

BARNSTABLE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES
Standing Committee on Governmental Regulations
Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2019

Meeting called to order by Chair E. Suzanne McAuliffe at the Eastwing Conference Center, 3195 Main Street, Barnstable, Massachusetts at 3:00 p.m.

Committee members present: E. Suzanne McAuliffe (Assembly Speaker), Mary Chaffee (Public Services Vice-Chair), James Killion (Telecommunications & Energy Chair), Susan Moran (Economic Affairs Chair), John Ohman (Health & Human Services Chair), Brian O'Malley (Natural Resources Chair).

Committee members absent: Patrick Princi (Finance Chair).

Chair McAuliffe opened the committee meeting for discussion and review purposes related to two proposed ordinances submitted to the Assembly of Delegates on February 6, 2019 as follows:

- Proposed Ordinance 19-04: To Reduce Climate Change Impacts, submitted by Brewster Delegate Mary Chaffee.
- Proposed Ordinance 19-05: To Establish an Office of Climate Change Prevention, submitted by Provincetown Delegate Brian O'Malley.

Summary:

The goal of the proposers of both ordinances was to raise awareness, initiate movement and establish a role for the county in dealing with climate change. Since submission of the two proposed ordinances in February, the county has taken some action towards reducing its carbon footprint. There are other organizations and groups, including the Cape Cod Commission, who are involved and also taking steps towards climate change reduction on Cape Cod.

The committee would like to take a look at:

- what is being by the county at this time to facilitate climate change
- what can the Assembly and county do going forward to influence climate change reduction that is within its scope of operation
- with whom the county would engage to facilitate, identify and involve stakeholders in a process headed towards action on climate change reduction

Through the Clerk, the committee would like to ask the County Administrator to prepare a written report for the committee and Assembly to identify:

- an inventory of actions that are underway at the county, including its departments, with input from the Cape Cod Commission, and Cape Light Compact if possible, via the County Administrator
- a list of new initiatives to tackle should funding be made available
- identify what benefits would be derived from funding new initiatives

An inventory of all other groups on Cape Cod that have activities underway related to climate change would be of interest to the committee.

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The two proposed ordinances will not go forward until an update and report is received from the County Administrator. The Clerk will contact the County Administrator with committee request and notify the Chair when action is anticipated.

Chair McAuliffe adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Submitted by:

Janice O'Connell, Clerk
Assembly of Delegates

List of Meeting Materials:

- Proposed Ordinance 19-04
- Proposed Ordinance 19-05
- Letter dated 5/15/19 submitted by Eastham Delegate J. T. Gallagher