

**BARNSTABLE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES  
ANNUAL REPORT – CALENDAR YEAR 2022**

**ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES**

Cape Cod Regional Government (known as Barnstable County)  
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**Overview.** The Assembly of Delegates is the legislative branch of Cape Cod Regional Government (also known as Barnstable County government) and provides for the individual voices of towns in Barnstable County. Fifteen Delegates make up the Assembly's membership. One Delegate is elected by each Barnstable County town in non-partisan elections for two-year terms of office. Assembly Delegates' votes are weighted by the percentage of the county's population that resides in that Delegate's town, based upon the 2020 United States Decennial Census.

**Legislative Powers of the Assembly.** The Barnstable County Home Rule Charter vests the legislative powers of county government in the Assembly of Delegates. Those legislative powers are largely exercised through ordinances and resolutions which may be introduced by Delegates, the Board of Regional Commissioners (the County Commissioners), or by citizen initiative petitions. Either the full Assembly or Assembly Speaker may refer these measures or other items of business to standing committees for study, review, discussion, report, and recommendations for action by the Assembly after public hearings. Delegates are appointed by the Speaker to serve on these standing committees and may also be appointed as liaisons or to serve on other ad-hoc or special committees.

**Assembly Standing Committees.** The Assembly currently has the following standing committees: 1) the Finance Committee addresses all matters relating to the Assembly of Delegates Budget, County fiscal policies and procedures, including appropriations, budgeting, borrowing, finances, funds, revenues from fees, taxes and other sources, and inter-governmental fiscal policies and procedures; 2) the Economic Affairs Committee addresses economic development in Barnstable County; 3) the Health and Human Services Committee addresses County activities relating to public health, social services and housing; 4) the Natural Resources Committee addresses County activities relating to environmental matters; 5) the Public Services Committee addresses all matters relating to public services; 6) the Telecommunications and Energy Committee informs the Assembly on matters as they relate to public utilities, telecommunications, and energy related matters; 7) the Governmental Regulations Committee consists of the chairs of the standing committees and the Speaker, to address all matters relating to the Regional Policy Plan; and 8) the Budget Review Committee

consisting of all members of the Assembly, to meet any time the Finance Committee determines a review of the budget is warranted.

**County Budget.** The Assembly of Delegates appropriates County funds including the annual operating and capital budgets. . The process typically takes place between February and May. The Board of Regional Commissioners, as the executive branch of County government, submits a proposed budget to the Assembly. The Assembly's Standing Committee on Finance, with other Assembly standing committees, reviews the budget proposed by the County Commissioners and provides recommendations to the full Assembly through written reports. The budgets are then adopted by the full Assembly.

**Assembly Meetings.** The Assembly of Delegates typically hold regular meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. at the Barnstable County Complex, 3195 Main Street, Barnstable. However, due to changes in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Assembly generally held hybrid (in-person and remote) meetings in Fiscal Year 2022 in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, using the Microsoft TEAMS platform for virtual participation. Hybrid Assembly meetings are expected to continue into 2023. The physical location of the Office of the Clerk for the Assembly of Delegates is currently located at the Old Sheriff's House at the County Complex located at 3195 Main Street in Barnstable Village.

Assembly Meetings routinely include an update on Executive Branch activities from the Barnstable County Board of Regional Commissioners and the County Administrator. Assembly Delegates received updates on a variety of topics including: the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance; COVID-19, Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) clean-up at former County fire training site; Cape Cod Commission regional priority initiatives; municipal solid waste management; the County's Community Septic Loan Program; white shark movements and behavior in Cape Cod waters; the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA); the 2021 Cape Cod Pond and Lake Atlas; the Groundwater Guardian Program; application of fertilizer containing nitrogen or phosphorus on Cape Cod; County Financial Policies; Registry of Deeds projections of County revenues, efforts relating to the finance and lifecycle management of Decentralized Wastewater Treatment Infrastructure and Sewer Connections; current drought conditions and impacts; the County Fiscal Year 2021 Independent Financial Audit; County other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) liabilities; and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) proposed Title 5 and Watershed Permitting regulations as well as the 2022 Massachusetts Economic Development Bill.

Delegates passed resolutions regarding the use of videoconference technology at Assembly meetings, supporting a proposed Home Rule Petition by the Town of Orleans on the application of fertilizers, opposing Eversource Energy's Proposed Herbicide Use in Barnstable County, and revising Assembly procedures for budget review as well as re-organization meetings.

The Assembly authorized a letter opposing Holtec Decommissioning International's plan to discharge radioactive water from the decommissioned Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station into Cape Cod Bay,

**Legislative Action.** The Assembly adopted these Ordinances during 2022:

ORDINANCE	ACTION	ADOPTED
22-01	Amending Ordinance 19-10, establishing the Barnstable County Human Rights Advisory Commission to add alternate commission members and make other technical changes	2/2/2022
22-02	Transferring funds to Fund 8099 for PFAS clean-up at the former fire training site, by making a supplemental appropriation for FY22	2/16/2022
20-03	Transferring to the County's Police Academy Special Fund for FY21	03/16/2022
22-04	Transferring funds to the County Department of Human Services by making a supplemental appropriation from the County Emergency Stabilization Fund to retain a consultant to complete a HOME Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan required by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Communications from Public Officials	3/16/2022
22-05	FY23 Cape Cod Commission Operating Budget	4/20/2022
22-06	To transfer funds to Fund 8099 to pay for ongoing licensed site professional contractual services, utilities, permits, filters, operation, and maintenance for PFAS clean-up at the former fire training site, by making an appropriation for FY22, in the amount of \$622,785.00	4/20/2022
22-07	Allocating \$10 million for distributions to towns from funds received by Barnstable County under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA)	4/20/2022
22-10	FY23 County Dredge Operating Budget	5/4/2022
22-09	FY23 County Capital Budget	5/4/2022
22-08	FY23 County Operating Budget	5/25/2022
22-11	Adding to the County's operating budget for FY23, as enacted in Ordinance No. 22-08, by making supplemental appropriations for FY23, in the amount of \$97,457.20 to fund the activities of the County Information Technology Department	6/22/2022
22-12	Transferring in the County's operating budget for FY23, as enacted in Ordinance No. 22-08, in the amount of \$41,420.33 to	6/22/2022

	provide additional funding for the general fund budget of the Resource Development Office	
22-13	Rescinding amounts authorized and unissued in the Capital Projects Fund as originally appropriated in various fiscal years	6/22/2022
22-14	authorize the Board of Commissioners to amend the lease agreement between the County of Barnstable and the Commissioner of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance on behalf of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth	7/13/2022
22-15	to authorize the Board of Commissioners to approve operating budget transfers in the amount of \$39,400.00 for salaries, fringe benefits and supplies in accordance with Cape Cod regional government Home Rule Charter, Section 2 – 8, item (d) (iii)	7/27/2022
22-16	To transfer to a special revenue fund by making supplemental appropriations fiscal year two thousand twenty-three in the amount of \$2,500,000 to fund the Regional Freshwater Initiative Program	7/20/2022
22-17	to allocate the amount \$932,576 from funds received by Barnstable County under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) to be expended for the Regional Housing Strategy Project	8/10/2022
22-18	to allocate the amount of \$5,000,000 from funds received by Barnstable County under ARPA to be expended on grants for small and medium-sized projects	8/10/2022
22-19	To transfer to a special revenue fund by making supplemental appropriations fiscal year two thousand twenty-three in the amount of \$2,500,000 to fund the Regional Freshwater Initiative Program (identical to Ordinance 22-16)	8/24/2022
22-20	Amending Ordinance 22-07 allocating \$10 million for distributions to towns from funds received by Barnstable County under ARPA	9/21/2022
22-21	Authorizing the County Board of Regional Commissioners to execute a lease agreement with the Commissioner of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance on behalf of the Office of the Cape & Islands District Attorney	10/26/2022
22-22	Repealing Ordinance 16-03, Establishing the timeline for the Assembly of Delegates' review and vote on the County Commissioners' proposed fiscal budgets for all Fiscal Years commencing with Fiscal Year 2017 and all subsequent years unless amended by Ordinance; and fixing a time within which the Board of Regional Commissioners shall submit to the Assembly of Delegates its proposed operating budget for the ensuing fiscal year	11/21/2022

22-23	Transferring funds for the fiscal year two-thousand and twenty-three, to the Capital Stabilization Fund, Emergency Stabilization Fund, and General Stabilization Fund, as established in Ordinance No. 20-16, 20-17, and 20-18 by making transfers from the Unreserved Fund Balance for fiscal year two-thousand and twenty-three, in the amount of \$2,343,854.00	11/21/2022
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## 2022 Town Representation on the Assembly

Town	Weighted Vote*	Delegate
Barnstable	21.36%	Patrick Princi (Speaker)
Bourne	8.93%	George Slade
Brewster	4.51%	Mary Chaffee (Deputy Speaker)
Chatham	2.88%	Randi Potash
Dennis	6.41%	John Ohman (Dean)
Eastham	2.51%	J. Terence Gallagher
Falmouth	14.20%	Daniel Gessen (sworn in 4/6/2022); Douglas Brown (resigned 3/24/2022)
Harwich	5.87%	Elizabeth Harder
Mashpee	6.58%	Thomas O'Hara
Orleans	2.75%	Jon R. Fuller (sworn in 8/17/2022); David Dunford (resigned 7/4/2022)
Provincetown	1.60%	Brian O'Malley
Sandwich	8.85%	James Killion
Truro	1.07%	Sallie Tighe
Wellfleet	1.56%	Lilli-Ann Green
Yarmouth	10.93%	Susan Warner

\*Note: The percentages listed above have been rounded to the nearest hundredth. Exact numbers are used for all calculations.

## Barnstable County Information

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Respectfully submitted,  
Owen Fletcher  
Assembly Clerk

Americorps – 3 housing facilities, one of which is in Pocasset. Members did a great job with boat shrink-wrap recycling at ISWM.

Cape Cod Extension Service – outdoor activities, agriculture, tick/fleas, marine, coastal, nutrition, 4H

Children's Cove – child abuse, parental support

County Administration – Administrator and Staff

Dredge – shared use operation to free up our coves, harbors

Emergency Planning – augments towns requirements for events requiring response to weather and other disasters

Facilities – oversees county owned buildings

Finance Treasurer – oversees county finances

Health and Environment – responds to health events that affect the area and maintains them on an ongoing basis as required.

Human Rights Advisory Commission

Information Technology - supports the county's system and offers same to towns on an as needed basis.

Public Safety – supports certain types of training for fire, police, etc.

Purchasing – selected materials required by county to operate



## **AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) UPDATES**

**Barnstable County Board of Commissioners has allocated over \$40 Million in ARPA funding.**

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### **\$10 Million to Provide Critical Resources Directly to 15 Towns**

On 4/27/22 funds were appropriated to provide \$10 million in Barnstable County APRA grants to the 15 towns on Cape Cod. Since May 2022, Barnstable County has awarded ten grants to nine towns totaling \$7,553,605.92. Mark Forest, Chair of the County Board of Commissioners encourages the remaining towns to apply for their allocated funding.

### **\$5 Million in Grants for Support to Cape Cod Communities**

On 8/3/22 funds were appropriated to provide \$5 million in grants, via a competitive process, to local government units, nonprofits, and private/for-profit organizations to support the region's economic recovery from COVID-19. Grant amounts will be between \$100,000 and \$500,000.

Between 8/24/22 and 9/30/22, the County received 122 Letters of Intent (LOIs) totaling over \$40 million from Cape Cod organizations with interest in

applying. Forty projects totaling \$14 million moved forward to the application phase via the County's ARPA Online Application Portal. The application phase ended on 12/23/22. Completed applications are currently moving through the County's established 3-level review process, in coordination with an independent accounting firm. Awards are expected to be announced in April of 2023.

### **\$11.4 Million in ARPA Funds to Address Housing Challenges**


On 12/21/22 the Barnstable County Regional Board of Commissioners allocated \$11.4 million in ARPA funds to address housing and homelessness based on the recommendations of the Barnstable County ARPA Advisory Committee.

The recommendations include \$3 million for sheltering and medical respite for homeless individuals, \$6.9 million for gap funding for affordable housing projects that are currently underway, and \$1.5 million for workforce housing focusing on the "missing middle" and supporting the seasonal workforce through innovative public/private partnerships such as promoting zoning changes, Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), and formalizing a host network.

Eligible applicants for this round of ARPA funding include non-profit organizations, private/for-profit organizations, and municipalities through a request for proposal (RFP) process to be administered by Barnstable County. The application process will begin following approval by the Assembly of Delegates.

### **\$12.8 million for Essential County Projects**

On 2/2/23, Barnstable County approved \$12,758,514 in ARPA funding for regional projects that will expand and sustain the County's investment in water quality, affordable housing, post-COVID public health, emergency management needs, upgrades to County services, and investments in the County Dredge. The approval of this critical ARPA funding for County projects will provide regional, long-term investments into Cape Cod.





List of Regional Projects Approved:

Broadband, Internet, and Cellular Network Assessment	\$400,000
Community Health Nursing Program Needs Assessment	\$285,000
Contract Epidemiologist	\$60,000
County Clean Water Finance Center	\$257,345
County Dredge Program Stabilization	\$1,012,500
County Emergency Preparedness Upgrades	\$399,114
County Housing Initiatives Program Management	\$257,345
County Regional Water Initiatives Program Management	\$257,345
County Regional Water Initiative Management	\$1,266,481
County Water Quality Laboratory Enhancements	\$1,000,000
Harmful Algal Bloom Assessment and Monitoring	\$237,526
Innovative/Alternative (I/A) Septic Responsible Management Entity	\$672,873
Massachusetts Alternative Septic System Technology Center	\$1,383,086
Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Remediation	\$4,000,000
PFAS Identification and Analysis Program	\$829,086
Regional Children's Behavioral Health Needs Assessment	\$132,705
Regional Shared Housing Coordinator	\$308,108
TOTAL	<u><u>\$12,758,514</u></u>