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**Minutes**  
**Cape Cod Commission (CCC)**  
**Barnstable County Complex- East Wing Conference Room**  
**3195 Main Street, Barnstable, MA 02630**  
**January 9, 2020**

**ROLL CALL**

The Chair, Harold Mitchell called the Cape Cod Commission meeting to order on Thursday, January 9 2020, at 3:00 p.m., in the East Wing Conference Room, 3195 Main Street, Barnstable, MA 02630. Roll Call was called, and a quorum of members was established:

Town Member		Attendance
Barnstable	Fred Chirigotis	Present
Bourne	Stephen Mealy	Present
Brewster	Elizabeth Taylor	Present
Chatham	Tom Wilson	Absent
Dennis	Richard Roy	Present
Eastham	Joy Brookshire	Present
Falmouth	Charles McCaffrey	Present
Harwich	Jacqueline Etsten	Present
Mashpee	Ernest Virgilio	Present
Orleans	Len Short	Present
Provincetown	Cheryl Andrews	Absent
Sandwich	Harold Mitchell	Present
Truro	Kevin Grunwald	Present
Wellfleet	Richard Elkin	Present
Yarmouth	John McCormack, Jr.	Present
County Commissioner	Ronald Bergstrom	Present
Minority Representative	John Harris	Present
Native American Rep.	David Weeden	Present
Governor's Appointee	Michael Maxim	Present

**Summary of Actions Taken/Votes at Meeting:**

- **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the December 5, 2019 CCC Meeting were approved.

The Chair announced that there will be a change in the agenda for today. The Economic Value of Cape Cod Harbors will be done at a later meeting. The DRI Subcommittee meeting for Cape Cod Hospital – New Tower Addition will immediately follow the Cape Cod Commission meeting.

**Public Comment:**



The Chairman offered an opportunity for public comment on matters not otherwise on the agenda. No one provided comments.

### **Approval of minutes:**

The minutes of the 12/05/19 Cape Cod Commission meeting were reviewed.

Upon a motion by Len Short to approve the 12/5/20 minutes, seconded by Stephen Mealy, the motion passed. Charles McCaffrey, Joyce Brookshire and Kevin Grunwald abstained from the vote.

### **Executive Directors Report – Kristy Senatori**

#### **General Updates**

- Continuing efforts on the Cape Cod Climate Initiative – held several different focus groups with the Chamber’s Sustainable Economic Development pillar and held our first meeting of the greenhouse gas inventory review committee on 12/9/19
- Held a Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative Meeting on 12/13/19-Carole Ridley presented on Pleasant Bay Watershed Permit Implementation Plan
- Staff has been wrapping up 2019 DLTA projects and will begin soliciting projects for 2020
- Updating the Boards of Selectmen and be looking for an email for staff. Ms. Senatori welcomes members to attend meetings in their Town.
- Shawn Goulet, Geospatial Developer has left the Cape Cod Commission to pursue an opportunity out of state. His last day was 12/27/19

The Chair thanked Ms. Senatori for her updates and asked that Jay Coburn, Vice Chair of the Massachusetts Rural Advisory Commission present his agenda item.

#### **Massachusetts Rural Policy Plan**

Mr. Coburn, Vice Chair of the Massachusetts Rural Policy Advisory Commission presented a Power Point (attached). He stated that about 3 years ago he had an opportunity to work with the Massachusetts Housing Partnership on the housing challenges being faced by rural communities. There are 180 rural towns in the Commonwealth with no voice. Mr. Coburn got together with others and convinced the legislature to put together a Rural Policy Commission. The Commission consisted of 15 members who have met and worked together to produce this plan which was created in 2015. The presentation gave an overview of the Rural Policy Advisory Commission function and composition, Demographic and Socio-Economic Trends in MA, the Rural Policy Plan goals, Process and Timeline of the Policy. It lists the highlights outlined in the Plan and include assets such as outdoor recreation and tourism, small scale farming, locally made food and beverages, small businesses and economic sectors, problem-solving, innovation and collaboration, land and housing stock and quality of life. Challenges outlined in the presentation include demographic trends, infrastructure, economic opportunities and workforce needs, housing, education and healthcare and the financial resources. The focus area categories of the Plan include infrastructure, economy, community, governance and climate; recommendations for each of these categories were reviewed. Mr. Coburn concluded the presentation by summarizing the Top Priorities, Core Strategies, Sustained Implementation and Action Plan. He added that Senator Cyr and Representative Peak are in support of having an Office of Rural Policy.

The Chair thanked Mr. Coburn for his presentation and asked for questions from members.



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Richard Elkin commented that there are many retired senior citizens on the outer cape and that are underutilized and if there was a way, we could leverage them within the Towns to assist with solving some of the concerns presented.

Ronald Bergstrom commented on a slide about the outer cape lacking transportation but noted that there is Transportation that is not necessarily utilized. He added that there is a comparison of income to housing costs is not accurate. It's difficult to attract the correct type of Affordable Housing on Cape Cod. Mr. Coburn stated that the challenge that we face is how we create housing with availability for units. He stated that there is funding available and they are working on the issue.

Len Short commented on the importance of telecommunications as it relates to year-round residency.

**NEW Business:** Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair more than 48 hours before the meeting.

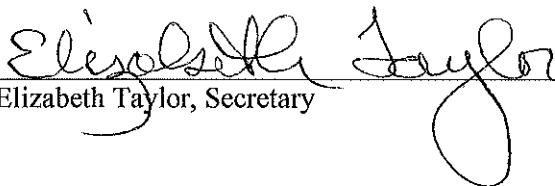
There was no new business raised.

#### **ADJOURN**

Upon a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:38 by Jack McCormack, seconded by David Weeden the vote was passed unanimously.

#### **List of Documents Used/Presented/Submitted at the January 9, 2020 Cape Cod Commission Meeting**

January 9, 2020 Cape Cod Commission Agenda  
Draft Minutes of the December 5, 2019 Cape Cod Commission meeting  
Rural Policy Plan Presentation  
Rural Policy Plan Executive Summary

  
Elizabeth Taylor, Secretary

1-23-2020  
Date