

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Barnstable, ss.

At a regular meeting of the Barnstable County Board of Regional Commissioners, held in East Wing Conference Room, in the Old Jail Building, on the thirteenth day of November, A.D. 2019

Board Regional Commissioners:

Ronald R. Beaty Present

Ronald Bergstrom Present

Mary Pat Flynn Present

Staff Present:

Jack Yunits County Administrator

Owen Fletcher Executive Assistant, Administration

Janice O'Connell County Clerk/Assembly Clerk

Stacy Gallagher Director, Children's Cove

Bobbi Moritz Officer, Resource Development Office

Kristy Senatori Executive Director, Cape Cod Commission

Jennifer Clinton Community Development Planner, Cape Cod Commission

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 November 6, 2019

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to approve the minutes of the Board of Regional Commissioners' Regular Meeting of November 6, 2019 as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

6. General Business

a. Report from Mary Vilbon, Executive Director of the Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce, regarding services at the Route 6 Rest Area

Ms. Vilbon reported to the Board on the Rest Area's operations during the current season. She thanked the Board and Mr. Yunits for their support and noted an increase in use from the previous year. The Board had a lengthy discussion regarding a new food services provider working at the Rest Area through a pilot program. The Board clarified that a portion of the revenue generated by the provider would be returned to the County. Mr. Beaty asked for this item to be put on an upcoming regular meeting agenda to consider encumbering more funding for rest area services. Mr. Yunits addressed questions from the Board and spoke regarding working with the Commonwealth to create public/private partnerships.

b. Discussion on retaining Special Counsel for the Board of Regional Commissioners, to review and advise on the Barnstable County Home Rule Charter Review Process pursuant to Section 2.3(c) of the Barnstable County Administrative Code

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to retain Special Counsel for the Board of Regional Commissioners, to review, and advise on, the Barnstable County Home Rule Charter Review Process pursuant to Section 2.3(c) of the Barnstable County Administrative Code, as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

Chairman Bergstrom detailed the history of the Barnstable County Home Rule Charter and noted there had never been a proposed structural change to the document. He argued that due to recent discussions of structural changes by the Assembly of Delegates, the Board had need for outside counsel. Mr. Yunits discussed the process for the possible appointment of such counsel and the required funding to do so. The Board also discussed general legal funding for the year.

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 appointment to the Barnstable County Human Rights Advisory Commission of: Alan Milsted, David Schropfer, and Paul Thompson for terms expiring December 31, 2020; Trish Oshman, Morgan James Peters, and Darlene Zerbe for terms expiring December 31, 2021 and; and Wendy Bierwirth, Kate Epperly, Jeanne Morrison, and Katie Riconda for terms expiring December 31, 2022**

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to appoint to the Barnstable County Human Rights Advisory Commission: Alan Milsted, David Schropfer, and Paul Thompson for terms expiring December 31, 2020; Trish Oshman and Morgan James Peters for terms expiring December 31, 2021 and; Wendy Bierwirth, Kate Epperly, Jeanne Morrison, and Katie Riconda for terms expiring December 31, 2022, as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

Commissioner Flynn clarified that Ms. Zerbe had removed her name from consideration.

- b. **Authorizing the execution of a contract for a grant from the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance to Children's Cove, in the amount of \$4,986.00 for a period from September 03, 2019 to March 26, 2020 for professional development training at the International Symposium on Child Abuse in Huntsville, Alabama in March 2020**

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Ms. Gallagher answered questions from the Board regarding the conference. She explained it would provide routine ongoing training for multiple staff members.

- c. Authorizing the award of microgrants, as recommended by the Barnstable County Economic Development Council, to: Friends or Relatives with Autism and Related Disabilities (FORWARD); the Town of Yarmouth, and WCAI, Local National Public Radio (NPR) Station for the Cape, Coast & Islands**

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to authorize the award of microgrants, as recommended by the Barnstable County Economic Development Council, to: Friends or Relatives with Autism and Related Disabilities (FORWARD); the Town of Yarmouth, and WCAI, Local National Public Radio (NPR) Station for the Cape, Coast & Islands, as presented, as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

Ms. Senatori and Ms. Clinton answered questions from the Board regarding the process leading to the recommendations. She noted there were many applicants for the funds. Ms. Senatori described the purpose of each grant. Commissioner Beaty noted that Bridgewater State College and job training programs were in Yarmouth. He questioned why the grant to WCAI would lead to economic development. Ms. Senatori noted that the reporting was regional and therefore related to such development. Chairman Bergstrom noted the history of the County giving grants separate from the funds received through license plate funds. Commissioner Beaty noted that a Board member of FORWARD was on the review committee but abstained from that recommendation. Ms. Clinton noted that the recent Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) plan contained elements on responding to climate change.

- d. Authorizing the execution of the discharge of a mortgage by Caroline M. Corrigan to Barnstable County, dated December 11, 2017, recorded with the Barnstable County Land Court Registry as Document 1336297**

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to authorize the execution of the discharge of a mortgage by Caroline M. Corrigan to Barnstable County, dated December 11, 2017, recorded with the Barnstable County Land Court Registry as Document 1336297, as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

- e. 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

The Board received no certificates for execution at this meeting.

9. Commissioners' Reports

The Board provided no reports at this meeting.

10. County Administrator and Staff Reports

Mr. Yunits reported on the status of the dredge, ongoing meetings regarding moving the Fire Rescue Training Academy, the upcoming Cape Cod Municipal Police Academy Graduation, a hearing in Barnstable Township on Census 2000, and a presentation by Silent Spring. He also spoke regarding conversations with the new Town Administrator for Bourne regarding County owned properties located in the town.

11. Adjournment

Barnstable, ss. at 10:41 A.M. on this thirteenth day of November A.D. 2019, Commissioner Beaty made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

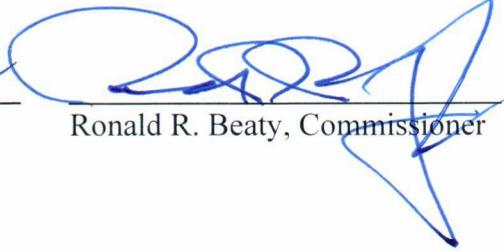
List of Documents:

- Draft of the minutes of the Board of Regional Commissioners' Regular Meeting of November 6, 2019
- Section 2.3(c) of the Barnstable County Administrative Code
- Memo to Beth Albert, Director Barnstable County Department of Human Services from Alan Milsted, Chair of the Barnstable County Human Rights Advisory Commission regarding "Re-Appointments and Appointments" dated October 25, 2019
- Contract for a grant from the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance to Children's Cove, in the amount of \$4,986.00 for a period from September 03, 2019 to March 26, 2020 for professional development training at the International Symposium on Child Abuse in Huntsville, Alabama in March 2020
- New Fund Request Memo dated November 6, 2019 to the County Commissioners from Bobbi Moritz (RDO) with the subject, "New Fund Request: FY20 Victim Services Training Grant"
- Memorandum dated November 7, 2019 to the Barnstable County Board of Regional Commissioners from Erin Perry, Deputy Director of the Cape Cod Commission, regarding "FY20 Barnstable County License Plate Grant Program"
- Discharge of a mortgage by Caroline M. Corrigan to Barnstable County, dated December 11, 2017, recorded with the Barnstable County Land Court Registry as Document 1336297

Approved, Board of Regional Commissioners:


Ronald Bergstrom, Chair


Mary Pat Flynn, Vice-Chair


Ronald R. Beaty, Commissioner

11/20/19
Date

The foregoing records have been read and approved, November 20, 2019.

A true copy, attest:


Janice O'Connell, Regional Clerk

