

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Barnstable, ss.

At a regular meeting of the Barnstable County Board of Regional Commissioners, held in the Commissioners' Conference Room, in the Superior Courthouse, on the fifteenth day of January, A.D. 2020

Barnstable County Commissioners:

Ronald R. Beaty	Present
Ronald Bergstrom	Present
Mary Pat Flynn	Present

Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates

John Ohman	Delegate, Town of Dennis
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Staff Present:

Jack Yunits	County Administrator
Steve Tebo	Assistant County Administrator
Justyna Marczak	Human Resources Director, Administration
Owen Fletcher	Executive Assistant, Administration
Elizabeth Braccia	Director of Finance/Treasurer
Donald Reynolds	Director, Facilities
Stacy Gallagher	Director, Children's Cove
Sean O'Brien	Director, Health and Environment
Erika Woods	Deputy Director/Senior Environmental Specialist/Public Health Sanitarian Health and Environment
Beth Albert	Director, Human Services
Bill Traverse	Director, Information Technology
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

Chairman Bergstrom asked for a moment of silence to support all members of the United States armed forces serving both at home and overseas.

4. Public Comment

No members of the public offered comment.

5. Approval of Minutes**a. Regular Meeting of January 8, 2020**

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to approve the minutes of the Board of Regional Commissioners' Regular Meeting of January 8, 2020 as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

6. Fiscal Year 2021 County Budget Presentations

Ms. Braccia clarified the differences between the Finance Department's budget presentation from last year to this year. She noted some confusion regarding projected increases in the Commissioners' Office budgets due to new accounting practices. The practices better reflect the true costs of the County Dredge. The Board discussed methods to ensure the public fully understands County Expenditures in the proposed budget. The Commissioners also discussed the relationship of County grant funds to the public.

a. Health and Environment

Mr. O'Brien and Ms. Wood presented on the department's budget. Mr. O'Brien noted the proposed budget was level funded. He noted the budget contained a greater level of detail than those of past years, but did not contain information on grants. Mr. O'Brien also discussed the department's need for a communications staffer that understands emergency management procedures. The Board discussed the size of the department and Mr. O'Brien highlighted the Water Quality Laboratory as a revenue generated for the County.

The Board also clarified that the Department provides summer sanitarians and health inspection support to Barnstable County Towns. Finally, Ms. Woods discussed services the County provides through its Cape Cod Hoarding Task Force and Ms. O'Brien discussed changes at the County run Massachusetts Septic System Test Center (MASSTC).

b. Human Services

Ms. Albert presented the proposed budget to the Commissioners and explained that it was level funded. She highlighted staff changes, discussed the Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone (SHINE) program, and expanding the services the department provides.

c. Children's Cove

Ms. Gallagher presented to the Board and discussed grant funding and staffing. She explained increases in personnel due to changes in grant funding.

d. Information Technology

Mr. Traverse presented to the Board. He noted increases in costs due to the County's purchase of a larger amount of required service licenses. However, Mr. Traverse explained that the costs should be constant for the at least the next three fiscal years. The Board also discussed the County's cybersecurity needs.

e. Facilities

Mr. Reynolds presented on the departments budget and explained increases in the Department's proposed budget. He noted the County's inability to control small yearly increases in building costs and also discussed changes to personnel due to the County's Early Retirement Incentive Program.

7. General Business**a. Acknowledging the service of James Butcher, Chief Probation Officer for the Barnstable District Court, to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and County of Barnstable**

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to issue a citation recognizing the service of James Butcher, Chief Probation Officer for the Barnstable District Court, to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and County of Barnstable, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

8. New Business – Other business not reasonably anticipated by the Chair**a. Authorizing a certification that a copy of Layout 8613 (Alteration), dated December 31, 2019, attesting that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division, acting under the provisions of Chapter 6C and Chapter 81 of the General Laws, has altered the location of sections of Iyannough Road (Route 28) in the Town of Barnstable, has been filed in the Office of the County Commissioners**

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to authorize a certification that a copy of Layout 8613 (Alteration), dated December 31, 2019, attesting that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division, acting under the provisions of Chapter 6C and Chapter 81 of the General Laws, has altered the location of sections of Iyannough Road (Route 28) in the Town of Barnstable, has been filed in the Office of the County Commissioners, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

Commissioner Beaty explained this item appeared in his mail but required the action of the entire Board. Mr. Yunits explained the underlying action did not require approval of the Board, but this certification was required.

9. Commissioners' Actions**a. Authorizing the appointment of Elizabeth Wade to the Barnstable County HOME Consortium Advisory Council, as an at-large representative, for a three-year term from February 1, 2020 through January 31, 2023**

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to authorize the appointment of Elizabeth Wade to the Barnstable County HOME Consortium Advisory Council, as an at-large representative, for a three-year term from February 1, 2020 through January 31, 2023, as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn,

b. Authorizing the allocation of funds to the County Administrator for the activities of the Mercy Otis Warren Woman of the Year Award Committee for Fiscal Years 2019 and 2020

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to authorize the allocation of \$500.00 to the County Administrator for the activities of the Mercy Otis Warren Woman of the Year Award Committee for Fiscal Year 2020, as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

Mr. Yunits answered questions from the Board and explained the Committee sends their bills for payment and donations to the County. He noted there are still a small amount of outstanding bills from last fiscal year, but the account currently contains approximately \$2,500.00

- c. Authorizing a grant from the Special License Plate Fund to the Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce, and the transfer of an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, for the operation of the Route 6 Rest Area for the 2020 and 2021 seasons**

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to authorize a grant from the Special License Plate Fund to the Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce, and the transfer of an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, for the operation of the Route 6 Rest Area for the 2020 and 2021 seasons, as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

Mr. Yunits explained the need for the item to the Board and noted the license plate money must be used for very specific services. The Commissioners discussed the detailed background information the Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce provided to the Board. The Commissioners engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding other funding sources for the Rest Area, the Commonwealth's assistance in maintaining the facilities, and increased usage of the site.

- d. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Town of Dennis, up to a maximum amount of \$135,000.00, to do and perform all dredge related work at Sesuit Harbor Entrance Channel**
- e. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Town of Mashpee, up to a maximum amount of \$104,000.00, to do and perform all dredge related work**
- f. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Town of Truro, up to a maximum amount of \$90,000.00, to do and perform all dredge related work for the Town of Truro in Pamet**

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to authorize the approval of Items 9d through 9f as listed on the Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting Agenda for January 15, 2020, as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

- g. Authorizing the execution of an amendment to an agreement with the Town of Barnstable, executed July 1, 2017, to provide a license to access the County Farm for the limited purpose of conducting exploratory test drilling, for a period from July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019, to extend the term of the agreement for one (1) year through December 31, 2020**

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to authorize the execution of an amendment to an agreement with the Town of Barnstable, executed July 1, 2017, to provide a license to access the County Farm for the limited purpose of conducting exploratory test drilling, for a period from July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019, to extend the term of the agreement for one (1) year through December 31, 2020, as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

Commissioner Beaty explained that he did not support the underlying agreement because it was tied to the Settlement of lawsuit by the Town of Barnstable against the County for contamination at the Mary Dunn Wells from the County's Fire Rescue Training Academy. He stated that he felt the Board approved the settlement in haste, and the Commonwealth later found Open Public Meeting Law violations for the meeting it was approved at.

Commissioner Beaty also expressed his opinion that the agreement may interfere with the County's plans for the site, and the Town had enough time to complete its studies. Mr. Yunits explained that the Courts would not look kindly on the County not giving a good faith extension because it was part of the settlement. Commissioner Beaty asserted it was not. Commissioner Bergstrom stated that the County was trying to keep good relationship with the town if possible and wished to contribute to the town finding new sources of clean water.

h. Authorizing the discharge of a mortgage by Amber E. Lavelle, to Barnstable County, acting by and through the Cape Cod Commission, dated November 4, 2005, and recorded with the Barnstable County Registry of Deeds in Book 20444, Page 72

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to authorize the discharge of a mortgage by Amber E. Lavelle, to Barnstable County, acting by and through the Cape Cod Commission, dated November 4, 2005, and recorded with the Barnstable County Registry of Deeds in Book 20444, Page 72, as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

i. 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

10. Commissioners' Reports

Chairman Bergstrom spoke regarding attending the recent Boar's Head Festival. He noted that AmeriCorps volunteers partially staffed the festival and that it was a great event. Commissioner Beaty spoke regarding the upcoming AmeriCorps Martin Luther King Day of Service Event.

11. County Administrator and Staff Reports

Mr. Yunits spoke regarding solid waste and the Board discussed trash collection. Mr. Yunits also reported on an upcoming meeting with Senator Julian Cyr and Representative Sarah Peake regarding an earmark in the Commonwealth's budget for cleanup at the Barnstable County Fire Rescue Training Academy, and a meeting with the Chairmen of the Massachusetts Legislature's Ways and Means Committee regarding H.3939.

12. Adjournment

Barnstable, ss. at 11:40 A.M. on this fifteenth day of January A.D. 2020, motion by Commissioner Beaty to adjourn, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

List of Documents

- Draft Minutes of the Board of Regional Commissioners Regular Meeting of January 8, 2020
- Citation acknowledging the service of James Butcher, Chief Probation Officer for the Barnstable District Court, to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and County of Barnstable
- Letter dated January 8, 2020 to Ronald R. Beaty, Commissioner regarding "Barnstable, Layout: 8613 (Alteration), Dated: December 31, 2019, Prcl(s) 16-E-3, 16-E-5, 16-E-1-T, 16-HL-PUE-23, 16-HS-3-T, 16-PUE-3, 16-PUE-20, ETC" ,from Walter H. Lynch, Deputy Director, Right of Way Bureau, Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division
- Certification that a copy of Layout 8613 (Alteration), dated December 31, 2019, attesting that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division, acting under the provisions of Chapter 6C and Chapter 81 of the General Laws, has altered the location of sections of Iyannough Road (Route 28) in the Town of Barnstable, has been filed in the Office of the County Commissioners
- Letter dated January 9, 2020 to the Barnstable County Commissioners from Mary Vilbon, Executive Director of Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce
- Appointment Memorandum to the Barnstable County Commissioners from Renie Hamman, HOME Program Manager, regarding "Barnstable County HOME Consortium Advisory Council, Re-Appointment of At-Large Member", dated January 10, 2020
- Approval of the Barnstable County Board of Regional Commissioners to establish the Mercy Otis Warren Woman of the Year Award, dated March 8, 2017
- Letter dated January 9, 2020 to the Barnstable County Commissioners from Mary Vilbon, Executive Director of Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce
- Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce Route 6 Expenses, May through December 2020, dated January 9, 2020
- 2019 Route 6 Rest Area Summary, Data, and 2020, prepared by the Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce
- Barnstable Economic Development County License Plate Major Grants Pre-proposal Application by Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce
- Email from Siobhan Hickey Cavacco, sent Tuesday, November 19, 2019 10:29 AM to Mary Vilbon, Executive Director of Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce, with the subject "License Plate Major Grant Proposal"
- Agreement with the Town of Dennis, to do and perform all dredge related work at Sesuit Harbor Entrance Channel, up to a maximum amount of \$135,000.00
- Agreement with the Town of Mashpee, to do and perform all dredge related work, up to a maximum amount of \$104,000.00
- Agreement with the Town of Truro, to do and perform all dredge related work in Pamet Harbor Approach Channel, up to a maximum amount of \$90,000.00

- Amendment to an agreement with the Town of Barnstable, executed July 1, 2017, to provide a license to access the County Farm for the limited purpose of conducting exploratory test drilling, for a period from July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019, to extend the term of the agreement for one (1) year through December 31, 2020
- Agreement with the Town of Barnstable, executed July 1, 2017, to provide a license to access the County Farm for the limited purpose of conducting exploratory test drilling, for a period from July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019
- Discharge of a mortgage by Amber E. Lavelle, to Barnstable County, acting by and through the Cape Cod Commission, dated November 4, 2005, and recorded with the Barnstable County Registry of Deeds in Book 20444, Page 72
- Memorandum dated January 6, 2020 to the Board of Regional Commissioners from Community Septic Loan Program regarding Certificates for Dissolving Betterments

Approved, Board of Regional Commissioners



Ronald Bergstrom, Chair



Mary Pat Flynn, Vice-Chair



Ronald R. Beaty, Commissioner

A true copy, attest:

The foregoing records have been read and approved, January 22, 2020.

A true copy, attest:



Janice O'Connell, Regional Clerk

