

MINUTES OF THE
CAPE COD WATER PROTECTION COLLABORATIVE
04-11-07

A meeting of the Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative was held at the Town Hall in Eastham on April 11, 2007, commencing at 8:37 a.m.

Members:

Barnstable	Paul Niedzwiecki	Present
Bourne	Peggy Fantozzi	Absent
Brewster	Jillian Douglas	Present
Chatham	Sean Summers	Present
Dennis	Gene Tully	Present
Eastham	Jane Crowley	Present
Falmouth	Jack Barnes	Present
Harwich	Larry Ballantine	Present
Mashpee	John Cahalane	Absent
Orleans	Augusta McKusick	Present
Provincetown	Cheryl Andrews	Present
Sandwich	David Mason	Present
Truro	Suzanne Grout Thomas	Absent
Wellfleet	Emily E. H. Beebe	Present
Yarmouth	George Allaire	Present

County Commissioners' Appointees:

John O'Brien	Absent
John Hinckley	Present

Others Present:

Andrew Gottlieb	Interim Executive Director, CCWPC
Tom Cambareri	Cape Cod Commission
Sue Rask	Barnstable County Department of Health and Environment
Ed Eichner	Cape Cod Commission
Sheila Vanderhoef	Town Administrator, Town of Eastham
Joanne Mullen	Waquoit Bay Reserves
John Hodgkinson	

1) Minutes: Gussie McKusick, Vice-Chair called the meeting to order and asked for any comments or questions on the Minutes of 03-14-07. No comments or questions offered. Ms. McKusick motioned to approve the Minutes, motion moved by John Hinckley, 2nd by Jack Barnes. Approved by all. Gussie McKusick abstained.

Chairman Paul Niedzwiecki arrived at 8:41 a.m.

2) I/A Presentation: Sue Rask of the Barnstable County Department of Health and Environment gave a presentation on the I/A study completed for the Town of Eastham.

Chairman Niedzwiecki asked for any questions or comments.

Gussie McKusick asked how Eastham was going to handle the results and recommendations from the study.

Jane Crowley responded by informing the board that the town was looking at water supply and public health impact and would not be moving in the direction of I/A systems. The town's objective is to look at individual technology performance.

Cheryl Andrews inquired as to who funded the study and how much it cost.

Sue Rask explained that the project was funded by the Wastewater Implementation Committee through a grant process using County surplus funds from FY05. The thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) was awarded and allocated between the Towns of Eastham and Wellfleet.

A general discussion continued between various board members including Jack Barnes, Sean Summers, Cheryl Andrews, George Allaire, Emily Beebe, Interim Executive Director Andrew Gottlieb and John Hodgkinson on what Eastham will be doing next.

3) Chairman Niedzwiecki introduced and welcomed Jillian Douglas as the new board member representing the Town of Brewster.

4) Legislative Subcommittee Update: Andrew Gottlieb gave an update on the meeting between himself, Legislative Committee Members, Paul Niedzwiecki, Gussie McKusick, John Hinckley and Senator Rob O'Leary to modify the request for SRF funding to meet Cape needs. Mr. Gottlieb will be revising the draft in the next month and will circulate it to the board when complete. Board members can expect the revision by the end of May. Mr. Gottlieb explained that once the revised version is completed the next step will be to pursue federal funding. Gussie McKusick advised that the role of the collaborative was discussed and a list will be developed of whom in the community to go to for support.

5) Resource Subcommittee Update: Jack Barnes gave a status on the registration of the WBNERR conference. A list of current attendees was distributed. Mr. Barnes noted that only 6 members of the board had registered and encouraged all members to attend.

6) Education Subcommittee Update: Gussie McKusick, Covered in the Resource Subcommittee Update.

7) Town Updates:

Chatham: Sean Summers explained that the town will be going forward with the design and expansion of the wastewater facility.

Eastham: Jane Crowley gave the floor to Sheila Vanderhoef, Town Administrator, who gave a presentation on Eastham's water supply planning implementation plan for a town-wide system. Ms. Vanderhoef used a chart to show the cost and timeline of the project. The use of funds still needs to be approved by the Board of Selectmen and then will go to the voters on the May 15th ballot. The town is also in the front phase of SRF funding and will also be looking into state and federal funding.

Orleans: Gussie McKusick update on the town included the completion of the Orleans Wastewater Needs Assessment for CDMP that was done in February. It was well received. The Cape Keepers received the 2007 Environmental Merits award and will be presented with a plaque at a ceremony on 04/18/07 at Fanuil Hall in Boston. Ms. McKusick advised the board on her meeting with Commander David Score Superintendent of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Office in Key West to discuss wastewater management efforts in the area. Ms. McKusick also advised the board on the meeting between the towns of Chatham, Orleans, Harwich and Brewster with Brian Dudley, Massachusetts Estuaries Project Manager, MassDEP, Steve Halterman and Brian Howes to discuss monitoring and compliance issues related to achieving the Pleasant Bay TMDLs. Lastly, Ms. McKusick said she had a discussion with John O'Brien on how much is it worth to solve the multi billion dollar problem of wastewater on the Cape and as part of her update distributed a Cape Cod Real Estate Assessment for board members to review.

- 8) Paul Niedzwiecki asked if there were any comments or questions from staff, TAC members, Members of the Assembly of Delegates, Cape Cod Commission or anyone else in attendance. There was no response.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.