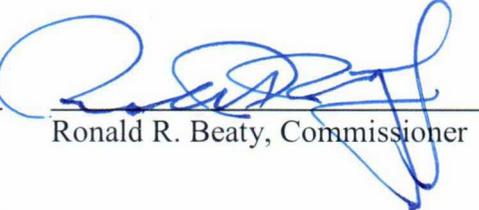
List of Documents:

- Draft minutes of the Board of Regional Commissioners Regular Meeting of May 22, 2019
- White Paper from Deep Blue LLC regarding a Shark Deterrent
- Reimbursement Request from Jack Yunits, County Administrator, for April and May 2019
- Appointees to the Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative Board
- Memorandum dated May 27, 2019 to the County Commissioners from the Community Septic Management Loan Program regarding Certificates for Dissolving Septic Betterments

Approved, Board of Regional Commissioners:


Ronald Bergstrom, Chair


Mary Pat Flynn, Vice-Chair


Ronald R. Beaty, Commissioner

06/05/19
Date

The foregoing records have been read and approved, June 5, 2019.

A true copy, attest:


Janice O'Connell, Regional Clerk