



Minutes
Cape Cod Commission Regional Policy Plan Subcommittee Meeting
Subregional Hearing
November 12, 2024

The Chair, Tom Wilson, made the following opening announcements and provided direction on how to participate in the meeting.

This meeting is being held virtually, as allowed pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, as amended. If anyone wishes to speak, please raise your hand and wait to be recognized. I would also ask members to make sure their camera is turned on if raising your hand to speak. When giving a motion, please state your name with the motion. For those online, to raise hand click on the "Raise Hand" icon to notify the chair. On some versions of ZOOM, the raise hand may also be under the "More" icon. For those who called in by telephone by press *9. You will be recognized by name when it is your time to speak. If anyone is having a technical issue, use either the chat box on your screen or call (508) 362 – 3828 and staff will assist you.

This meeting is being recorded for the purpose of creating minutes. If anyone else is recording this meeting, please raise your hand and identify yourself now. Because there are members remotely participating, we will be taking a roll call vote on each action we take today. The names of members who are remotely participating will be announced as attendance roll call is taken.

Attendance/ Roll Call:

Harold Mitchell	Present
Peter Okun	Present
Richard Roy	Present
Elizabeth Taylor	Present
Tom Wilson	Present

Alternate Members:

John Druley	Present
Dennis Prebensen	Present (arrived at 3:04)

Summary of actions/votes taken

- The Committee approved the 10/1/24 draft Barnstable/Hybrid RPP meeting minutes
- The Committee approved the 10/1/24 draft Mashpee RPP meeting minutes
- The Committee approved the 10/2/24 draft Eastham RPP meeting minutes

Approval of prior meeting minutes: 10/1/24 Barnstable/Hybrid meeting, 10/1/24 Mashpee meeting, 10/2/24 Eastham meeting

Upon a motion to approve the draft minutes of the 10/1/24 RPP Barnstable/Hybrid meeting minutes by Peter Okun, seconded by Harold Mitchell, the motion carried. Roll call vote was as follows: Harold Mitchell, Yes; Peter Okun, Yes; Richard Roy, Yes; Elizabeth Taylor, Yes; Tom Wilson, Yes; John Druley, Yes; Dennis Prebensen, Yes.

Upon a motion to approve the draft minutes of the 10/1/24 RPP Mashpee meeting minutes by Peter Okun, seconded by Elizabeth Taylor, the motion carried. Roll call vote was as follows: Harold Mitchell, Yes; Peter Okun, Yes; Richard Roy, Yes; Elizabeth Taylor, Yes; Tom Wilson, Yes; John Druley, Yes; Dennis Prebensen, Yes.

Upon a motion to approve the draft minutes of the 10/2/24 RPP Eastham meeting minutes by Elizabeth Taylor, seconded by Peter Okun, the motion carried. Roll call vote was as follows: Harold Mitchell, Yes; Peter Okun, Yes; Richard Roy, Yes; Elizabeth Taylor, Yes; Tom Wilson, Yes; John Druley, Yes.

Mr. Wilson invited staff to begin the presentation and Ms. Schaefer suggested she could provide the presentation on all agenda items prior to the Chair opening for questions and discussion.

Summary of Testimony Received from Regional Policy Plan Subregional Hearings: Staff will summarize feedback received by the Regional Policy Plan Subcommittee via written and public testimony regarding the update to the 2018 Regional Policy Plan (RPP) for Cape Cod.

Focus Areas for 2018 Regional Policy Plan Update: Staff will provide topic areas of focus for the 2018 Regional Policy Plan update, including sections of and issue areas within the plan to be evaluated. Subcommittee members will have an opportunity to discuss and provide feedback.

Stakeholder Engagement Strategy: Staff will present a stakeholder engagement strategy to obtain input and feedback from the Cape Cod community to inform the 2018 Regional Policy Plan update. Subcommittee members will have an opportunity to discuss the strategy and provide feedback.

Using a power point, Ms. Schaefer reviewed the planning efforts by the Cape Cod Commission since 2018 and opportunities for incorporation into the RPP. She reviewed the feedback received at the subregional public hearings in October and potential areas of focus and changes. She suggested this update should focus on encouraging housing in the right places, promoting reuse and redevelopment, preserving natural areas, economic resiliency, climate action and infrastructure. Some of the potential areas of change include Placetypes, Mapping, and Goals and Objectives of the RPP. The Goals and Objectives that have been identified as priorities for the update include transportation, coastal resiliency, open space, economy, climate mitigation, and capital facilities and infrastructure. Other relevant documents and guidance, including thresholds, technical guidance documents, and local comprehensive plan guidance may also be reviewed and amended.

Ms. Schaefer stated that, moving forward, a resident's survey and various focus groups will be conducted to obtain insights and feedback. Focus group topics will include housing, transportation, economy, open space, and climate change. She shared the anticipated timeline for outreach and engagement, identifying that staff anticipate a draft Regional Policy Plan will be available in late spring/early summer.

Ms. Schaefer asked for comments and feedback from subcommittee members, identifying that staff would like to ensure that the subcommittee agrees with the direction and focus of the RPP update.

The Chair asked for member comments.

Mr. Okun asked about focus groups and who staff are looking to engage. Ms. Schaefer stated that individuals with experience in the issue area are expected to participate in the focus group.

Mr. Okun requested that staff engage advocates in the focus groups, noting he would like to see a balanced approach to the update.

Ms. Taylor asked about the timing of outreach for the last update, noting she was anticipating more interest in the initial round of subregional hearings. Kristy Senatori, Executive Director of the Commission stated that she anticipates interest will grow as there are materials to review. She added that staff try to hold meetings at a variety of times and will continue to do that moving forward.

Ms. Taylor asked whether other Commission members may attend the subcommittee meetings and whether stakeholder meetings have been scheduled. She noted that few public comments have been received to date. Ms. Senatori responded they may and that staff will reach out broadly once meetings are scheduled. She also added that the Commission's Reporter newsletter is sent to thousands across the Cape and that as the process moves forward staff will continue to reach out through that and other methods.

In response to a comment from Mr. Wilson about the importance of getting public input prior to a complete draft, Ms. Senatori said that this will be an iterative process, with opportunities along the way for stakeholders and the public to comment and provide input to inform the draft.

Ms. Taylor asked about methods for advertising, including website, newspaper, and local television and Ms. Senatori confirmed hearings and meetings have been noticed, including in the newspaper, on the website, and via other methods.

Public Testimony:

George Ledec stated that he submitted comments and asked for confirmation they had received them, which Mr. Wilson confirmed. Mr. Ledec provided an overview of his comments, including the importance of open space and protection of bird populations and mature trees.

Meeting Adjourned:

The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn.

Upon a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:35 by Elizabeth Taylor, seconded by Peter Okun, the motion carried. Roll call vote was as follows: Harold Mitchell, Yes; Peter Okun, Yes; Richard Roy, Yes; Elizabeth Taylor, Yes; Tom Wilson, Yes.

Documents used/submitted at the November 12, 2024 Cape Cod Commission RPP Subcommittee Meeting

Cape Cod Commission RPP Subcommittee Meeting Agenda October 1, 2024

Power Point Presentation prepared by Cape Cod Commission staff inclusive of all agenda items

Approved by the Cape Cod Commission RPP Subcommittee on: _____

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