

**MINUTES OF THE
CAPE COD WATER PROTECTION COLLABORATIVE
Governing Board Committee
March 11, 2015**

A meeting of the Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative was held on March 11, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Innovation Room of the Barnstable County Strategic Information Office in Barnstable, MA.

Members:

Barnstable	Mark Ells	Present <i>(left at 9:45 am)</i>
Bourne	Linda Zuern	Present
Brewster	Sue Leven	Present
Chatham	Florence Seldin	Present
Dennis	Vacant	Vacant
Eastham	Jane Crowley	Present
Falmouth	Rebecca Moffitt	Absent
Harwich	Larry Ballantine	Present
Mashpee	Michael Richardson	Absent
Orleans	Sims McGrath	Present
Provincetown	Vacant	Vacant
Sandwich	David Mason	Absent
Truro	Patricia Pajaron	Present
Wellfleet	Curt Felix	Absent
Yarmouth	William Hinchey	Present <i>(arrived at 9:25 am)</i>
County Appointee	Linell Grundman	Absent
County Appointee	Lindsey Counsell	Present
Ex-officio member	George Heufelder	Absent
Ex-officio member	Paul Niedzwiecki	Present

Staff Present:

Andrew Gottlieb	Executive Director
Gail Hanley	Cape Cod Commission
Erin Perry	Special Projects Coordinator/Cape Cod Commission

1. Minutes of February 18, 2015

Sims McGrath moved to approve the minutes of February 18, 2015. Lindsey Counsell seconded the motion. The motion passed with 7 votes in favor and two abstentions.

2. 208 Area-Wide Water Quality Management Plan Update/Discussion, Review of OneCape Forum and Discussion of Next Steps.

Erin Perry, Special Projects Coordinator at the Cape Cod Commission, said there was great attendance at the Summit and approximately 200 people were in attendance on February 25 and approximately 300 on February 26. She said the evening session was geared to towns and all 15 towns were represented. She said attendees were able to hear discussions by the DEP, EPA, and Conservation Law Foundation (CLF). She said on February 26 they held breakout sessions to discuss the next steps and they received great feedback from those sessions. Ms. Perry distributed a one page flier and discussed Waste

Treatment Management Agencies (WMAs); the June 15 deadline for submission of the Plan to the U.S. EPA and she discussed the focus on upcoming meetings. She said the one-page flier will be sent to all Boards of Selectmen asking towns to designate a team.

Board Members provided comments on the 208 Summit:

- Somewhat disappointed with discussions by the DEP and EPA and thought the discussion by the CLF was better.
- The EPA was trying to clarify their role versus DEP's role.
- The 15 towns have to work together; individual towns not equipped to work alone and should work with their neighbors.
- Disagreed with the model regarding property values decreasing; people are concerned with flood insurance and that type of information should be in the model as well.
- The breakout sessions on Thursday were confusing with a lot of end and without any middle; watershed teams were confusing and not sure this event is where it's going to happen to move ahead with this; there needs to be a commitment to non-traditional alternatives; non-traditional pilot projects are going on but not everyone is aware of that; suggested having a piloting page on the CCC website to inform people of those pilot programs.
- The Summit was great; it was great to have 15 towns together in one room; delighted with the effort and representation.
- Some communities on Cape Cod will not step up and are less likely to go into intermunicipal agreements; not all intermunicipal agreements will be unsuccessful as there have been positive initiatives.
- Over-simplistic nature of the discussion by the EPA.
- Overall CCC did a great job to have elected officials all together in one room; more education is needed for elected officials; property value presentation is very complicated and only focused on one area; solutions are there but it has to be clearly shown.

Erin Perry said the CCC can help with education and outreach on pilot programs and what technologies are being used. She said they are working on ironing out any confusion that people may have and they will provide clarification.

3. Member/Town Reports

- **Town of Falmouth** – Jerry Potamis for Rebecca Moffitt: They hope to have water contracts by April 1; they went out to bid and had three or four bidders; they came out ahead by \$3 million; they opened water treatment plant bids for a new water treatment plant and out of the three bidders Methuen was the low bidder.
- **Town of Orleans** – Sims McGrath: Nothing new to report.
- **Town of Brewster** – Sue Leven: They received a grant through DLTA through the Cape Cod Commission for shellfish management plans for Pleasant Bay, they didn't get as much as they asked for but they got enough.
- **Town of Truro** – Pat Pajaron: They finished the report on Phase One of their plan which is on their website, they are starting discussions on Phase Two, and they will be meeting with the committee tomorrow.
- **County Appointee** – Lindsey Counsell: The EPA Stormwater Education Grant that Barnstable has been working on had a final design for the Gateway Marina Stormwater Project; the grant has two goals to deal with the stormwater and also has an education component; it's an interesting and exciting project; it's going to RDA March 31 and they are hoping for a relatively easy passage there.

- **Town of Barnstable** – Mark Ells: They are putting in a major boat pump at several different locations in the harbor; they received state funding and it's a public/private partnership; it will handle the Hi-Line Boat and other boats coming into the harbor.

- **Town of Bourne** – Linda Zuern: Bourne is in the process of working with Harvest Power on a lease agreement with the Bourne Landfill; they will be leasing three or four acres at the landfill site; they will have a partnership with the MMR, Harvest Power, and the town; the company uses food waste/food oil to produce energy; the company has a site in Florida and anyone interested in finding out more about Harvest Power can go to their website.

- **Town of Eastham** – Jane Crowley: The water system project is on track; the storage tank is out for bid and will be awarded by the end of the month; it will be going on a warrant in May; and proponents have stuck by their argument.

- **Town of Chatham** – Florence Seldin: They are continuing with the sewer project and are on the next Phase C1; several restaurants in town want to expand seats—no increase in space, just seats—and the town approved; bids on the Fire Station have come in.

- **Town of Yarmouth** – William Hinchey: Nothing to report.

- **Town of Harwich** – Larry Ballantine: They are expanding their wastewater department and will be moving from an appointed body to an elected body (Board of Selectmen) and it will remain as a town department; there is some opposition to that and they are trying to work through that; they continue to work with Chatham to connect to the sewer; they plan to create an enterprise fund—one for water and one for wastewater.

4. Executive Director's Update/Report

Andrew Gottlieb gave a brief update:

- He continues to work on the budget.
- He, as well as Larry Ballantine, attended the Assembly of Delegates (AOD) meeting and presented the budget to the AOD subcommittee, it was supported by the subcommittee and now it will move through the AOD process.
- He forwarded the budget to the DEP to include monitoring in the state capital fund.

5. Monitoring Committee Report and Update

Tom Cambareri, Water Resources Program Manager and member of the 208 Water Quality Management Plan Monitoring Subcommittee, with the use of PowerPoint slides provided an update on the Monitoring Subcommittee and said its mission is to provide advice and guidance on appropriate monitoring protocols for technology efficiency and total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) while identifying a process for consolidating all available monitoring data in a central location and format. He said the roles and responsibilities of the Subcommittee are to establish performance monitoring protocols for technologies that may be a part of watershed permits in the future, establish compliance monitoring protocols for meeting TMDLs in the water body, establish process and structure for consolidating and cooperation of existing monitoring programs and data into a centralized location, and identify region-wide monitoring needs and develop proposals. He discussed current water resource monitoring, watershed permit compliance monitoring, pilot project protocols, technical assistance, a data warehouse, funding and outreach/training.

6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

MATERIALS USED/PRESENTED AT THE MARCH 11, 2015 CCWPC MEETING:

- March 11, 2015 CCWPC Meeting Agenda.
- Draft minutes of February 18, 2015.
- Handout Material: *“one cape designing solutions for clean water”* flier prepared by the Cape Cod Commission.
- PowerPoint Slide Presentation: *Section 208 Water Quality Management Plan Monitoring Subcommittee Update* prepared and presented by Tom Cambareri, Water Resources Program Manager at the Cape Cod Commission and member of the Monitoring Subcommittee.