

**CAPE COD AND THE ISLANDS SELECTMEN AND  
COUNCILORS ASSOCIATION**

**REPRESENTING 106 ELECTED OFFICIALS AND 22 MUNICIPALITIES**

Meeting Minutes, March 08, 2019  
Sea Crest Resort, Falmouth MA

President Paul Hebert called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM and asked for a moment of silence for the victims of the Mississippi Tornados. He then called for the roll call.

*Roll Call.*

Clerk Ed McManus called the roll. Barnstable, Brewster, Bourne, Chatham, Dennis, Eastham, Falmouth, Harwich, Mashpee, Orleans, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, Wellfleet.

With 13 Towns represented the Clerk declared a quorum Present.

*Treasurer's Report.*

Treasurer Don Picard presented the finance report showing a balance of \$XX after revenues and expenses. Motion to approve was made and was passed unanimously.

*Minutes.*

The minutes of the December 2018 and February 2019 meetings were presented. A motion to approve was made and passed unanimously.

*Massachusetts Municipal Association Report.*

Representatives from the Mass Municipal Association including Brittney Franklin, Senior Legislative Analyst, [bfranklin@mma.org](mailto:bfranklin@mma.org); Ariela Lovett, Legislative Analyst, [alovett@mma.org](mailto:alovett@mma.org); and Alandra Champion, Research and Administrative Assistant, [achampion@mma.org](mailto:achampion@mma.org) attended the meeting.

MMA's top priorities this year: School finance reform, Housing/zoning, OPEB, Recycling.

School Finances, being covered by MMA John Robertson, Legislative Division Director.

As part of the Governor's housing choice initiative, the Governor filed the Housing Choice Bill last week. MMA supported this bill last session and will continue to do so this session. Also, as part of the housing choice initiative, Communities will be able to take advantage of new financial resources, including exclusive access to new Housing

Choice Capital Grants, and preferential treatment for many state grant and capital funding programs, including MassWorks, Complete Streets, MassDOT capital projects, and PARC and LAND grants. <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/2018-housing-choice-communities>

Lisa Adams, Senior Legislative Analyst, [ladams@mma.org](mailto:ladams@mma.org) is monitoring OPEB <https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleIV/Chapter32B/Section20> and implementation within the communities. (See also presentation by Brian P. Fox, "Establishing and Maintaining an OPEB Trust" from the November 2, 2017 MASC/MASS Annual Conference Hyannis, MA) [https://www.masc.org/images/events/2017/jtc/downloads/154\\_OPEB\\_Presentation\\_Fox.pdf](https://www.masc.org/images/events/2017/jtc/downloads/154_OPEB_Presentation_Fox.pdf)

Ariela Lovett who drafted the Recycling Business resolution which was adopted at MMA's annual meeting will continue to work on recycling this session.

The MMA will be holding its Legislative Breakfast Friday March 22nd, 29th, and April 5. The closest one to the Cape will be held on March 22, 2019 8-10 AM in Mansfield, at the Mansfield Town Hall Meeting Room, 6 Park Row. Information contact, Alandra Champion at 617-426-7272, ext. 121, or [achampion@mma.org](mailto:achampion@mma.org). Register at [www.mma.org](http://www.mma.org).

Please reach out to MMA's legislative team with questions or concerns that come up in your communities so that we may more effectively advocate on your behalf. The MMA will be holding its Legislative Breakfast on March 22, 2019 8-10 AM in Mansfield, at the Mansfield Town Hall Meeting Room, 6 Park Row. Information contact, Alandra Champion at 617-426-7272, ext. 121, or [achampion@mma.org](mailto:achampion@mma.org). Register at [www.mma.org](http://www.mma.org).

#### *Charitable Redemption Partnerships.*

Paul Hebert provided a brief overview of the Charitable Redemption Partnerships that recently merged on January 1 with Best Buy Beverages Redemption Center, in Mashpee. A handout was provided and will be available on our web site under documents. The merger allows continuation of serving the transfer stations and charities in the mid and lower Cape. The public benefits by using this Redemption Site located on 16 Echo Road, Mashpee by reducing the costs at Transfer Stations by keeping deposit beverage containers out of the waste stream.

Paul is asking to contact Sec. Matthew Beaton at the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900, Boston MA 02114 or email at [env.internet@mas.gov](mailto:env.internet@mas.gov) asking that the fee paid to the redemption centers with personnel, rather than reverse vending machines, receive better compensation.

*County Commissioner's Report.*

Ronald Bergstrom, Chairman, Barnstable County Commissioner, Chatham, [Ronald.bergstrom@barnstablecounty.org](mailto:Ronald.bergstrom@barnstablecounty.org) reported the new County Police Academy may start operation as early as July 8, 2019. This is a remarkably quick initiate and will benefit all the Cape Towns.

Clean-up of the County Fire Academy site was mentioned. Stephen Tebo, newly promoted Assistant County Administrator assuming responsibility for the oversight of the Fire Training Academy cleanup.

The Barnstable Fire Training Academy set up as a critical and necessary life-saving training facility for all the Cape's firefighters offering programs, education and critical training that the Towns could not otherwise afford. For more information, see <https://www.barnstablecounty.org/bcfta-history/>

*Cape Cod Commission Report.*

Kristy Senatori, [ksenatori@capecodcommission.org](mailto:ksenatori@capecodcommission.org) Executive Director of the Commission provide an update.

*Regional Policy Plan Adoption.*

*The Cape Cod Commission Act requires the preparation of a Regional Policy Plan (RPP) that presents "a coherent set of regional planning policies and objectives to guide development throughout said Barnstable County and to protect the region's resources." The plan, is updated at least once every five years. The most recent update was completed, approved by the Assembly of Delegates on 01/16/19 and became effective February 22, 2019. The updated Regional Policy Plan can be found at:*

[http://www.capecodcommission.org/resources/RPP/RPP\\_As%20Adopted\\_19-01\\_RPP\\_5-yr\\_update\\_effective\\_2-22-19.pdf](http://www.capecodcommission.org/resources/RPP/RPP_As%20Adopted_19-01_RPP_5-yr_update_effective_2-22-19.pdf)

*Cape Cod Commission Meetings, Hearings:*

*The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) and the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) are both in the process of being updated. Draft plans will be available for public review and comment this spring.*

*The Commission's Local Comprehensive Plan Regulations and guidance are also in the process of being amended to allow for greater flexibility to meet local and regional goals.*

*OneCape Summit will be held Monday, Tuesday July 29-30, 2019 in Harwich. The Commission will again sponsor the Cape Selectman's Breakfast on the morning of the 30<sup>th</sup>.*

*Legislator's Comments.*

Senator Vinny deMacedo, [Vinny.deMacedo@masenate.gov](mailto:Vinny.deMacedo@masenate.gov)  
Ranking Minority, Senate Ways and Means Committee.

Comments: The delegation from the Cape continues to operate and represent as a regional body for all of the Cape Cod contingency. Housing issues, with 80% of the houses occupied only 20% of the time, and the influx of large numbers of visitors continues to be a challenge for not only housing, but also wastewater, and our environment.

Highlights mentioned: Police Training Facility on Cape; addressing wastewater costs to towns with the Short Term Rental Bill

Senator Julian Cyr, [julian.cyr@masenate.gov](mailto:julian.cyr@masenate.gov)  
Assistant Majority Whip

Comments: Amendments were offered regarding climate impacts to the Governor's proposal for real estate tax transfer fees adding revenue reporting of funds back to towns. Health Care reform, Housing and Housing production continue to be important priorities and a Cape Cod and Boston Bill was filed by Senator Cyr.

Representative David T. Vieira, [david.vieira@mashouse.gov](mailto:david.vieira@mashouse.gov)

Comments: Regarding the Housing Choices Bill, remarked on removing majority on Zoning By Laws, to allow towns and cities to maintain a super majority.

Representative Dylan A. Fernanes, [Dylan.Fernandes@mahouse.gov](mailto:Dylan.Fernandes@mahouse.gov)

Mr. Fernanes spoke of the challenges to his Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket constituents that included 8 of 9 towns geographically on islands; having 3 Sheriffs; the geographic locations tend to result in geographic isolation and insulating.

He spoke of the importance of increased Educational Funding, and the \$1 Billion over 10 years for clean energy.

Representative William J. Crocker, [William.Crocker@mahouse.gov](mailto:William.Crocker@mahouse.gov)

Comments: Spoke of the Civics Engagement Bill and addressing OPIOD Prevention programs within schools and non-profits.

First big steps taken in the Blue Economy, the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce sponsored the WaterWORKS event with the Cape Cod Blue Economy Foundation Inc. and the Cape Cod Regional STEM Network. Students from Cape Cod and the Islands who attended a career showcase Tuesday at Cape Cod Community College learned that

widening their horizons could mean taking a job in the region's water-based Blue Economy.

Representative Sara K. Peake, [Sarah.Peake@mahouse.gov](mailto:Sarah.Peake@mahouse.gov)

Ms. Dottie Smith, Rep. Peake's Chief of Staff was in attendance for Rep. Peake who was unable to attend.

Comments: Commented on the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, which has served as a deliberative body of the Atlantic coastal states from Maine to Florida coordinating the conservation and management nearshore fish species. Each state is represented on the Commission by three Commissioners: The director of the state's marine fisheries management agency, a state legislator, and an individual appointed by the state's governor to represent stakeholder interests. Rep. Peake is pleased to be on the Commission representing Massachusetts.

#### *Questions, Comments of Attendees.*

Kevin F. Galligan, Selectman from Orleans. Raised issues with the Mass Department of Public Utilities (DPU) appearing to be more "utility based" than Public or Consumer based.

Cape and Islands Electric Light Compact was not being recognized; could "strategic electrification", powering end uses with electricity instead of fossil fuels in a way that increases energy efficiency and reduces pollution, while lowering costs to customers and society, should be revitalized.

Rep. Peake and Senator Cyr are working on the issue; Rep. Fernandes/Senator Cyr are working on Community Empowerment; the act is a new way for local communities in Massachusetts to transition to renewable energy. This proposed state law empowers cities, towns to use their residents' electricity buying power to support renewable energy projects of the community's choosing. More information is available at <http://www.communityempowerment.org/>

Authorizing for an increase of 1,600-3,200 Mw offshore. The Wind Operations and Maintenance Center in Vineyard Haven may employ up to 40 additional personnel while providing the island community with economic diversification and with additional resources to address climate change, ocean acidification and coastal erosion.

Rep. Vieira spoke on the new training facility at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. The academy is certified, so they can offer a program of study in how to operate and manage offshore wind facilities. At the far end of the new pier will be a training tower modeled after offshore wind turbines, as well as a vessel to train workers how to maneuver up to a turbine's monopile and transfer from boat to tower. Up to 60 workers will be trained per week.

Barnstable Councilor Britt Beedenbender raised a concern of the FCC and telecommunications industries overshadowing consumer's rights. The FCC is now ruling on allow

placements of the new 5G technologies. How can communities push back with health concerns?

Senator Cyr suggested setting up a meeting with Congressman Keating, Senator Warren, and Senator Markey.

Linda Zuern, the Bourne member of the Assembly of County Delegates, [linda.zuern@barnstablecounty.org](mailto:linda.zuern@barnstablecounty.org), spoke on the concerns of Voter Identification, Sanctuary Cities, Town and the Commonwealth, the Abortion Bill and the use of Counselor Therapists.

Ronald Bergstrom, Barnstable County Commissioner, [Ronald.bergstrom@barnstable-county.org](mailto:Ronald.bergstrom@barnstable-county.org)

Raised the Shark Issue and questioned if the culling of the seal population is even possible. Senator Cyr suggested Congressman Keating can address the Federal Laws now preventing this, and what may or may not be changed. He also suggested that education and communications need to be strengthened.

Selectman [Tristan R. Israel](#) from Tisbury. Tristan raised the Tisbury Selectmen's on-going concern on Eversource's continued use of herbicides on the power line rights of way. The utility company's operational plan targets 17 rights of way in the region, including on West Chop and the Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road.

Despite growing opposition, the herbicide maintenance program has gone mostly unchanged since 2013. State representatives Dylan Fernandes and Sarah Peake, along with Sen. Julian Cyr, have pressed the state agriculture department and pesticide bureau to resume a four-year moratorium on herbicide use by Eversource that began in 2009. Work continues with the local communities.

Meeting adjourned 9:45 AM.

#### *Next Meeting*

Our next meeting is on April 12, 2019 at the PB Boulangerie Bistro, Wellfleet, 7:30 AM. <https://www.pbboulangeriebistro.com/>

For more information, meeting agendas and copies of minutes please go to the CCSCA website, <http://capecodsca.org/>

Submitted,

Stephen Mealy, Acting Clerk