

**-Approved-  
MINUTES OF THE  
CAPE COD WATER PROTECTION COLLABORATIVE  
8-9-06**

A meeting of the Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative was held at the Superior Courthouse in Barnstable on August 9, 2006, commencing at 8:30 A.M.

**Members:**

Barnstable	Paul Niedzwiecki	Present
Bourne	Peggy Fantozzi	Present
Brewster	Bud Rowles	Absent
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	Absent
Yarmouth	George Allaire	Present

County Commissioners' Appointees:

John O'Brien	Present
John Hinckley	Present

**Others Present:**

Mark Zielinski	County Administrator
Margo Fenn	Cape Cod Commission
Tom Cambareri	Cape Cod Commission
Ed Eichner	Cape Cod Commission
George Heufelder	County Health & Environment Department
Bob Duncanson, Ph.D.	Chatham – Director Dept. Health and Environment
Ed Maroney	Barnstable Patriot
Other interested citizens	

Meeting commenced at 8:35 A.M.

1) Minutes – Chairman Niedzwiecki opened the meeting and asked for comments on the minutes of 7/12/06. None were offered. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

2) Reports - The Chair asked if there is news to report from the towns regarding water/wastewater issues:

Barnstable - Reports that they are completing their draft Wastewater Management Plan and they are very excited to be at that point.

Orleans – Reports that the town is providing the draft needs assessment to the public. Gussie also noted that the proposed “checkerboard sewer” legislation died at the end of the legislative session. The Orleans Selectmen will be asked to move forward with new legislation so it is a topic that should be discussed in the Collaborative to determine if we want to support generic legislation or special legislation town by town.

George Allaire posed a question regarding checkerboarding as to how it is decided who hooks up to the sewer system. Gussie responded by saying that it is based on set criteria, over a certain amount of gallonage hook up would be required; locations where a septic system is not feasible, etc.

Falmouth – Reports, as reported in today’s newspaper, that the town is proposing a 20 year program to install sewers in East Falmouth with an estimated cost of \$500 million. Jack Barnes indicated that this would cover about one-third of the town with a total capacity of about 3MGD. Jack also noted that the Town Administrator mentioned the possibility of the Collaborative assisting with securing financing for the project.

Chatham – Stressed that all of our communities have to allay concerns regarding the impacts on development and zoning resulting from wastewater projects. Chatham tied to keep wastewater management issues separate from zoning changes.

John Hinckley indicated that he felt it was crucial to involve the Planning Board and to have them act in concert with the Wastewater Committee He feels the Planning Board is an asset in wastewater planning.

Cheryl Andrews indicated that Provincetown passed a by-law that limited the development or use of a lot to that which was allowable under Title V.

Returning to Falmouth’s report, the group discussed how the Collaborative could best help Falmouth with securing financing as one obvious answer. Other ideas included the Collaborative assembling a “cafeteria of measures” that would allow towns to choose as if from a menu; the Collaborative being a “resource library” for the towns where wastewater information and by-law changes would be available for other towns to examine; and, forming a Collaborative discussion group to identify various financing alternatives.

The Chair asked if there were any other reports from Towns, and there were none.

County – Reminded members that the Cape Cod Commission task Force meeting with public Officials was scheduled for Thursday, 8/10, at 7:00 P.M. in the Assembly Chamber.

Legislative Sub-Committee – Paul reported, as Gussie had stated earlier, that the proposed “checkerboard sewer” as well as the SRF legislation failed to pass before the expiration of the legislative session. The subcommittee would then be working on recommendations for the legislative agenda for the next twelve months. As the legislature is in “informal” session, nothing will happen until January, 2007. Ultimately the Legislative Sub-Committee will help push what resource needs are identified by the Collaborative.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) – Tom Cambareri spoke with Frank Sampson regarding the appointments to the TAC and the timeframe.

County Health – George Heufelder reported that the Septic Betterment program made loans totaling approximately \$1.2 million since its inception in May.

Cape Cod Commission (CCC) Staff - Tom Cambareri stated that the staff was working on a fall wastewater conference to be held November 16, 2006 at the Harwich Community Center with topics on science management and technology; they are continuing their work on the wastewater grants to Harwich and Eastham; they are working on the USGS project in Barnstable and Chatham; Capekeepers public education efforts were ongoing and the CapeKeepers radio spots would be heard through this month.

Assembly – John Hodgkinson requested that the Collaborative update the Assembly on their work, and that the County improve the website to provide more timely information.

John O'Brien requested that the County Administrator provide a summary of County wastewater funding to the Collaborative. Mark Zielinski indicated he would do so for the next meeting.

3) Old Business – Paul Niedzwiecki indicated the Steering Committee had met on July 27<sup>th</sup> to finalize the Executive Director job description and recruitment process and that the job description, and job advertisement were distributed to Collaborative members. Paul asked if there were any comments and none were offered. A motion was made and seconded to approve the job description. It was approved by unanimous voice vote. The Steering Committee also discussed the recruitment process and developed a list of websites where the job ad should be posted. It was determined that the job ad would run in the Boston Sunday Globe as well as a number of national water quality related websites, some at a nominal cost, and as many on the recommended list as possible. The ad would run in the Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> paper and on the websites for 30 days. Resumes would be due by Wednesday, September 20, 2006.

4) New Business – Gussie spoke about a discussion at the Steering Committee that resulted in a draft of “5 Reasons that a community may want to address the management of their wastewater”. This document is intended to assist the Collaborative in identifying the definition of “water quality”. A brief discussion ensued regarding the document, and it was generally agreed that the five items accurately reflect what the Collaborative is trying to communicate.

5) Other Business – Peggy Fantozzi brought up the Cape Cod Commission Task Force meeting scheduled for tonight and the Steering Committee thought that this would be a good opportunity to communicate the need for the County to recognize the change that has occurred and how the Cape Cod Commission interacts with the County and the Collaborative needs to be carefully considered. She would prepare a written statement to deliver to the Task Force this evening.

Paul spoke about the agenda of the Collaborative going forward. There are several areas of focus:

- Continue to monitor the hiring process,
- Definition issues (i.e. Regional Wastewater Management Plan) and how to deal with and prioritize,
- Resources – identify potential resources available at all levels of government. He recommends establishment of a resource subcommittee and asked Jack Barnes to be on it. Peggy Fantozzi and John Hinckley also volunteered. It was recommended that staff from the Health and Environment Department and the Cape Cod Commission serve on this subcommittee in an advisory capacity.

Paul also recommended that the legislative subcommittee meet more frequently and called for the next meeting to be August 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 P.M. in Rooms 11& 12 of Superior Court House, prior to the next Steering Committee meeting at 2:00 P.M.

The next meeting of the Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative will be Wednesday, September 13, 2006 at 8:30 A.M. in Rooms 11& 12 of Superior Court House.

No comments from the public or press. No further Business.

Motion to adjourn was unanimously approved at 9.40 A.M.