



Cape Cod Economic Development Council (CCEDC)
3225 Main Street, PO Box 226, Barnstable, MA 02630

Minutes, October 5, 2017

Present:

Ryan Castle, John Kilroy, Susan Moran, Felicia Penn, Rick Presbrey, Sheryl Walsh, Allen White, David Willard

Absent:

Ken Cirillo, Mary Pat Flynn, Ed McManus, Harold Mitchell, Dan Wolf

Also Attending:

Barnstable County Commissioner, Chair, Leo Cakounes
Barnstable County Commissioner Ron Beaty
CCC Staff: Leslie Richardson, Taree McIntyre

Felicia Penn called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm in the conference room of the Cape Cod Commission. Upon a motion by Susan Moran, second by Ryan Castle, the minutes of the August 3, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously.

Ms. Penn presented a draft letter of support for the new Cape Cod Regional Technical High School to be sent to the Cape Cod Times from the CCEDC. Allen White motioned to approve sending the letter to the Cape Times with no changes, second by David Willard. Members expressed support for the proposed new technical school and the rest of the discussion focused on whether it is appropriate for an advisory board of the County to speak on behalf of the County and/or speak in support of a pending vote. Ms. Penn suggested removing the last line of the letter which urges people to vote yes for the new school at their upcoming town elections. Commissioner Cakounes urged Members to send letters of support personally rather than collectively as the CCEDC. After further discussion, Susan Moran amended the motion to strike the last line of the letter and send it to legal counsel for review before sending it to the press.* The motion was seconded by David Willard and approved by the majority with an opposed vote by Ryan Castle.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss the proposed revision of the Barnstable County Administrative Code regarding the CCEDC. Barnstable County Commissioners Leo Cakounes and Ron Beaty attended the meeting to answer questions and hear Members thoughts on the proposed revisions. Miss Penn summarized the two workshops hosted by the County Commissioners and attended by representatives of the CCEDC, Cape Cod Commission (CCC), Assembly of Delegates, and County Administration, to draft the new ordinance. Commissioner Cakounes introduced a new draft ordinance at the first workshop which was discussed and revised by the participants at each of the two workshops.

*It was later determined that letters should be sent personally.

Commissioner Cakounes explained that the revisions were part of a larger effort to streamline county activities, better aligning boards and departments to reduce duplication of services and policy conflicts. Commissioner Cakounes further explained that the CCEDC ordinance would reflect the current role of the Council and that policies and procedures would also be adopted separately to establish how the Council will fulfill its charge outlined in the proposed ordinance. Varying opinions were conveyed on what true economic development is, how results are best achieved, how license plate revenue should be expended for the greatest impact, and what the priority of the council should place on planning and policy versus grantmaking. The next workshop is scheduled October 18, 2017, time to be determined. Ryan Castle volunteered to draft revisions to the proposed ordinance based on the discussion during the meeting and forward it to Ms. Penn before the next workshop.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.