



# Cape Cod and Islands Selectmen & Councilors Association

Representing 22 Municipalities & 105 Elected Officials

## Minutes

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Friday, June 11, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Reinhart at 7:35. The President asked the Clerk to call the roll.

The following towns were represented; Barnstable, Bourne, Brewster, Chatham, Falmouth, Harwich, Mashpee, Orleans, Sandwich, Wellfleet, Yarmouth. There being 11 towns represented a quorum was declared.

The following Councilors and Selectmen were present; Paula Schnepf, Paul Hebert, David Bogan, Kris Clark, George Slade, MJ Mastrangelo, Shareen Davis, Corey Metters, Mary Chaffee, Kari Hoffman, Doug Brown, Andrew Gottlieb, Kevin Galligan, Charlie Holden, Janet Reinhart, Mark Forest. The following Associate members were present; Greg Milne, Alan McClennen Jr., Stephen Mealy, Ed McManus, Ron Bergstrom, Susan Moran. The following Affiliate members were present; Julian Suso(Fal. TA), Sarah Colvin(CCC), John Robertson(MMA), Sen. Susan Moran, Rep. Steve Xiarhos, Rep. Kip Diggs, Tom D'Amario(Rep.Diggs Aide)

President Reinhart introduced speakers to provide legislative updates beginning with Senator Moran.

Senator Moran reported on the following issues:

- She and Senator Cyr are coordinating efforts to oppose the Gun Range proposal.
- S 1320 emergency pathway for FEMA flood maps.
- S 1853 Climate Change Infrastructure Mitigation Funding
- H 3086 Regional Transportation Ballot Authorization for Transportation Funding
- S 2289 Tested and Insured drivers
- S 7286 Work and Family Mobility

Ask that towns hold regional discussions to develop strategies to address the critical housing need facing Cape Cod.

Rep. Xiarhos reported on Nero's Bill to provide for emergency medical assistance for police animals. He also discussed his Back to Business Tour to highlight newly opened and reopening businesses.

Rep. Diggs is pulling together legislation to address the PFAS issue. He announced that he holds office hours on Tuesdays at the Centerville Library. He is working to support the placing of traffic lights at the Newtown Rd./Route 28 intersection.

John Robertson reported that the FY22 Budget is moving on schedule. Reasonably good news for Towns. MMA is urging that the legislature pass legislation allowing for remote meetings to be phased out over time rather than end on June 15. MMA is also working on the re-precincting bill that would give the legislature control in adjusting precincts. House passed funding (13 mil) for police officer training.

Ed McManus announced that John would be leaving MMA at the end of July after 30 years of service to the cities and towns of the Commonwealth. He thanked John for his work and his support of the Cape Cod and Islands Selectman and Councilors Association. There was a unanimous round of applause.

Sarah Colvin of the Cape Cod Commission announced that the comment period on the Regional Climate Action Plan has ended and that the commission will be finalizing the final plan. The commission will be conducting a second homeowner survey.

Councilor Hebert asked that the concept of St. Joseph's Shelter receiving regional support be discussed. He also suggested that formation of Non-profit real estate investment trusts as one vehicle in helping address the housing crisis.

Councilor Clark asked what the status of the Conservation Land tax credit bill, approved by the House by 160-0, then failed in the Senate? *By a roll call vote, the House of Representatives unanimously adopted Budget Amendment 800 (Outside Sections 10A-10F, 11A-D, and 49A-G in the House Budget), led by Representative Brad Jones, to increase the annual cap for the CLTC from \$2 million to \$5 million per year. The increase would be incremental: \$1 million per year for each of the next three years, with a ten-year sunset.* Senator Moran agreed to look into it. Selectman Kevin Galligan echoes the same concern.

Andrew Gottlieb presented the letter regarding the Machine Gun Range. A motion was made by Alan McClennen and seconded by Greg Milne to adopt the letter and have the president send it on the associations behalf. An amendment was presented by May Chaffee to add a statement recognizing that training is a legitimate activity but that this was the wrong location. After discussion the amendment was put to a vote and failed. The main was voted on and passed.

President Reinhart asked Greg Milne to present the Slate of Officers and Board Members for the 21-22 year. Greg Milne, Kevin Galligan and Don Picard made up the nominating committee.

The slate is as follows.

Officers:

President- Paula Schnepf, Barnstable

Vice- President- Mary Chaffee, Brewster

Treasurer- Stephen Mealy, Bourne

Clerk- Ed McManus, Harwich  
Past President- Janet Reinhart, Wellfleet  
Executive Board:  
Andrew Gottlieb, Mashpee  
Aimee Eckman, Eastham  
Shareen Davis, Chatham  
Sam Patterson, Falmouth  
George Slade, Brewster  
Greg Milne, Historian/Parliamentarian

A motion was made to approve the proposed slate was made by Kris Clark and seconded by Greg Milne. The motion passed unanimously.

Stephen Mealy presented the treasurers report - no income, no expenses, balance of \$12,372.42. Report was accepted.

Motion to adjourn was made by Kris Clark and seconded by Ed McManus and approved.