



Cape and Islands Municipal Leaders Association, Inc.

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BOARD MEETING Minutes
Friday, January 12, 2024; 7:30 AM
Zoom

President Kevin Galligan called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM.

Board of Directors present: Kevin Galligan, President; Stephen Mealy, Treasurer; Kris Clark, Clerk; Shareen Davis, George Slade, Ed McManus, Doug Brown, Greg Milne, historian; Paula Schnepf, Mark Forest.

With at least six Executive Board members present, the Clerk declared a quorum.

Kevin started the meeting at 7:30 AM. There was a discussion that at the MMA meeting we plan to meet with Lt. Governor Driscoll between 11:30 AM and 1 PM in Room 306. MMA lunch starts at noon, so we're aware of that conflict.

It was requested that Mark Ells come to help explain the Cape's issues. Paula Schnepf offered to ask Barnstable Town Manager Ells.

Topics:

- Funding for the Cape and Island Water Protection Funds for Clean Water. We have an intended use plan. Governor Baker put \$400 million into it and it disappeared. Federal and State funds were promised that were never realized. Kevin can provide documentation that the Funding is not sustainable.
- The Lt. Governor suggests that we should have a Plan B, like the Local Option taxes. We're looking into it, but not only for housing but for clean water. There are needs in the Commonwealth statewide, but nowhere is the need greatest than here on Cape Cod.
- DEP is slowing us down, so we're advancing our own projects and need critical permits to move forward. Treatment plants and discharge permits are among the concerns. It was suggested to create a page with bulleted items to pass along to the Lt. Governor and staff in writing.

- Kevin offered to give Lt. Driscoll a report that describes the growing gap with a cover letter and the annual report.
- The Plan: Kevin to make introductions; give the report and request; Lt. Governor to speak to us; Questions and Answers period. Kris can take notes for a wrap-up.
- It was suggested that we keep our discussion to the Base and Wastewater concerns.
- Kevin is to be the Master of Ceremonies during the meeting and will call on the Cape's representatives across the Cape.
- Paula mentioned that issues regarding the Base should include affordable housing and wind power, given that Southcoast is going right through Falmouth.
- An update on the Master Plan for the Base is overdue. A working group can build a consensus plan. There are parcels to consider; long-term care facility for Veterans; expanding the site for Innovative Septic Systems, Rail investments. The Cape Cod Commission facilitated the last Master Plan that saved the Base. The State needs to be at the table for the discussion on the future of the Base. Ask the Lt. Governor to get financial support for future initiatives on the Base. Go to DOD and Mass Development for funding. Clean water is imperative at the Base to support these initiatives. Steve suggests that the Cape Cod Commission should be invited to the meeting with the Lt. Governor. Ed mentioned that in the early 1990's, there was the notion that if the Base closed, it would provide housing and economic development, but we need a plan.
- Kristi and Erin will be invited. Town Managers will be invited.

- February meeting: At the Cape Tech School for the February 9th meeting. Joe Pacheco can discuss ARPA funds, housing assistance and human services. Also Dr. O'Malley can present a 5-minute update on the single payer program.

- March meeting: Legislative delegation to speak on budget, bond bills

- April meeting: DA Rob Galibois

- Stephen gave a financial overview. Collections for dues are up (some still have yet to pay) There is about \$15,000 in the checking account. No word yet from the IRS, but Stephen has been in communication with them.

- Kris suggests that we remember to take a group photo when we are in the room with the Lt. Governor.

After a motion, second, and unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned around 8 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kris Clark, Clerk