

MEETING MINUTES
CAPE COD WATER PROTECTION COLLABORATIVE
Governing Board Committee
April 10, 2018

A meeting of the Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative was held on April 10, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. in the Cape Cod Commission's main conference room, 3225 Main Street, Barnstable, MA.

Members:

Barnstable	Paul Hebert	Present
Bourne	Terri Guarino	Absent
Brewster	Ryan Bennett	Absent
Chatham	Florence Seldin	Present
Dennis	Wayne Bergeron	Absent
Eastham	Jane Crowley	Present
Falmouth	Ray Jack	Present
Harwich	Larry Ballantine	Present
Mashpee	Vacant	Absent
Orleans	Sims McGrath	Present
Provincetown	Vacant	Vacant
Sandwich	Dave Sampson	Absent
Truro	Emily Beebe	Absent
Wellfleet	Curt Felix	Present
Yarmouth	Jeffrey Colby	Present (left meeting at 10:45)
County Appointee	Zenas Crocker	Present
County Appointee	Ron Beaty	Present (left meeting at 10:15)

Others Present:

<i>Erin Perry</i>	<i>Cape Cod Commission</i>
<i>Kristy Senatori</i>	<i>Cape Cod Commission</i>
<i>Stephanie Houghton</i>	<i>Cape Cod Commission</i>
<i>Scott Michaud</i>	<i>Cape Cod Commission</i>
<i>Tom Cambareri</i>	<i>Cape Cod Commission</i>
<i>Tim Pasakarnis</i>	<i>Cape Cod Commission</i>
<i>Andrew Gottlieb</i>	<i>Association to Preserve Cape Cod</i>
<i>Jack Moriarty</i>	<i>AmeriCorps</i>
<i>Jack Yunits</i>	<i>Barnstable County</i>

Sims McGrath called the meeting to order at 9:30. Paul Hebert made a motion to approve the February 13, 2018 minutes, seconded by Larry Ballantine and unanimously approved.

Kristy Senatori said the Implementation Report was approved by both MassDEP and US EPA. The Commission received a letter from US EPA last week adopting the report and incorporating it into the 208 Update. All recommendations and watershed plans were endorsed by the agency. They praised the work done by towns and the Commission and requested a second implementation report in April 2019. The letter can be found on the Commission's website.

The Assembly of Delegates approved amendments to the Commission's District of Regional Impact's enabling regulations which will allow wastewater management plans to go through a 208 Consistency Review instead of the DRI process.

Erin Perry said the Commission and MassDEP have been working closely with the four Pleasant Bay communities in developing a watershed permit. The watershed permitting project will allow the towns to apply jointly for the permit and allow for greater flexibility in the types of technologies used. A condition of the permit is that the Pleasant Bay plan be consistent with the 208 Update, this would be determined by the Commission reviewing it for 208 consistency.

The monitoring subcommittee met on March 7th. The meeting reviewed the mission, goals and tasks of the subcommittee, a review of the monitoring white paper and presentation on existing monitoring efforts. Monitoring organization will be invited to the next meeting to discuss their monitoring programs and redundancies. The group will also look at the possibility of using Barnstable County Lab for monitoring analysis. This meeting is expected to be held on April or early May. The group will provide recommendations to the Collaborative Governing Board by the end of the summer.

Commission staff submitted a pre-proposal SNEP grant at the end of last month. The proposal is to continue working on the monitoring database, to work with the Collaborative on identifying the information that is needed by communities and to build in a script that will generate a trend analysis. The full proposal is due at the end of June.

There was a discussion about the status of the Barnstable County Lab and its equipment. Ms. Senatori said the lab will be invited to a Collaborative meeting to ensure member questions are answered pertaining to equipment status, QAQC (Quality Assurance and Quality Control) and existing capabilities.

Ms. Perry said the Governor issued an environmental bond bill on March 15, 2018. \$45 million is authorized for investment in water and air quality protection. This funding is for research, studies, collection of data, implementation of water quality monitoring networks, eel grass monitoring, investments water quality management plans adopted under 208 and for pilot projects which test innovative and green technologies. \$60 million dollars is tagged for the Water Pollution Abatement Revolving Fund, or the Drinking Water Revolving fund.

Andrew Gottlieb Executive Director of the Association to Preserve Cape Cod, said the Massachusetts House and Senate passed home rental tax bills that establish a Cape and islands water protection fund. There are subtle differences between the two, but both provide a place for money that can support debt service on SRF finance projects, or any project that is 208 compliant with an SRF loan. Expenditures from the fund would need to be

approved by a local management board made up of appointments by boards of selectmen or town council, can be a selectmen/councilor, town manager or professional staff from the town. The trust fund is comprised of the 15 towns, there is an opportunity for towns from the Islands to join if they complete a 208 plan or an equivalent plan. An opt out provision is included. The House and Senate took very different approaches to regulating and taxing short term rentals. The Senate version provides a greater income stream than the house version does. A final bill should be finalized mid-summer.

Reports from Governing Board Member Towns and Organizations on Water Resources Issues

- **Town of Chatham** – Florence Seldin: The sewer project is moving ahead into the second half of phase one. The town is dealing with significant erosion caused by winter storms. Ms. Seldin said that today would be her last meeting, she is not asking to be reappointed. She said it was her pleasure to work with the Collaborative and the Commission.
- **Town of Yarmouth** – Jeff Colby: The Yarmouth Board of Selectmen supported an article at town meeting on the three town discussion with Dennis and Harwich. The town received four proposals for their organics diversion RFP and a decision should be made within the next few weeks.
- **Town of Wellfleet** – Curt Felix: The Town of Wellfleet has proposed a new position of water resource director, it is on the town meeting warrant. The Herring River Project continues to move forward.
- **County** – Zenas Crocker: The Coalition is working on a series of pilot projects around Marston's Mills River. The Coalition submitted two SNEP grants for the project.
- **Town of Barnstable** – Paul Hebert: The Town of Barnstable is looking into the long term capacity of the town's wastewater plant.
- **Town of Orleans**– Sims McGrath: The Town of Orleans is a month into downtown sewer construction.
- **Town of Harwich**– Larry Ballantine: Harwich continues to work with neighboring towns. There are six water related articles on the town meeting warrant.
- **Town of Falmouth** – Ray Jack: The regional effort of Upper Cape communities is moving forward and will most likely result in the establishment of an IMA (intermunicipal agreement) Joint Base Cape Cod (JBCC) invited neighboring communities to be part of a discussion on regional opportunities such as wastewater and transportation. The design for the inlet widening project for Bourne's pond is complete. The town is working on the Comprehensive Waste Management Plan update which is scheduled to be finalized by December 2019
- **Town of Eastham** – Jane Crowley: The town is continuing municipal water system development, phase two (voluntary hookups) has started. The town is in the process of establishing zoning with the Cape Cod Commission in response to growth issues resulting from the new infrastructure. The town is working on a targeted watershed approach.

Mr. McGrath thanked Florence for her years volunteering on the Collaborative.

At 11:04 Ms. Seldin made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Ballantine and unanimously approved.

MATERIALS USED/PRESENTED AT THE April 10, 2018 CCWPC MEETING:

Handout materials:

- February 13, 2018 CCWPC Governing Board Meeting Minutes
- April 10, 2018 CCWPC Governing Board Meeting Agenda
- Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative FY18 Agenda Topics

