

**CAPE COD REGIONAL GOVERNMENT
ASSEMBLY of DELEGATES
2024 Session
Ordinance No. 15**

In the interest of the fifteen towns of Barnstable County, and in order to establish the Barnstable County Dredge Advisory Committee, Barnstable County finds the following:

Whereas, Cape Cod's coastal resources support the health and welfare of the Cape's residents and visitors through maintenance of water quality, access to fishing, shell fishing, boating, and harbors;

Whereas, the Cape's resiliency to coastal threats such as storms, flooding, erosion, and sea level rise relies on wise community planning and development;

Whereas, the Barnstable County Home Rule Charter empowers the Cape Cod regional government with the authority to establish programs and perform services to address problems that cross municipal boundaries;

Whereas, Barnstable County has a regional dredge program that provides Dredging in Barnstable County;

NOW THEREFORE,

The Cape Cod regional government, known as Barnstable County, hereby ordains;

Pursuant to the Barnstable County Home Rule Charter, it is hereby proposed to establish the Barnstable County Dredge Advisory Committee.

SECTION 1. Establishment of the Barnstable County Dredge Advisory Committee

There shall be a Barnstable County Dredge Advisory Committee (DAC) established as a part of Barnstable County government and subject to the rules, regulations, administrative and budgetary policies and procedures of the County.

All activities of the DAC shall be consistent with the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law and other relevant State Laws, Barnstable County Home Rule Charter, and the Administrative Code of Barnstable County.

SECTION 2. Mission

The Dredge Advisory Committee is a technical committee established to advise and provide guidance to the Barnstable County Dredge Program.

SECTION 3. Purpose

Consistent with the Barnstable County Home Rule Charter and the Administrative Code of Barnstable County, the members of the DAC shall:

1. Provide guidance to the County on the dredging operations and input on project scheduling.
2. Identify and promote public education about dredging projects and related benefits.
3. Support regional dredging initiatives.
4. Encourage collaboration to better take advantage of strategic opportunities.
5. Act as liaison between the Dredging Program and town administrations.

SECTION 4. Membership and Terms

The Dredge Advisory Committee shall be constituted as follows:

1. There shall be seventeen (17) voting members, appointed by the Board of Regional Commissioners.
2. Members shall have an understanding of dredging needs in their town and/or regional needs.
3. Each of the fifteen towns on Cape Cod shall nominate a representative and an alternate representative to the Dredge Advisory Committee. Representatives and alternates are nominated by their respective Selectboard or Town Council.
4. Alternates vote only when participating in place of the DAC representative and shall not serve as Chair or Vice- Chair.
5. Two additional representatives shall be appointed, including a County Commissioner, or their designee, and the Cape & Islands Coastal Zone Management Regional Coordinator.
6. Terms of appointment shall be for three (3) years.
7. Each representative shall have one (1) vote. Alternates will fill in for representatives, but each town shall only have one vote.
8. At the first meeting of every other calendar year, DAC members shall nominate and elect a Chair and Vice-Chair for two year terms.
9. A majority of members (9/17) shall constitute a quorum.
10. The DAC shall meet at least four times per year.

Section 5. DAC Staffing

The Dredge Director, or his/her designee, will provide administrative support to the DAC as needed to fulfill the responsibilities outlined in this ordinance.

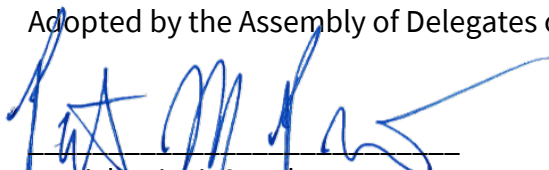
Section 6. Transitional Provisions

Upon the effective date of this ordinance, the existing members of the Barnstable County Dredge Subcommittee (Dredge Subcommittee) of the Barnstable County Coastal Resources Management Committee shall serve as the inaugural members of the DAC, for a term to be equivalent to the remaining balance of the terms of the Dredge Subcommittee.

Section 7.

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

Adopted by the Assembly of Delegates on April 17, 2024



Patrick Princi, Speaker

Approved by the Board of Regional Commissioners on April 24, 2024



Ronald Bergstrom, Chair

Sheila Lyons, Vice Chair

Mark Forest, Commissioner