

BARNSTABLE COUNTY

In the Year Two Thousand Nineteen

Proposed Ordinance 19-12

Whereas...AmeriCorps Cape Cod is a national service program operating through Barnstable County;

Whereas...the AmeriCorps Program focuses on meeting Cape Cod's critical and pressing environmental and disaster response needs;

Whereas...the AmeriCorps Program and its member participants are dedicated to community service through local collaboration;

Now therefore

The Cape Cod regional government, known as Barnstable County, hereby ordains;

Section 1. Establishment of the Barnstable County AmeriCorps Advisory Board

There shall be a Barnstable County AmeriCorps Advisory Board established as a part of Barnstable County government, subject to the rules, regulations, and administrative and budgetary policies and procedures of the County, consistent with the federal grant and regulatory requirements for the AmeriCorps Cape Cod program.

The Barnstable County AmeriCorps Advisory Board shall be established for the purpose of monitoring the AmeriCorps Cape Cod program's impact within the communities of Barnstable County and provide recommendations to the County for the continuous improvement of the program.

A. Membership and Appointments

The Barnstable County AmeriCorps Advisory Board shall be constituted as follows:

- i. There shall be a total of fifteen (15) members comprised of thirteen (13) members with not more than two (2) additional ex-officio members, along with three (3) alternate members, all of whom shall be appointed by the County Commissioners.
- ii. Thirteen (13) members shall represent local, regional, state and federal program partners, collaborators, community service organizations, and other stakeholders, including but not limited to town natural resource, conservation, or public works departments, academic institutions, public safety departments, Cape Cod Commission, Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, Cape Cod National Seashore, and non-governmental organizations.
- iii. Ex-officio members include a representative of the Barnstable County Commissioners and the Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates, nominated by those respective bodies.

- iv. Members shall have an understanding of the AmeriCorps Cape Cod focus areas which include natural resource management, disaster preparedness and response, environmental education, and volunteer engagement.
- v. The Barnstable County AmeriCorps Advisory Board shall solicit member nominations from agencies or organizations outlined in section I(A)(ii) of this ordinance. Nominations shall be recommended to the Barnstable County Commissioners for appointment and shall reflect consideration of a balance of the range of expertise and interests represented on the committee.
- vi. Committee members shall serve staggered three-year terms so no more than five members' terms expire each year. Committee members may serve for an unlimited number of terms (term limits not to apply to Ex-officio and Staff members).
- vii. There shall be three (3) alternate members appointed through the same process as written in section I(A)(ii).
- viii. A majority of the voting members shall constitute a quorum.
- ix. At the first meeting of each “program year” (a “program year” begins on August 15th and ends the following calendar year on August 14th), Barnstable County AmeriCorps Advisory Board members shall nominate and elect, by a simple majority of the quorum present, a Chair and a Vice-Chair.

B. Staffing

The Barnstable County AmeriCorps Cape Cod staff will provide program expertise and administrative support to the Barnstable County AmeriCorps Advisory Board as needed to fulfill the responsibilities outlined in this ordinance.

C. Funding

The Barnstable County AmeriCorps Advisory Board shall not have an annual budget and shall not have any formal authority over the financial management of the Barnstable County AmeriCorps Cape Cod Program.

Section 2. Effective Date

This ordinance is effective immediately upon adoption and replaces all previous ordinances or directives related to the establishment, function and membership of the Barnstable County AmeriCorps Advisory Board.

(Submitted by the Board of Regional Commissioners at a regular meeting of the Assembly of Delegates on June 5, 2019)