

## Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative

### Steering Committee

Monday May 13, 2019

1:00 PM

#### Draft Minutes

Summary of Discussion/Action taken: The committee reviewed and approved a draft scope of work for the fiscal year 2019 water quality monitoring program

Documents used/received: Draft FY19 Coastal Water Quality Monitoring Scope of Work

#### Members:

Sims McGrath (Chair)	Orleans	Present
Jane Crowley (Vice Chair)	Eastham	Present
Larry Ballantine	Harwich	Present
Ronald Beaty	County Appointee	Present
Zenas Crocker	County Appointee	Present

#### Others Present:

Gail Coyne	Cape Cod Commission
Tim Pasakarnis	Cape Cod Commission
Erin Perry	Cape Cod Commission

Sims McGrath called the meeting to order at 1:04.

Erin Perry presented the scope of work to be submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for the annual water quality monitoring program conducted by the Center for Coastal Studies for fiscal year 2019.

Ms. Perry noted that this is something that is typically presented to the Collaborative Governing Board, but at the time of the last meeting Commission staff was not aware that the funds would be provided through the County again, as the State had been working to provide the funds directly to the Center for Coastal Studies. The State notified the Commission that this new distribution method was not going to work this year and that they would be distributing the funds through the County, utilizing the existing three-year contract the County has in place with the Center for Coastal Studies.

Ms. Perry provided the following summary of the scope of work. The scope of work presented is consistent with years past. The Center for Coastal Studies is partnering with the Buzzards Bay Coalition, and collaborating with the Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, the Barnstable Clean Water Coalition, Harwich Natural Resources Department, and trained volunteers to collect water samples and data from 185 stations in coastal waters of Cape Cod Bay, Nantucket Sound, and eastern Buzzards Bay.

Sample analysis occurs at the Center for Coastal Studies lab and the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole. Roughly 160 stations are located in coastal embayments and the remaining are just offshore. Thirty-six stations are sentinel stations. Monitoring occurs from May to October and is done biweekly. A small subset of locations are sampled year-round.

All data collected is integrated into the regional water quality monitoring database and will be utilized when reporting back to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and the United States Environmental Protection Agency on progress implementing the Section 208 Area Wide Water Quality Management Plan for Cape Cod.

Ms. Perry stated that the Commission is bringing this before the Steering Committee prior to submission to the State so that staff can answer any questions or take any comments.

Steering Committee members voted unanimously in support of submitting the scope of work to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

Steering Committee members further discussed monitoring topics that might be brought to the Collaborative Governing Board at future meetings, including a look at redundancy in sampling locations, consistency of Quality Assurance Project Plans from one monitoring organizations to another, an update on progress toward the regional water quality monitoring database and analysis, and looking at other monitoring such as benthic and infaunal monitoring. Commission staff agreed to include these items on future agendas of the Collaborative Governing Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.