

BARNSTABLE COUNTY

In the Year Two Thousand and Sixteen

Resolution 16-03

Whereas the governing body of every Barnstable County town has voted repeatedly, to request that the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) deny all Vegetation Management Plans (VMPs) and Yearly Operating Permits (YOPs) for Eversource/ formerly NSTAR which include the use of herbicides to maintain power line rights-of-way on public and others' private land; and,

Whereas these petitions to challenge the applicability of existing MDR Regulations to the distinctive hydrology of Cape Cod have regularly been peremptorily denied; and,

Whereas the sole-source aquifer just beneath our sandy soil is the only fresh water available to residents of and visitors to Cape Cod for all our needs; preserving its quality from contamination is a vital concern; and,

Whereas the Preamble to our Barnstable County Home Rule Charter states that the defined purpose of our regional government is "...to deal with regional issues which transcend the existing boundaries of municipal governments;"

Now, Therefore, the Regional Government of Barnstable County

Resolves to call upon Governor Charles Baker, by delivering this Resolution, to require MDAR to deny any power line vegetation management plan within Barnstable County, which includes the application of herbicides including glyphosate and its adjuvants, and similar others.

Notice of this Resolution shall be also delivered to both State Senators, and all Representatives for Barnstable County. In addition a copy shall be delivered to John Lebeaux, Commissioner of the Department of Agricultural Resources.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates, by a roll call vote of 66.59% voting "yes", 30.68% voting "present"(or abstain), and 2.73% "absent" at the regular meeting held on May 18, 2016.

Attested by:

**Janice O'Connell, Clerk
Assembly of Delegates**