

Minutes
Cape Cod Selectmen and Councilors Association
Oct. 13, 2017
Sea Crest Resort
Falmouth, MA

Roll Call:Barnstable, Bourne, Dennis, Eastham, Falmouth, Harwich, Mashpee, Nantucket, Oak Bluffs, Orleans, Tisbury, Wellfleet, Yarmouth

With 13 Towns represented the Clerk declared a quorum.

President Tracy Post called the meeting to order. She called for approval of the minutes and a motion to approve was made and Seconded. The minutes passed unanimously. Treasurer Don Picard presented the Finance report which was accepted by the members.

President Post introduced Rep. Dylan Fernandes of Falmouth and the islands. Mr. Fernandes spoke to the concerns of his district and his work in seeking to provide tools that his district needs to meet their needs.

President Post introduced Seth Rolbein and Amanda Cousart of the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermans Alliance. They made a brief presentation on the need to move the boundary for mid water Trawling further from the shore to reduce the impact on river herring and other food fish need to support Cod and other commercially important fish. A motion was made for the Association to endorse moving the boundary off shore and having the president send a letter to the appropriate officials noting the action.

Ms. Post introduced the main program beginning with David Lakeman David Lakeman of the MMA to update those assembled on the legislatures action regarding the approval or denial procedure for local sales of recreational marijuana. After Mr. Lakeman's presentation, Mr. A. J. Luke was introduced. Mr. Luke indicated that he had voted against the initiative but since its passage has studied the issue and has changed his mind. He, and his associates, presented their reasons for supporting the establishment of retail recreational sales. They have formed a group, regulatecapecod.org, to work on publicizing and educating people on their position.

Ms. Chistine Greely and Ms. Linell Grundman spoke on the reasons that towns should consider not allowing sales in their town. Increasing availability will only increase the problems that mind altering substances cause.

(The clerk is collecting web-sites and information regarding this issue for town officials to use in their education and decision making efforts.)

The meeting adjourned at 10:30

President Post introduced Jack Yunits, county administrator, Sonia Shelley, assistant and Commissioner Leo Cakounes to discuss county services now and in the future. Mr Yunits presented a brief recap of current services and services that are expected to be of greater service to the towns (dredge, IT services, coordinated permitting and model bylaw drafting). Mr. Cakounes discussed thinned for the county to receive input on needs from the towns as they begin to put together the 2019 budget.

Ms. Post recognized the clerk, Mr McManus. Mr. McManus reported that as directed to at the June meeting he presented the associations support of enactment of an expanded rooms occupancy tax by the legislature. He reported that the Barnstable County Managers Association had written a letter to the speaker, Mr. DeLeo, also supporting adoption. On the suggestion of Past President Moran and President Post, the clerk prepared a letter for the association to consider sending to the speaker. After much discussion a motion was made by Ms. Moran and seconded by Mr. Hebert, to send the letter with some minor corrections. The motion passed, 11 for, 7 opposed, and 1 abstained.

The meeting was then adjourned.