

MINUTES OF THE
CAPE COD WATER PROTECTION COLLABORATIVE
01-09-08

A meeting of the Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative was held at the Superior Courthouse in Barnstable on January 9, 2008 commencing at 9:34 a.m.

Members:

Barnstable	Mark Ells	Present
Bourne	Peggy Fantozzi	Present
Brewster	Jillian Douglas	Absent
Chatham	Robert Duncanson	Present
Dennis	Sheryl McMahan	Present
Eastham	Jane Crowley	Present
Falmouth	Jack Barnes	Absent
Harwich	Larry Ballantine	Present
Mashpee	John Cahalane	Present
Orleans	Augusta McKusick	Present
Provincetown	Cheryl Andrews	Present
Sandwich	David Mason	Absent
Truro	Pat Pajaron	Present
Wellfleet	Emily E. H. Beebe	Present
Yarmouth	George Allaire	Present

County Commissioners' Appointees:

John O'Brien	Absent
John Hinckley	Present

Others Present:

Andrew Gottlieb	Executive Director
Kara McCormick	Barnstable County Staff
Paul Niedzwiecki	Executive Director, Cape Cod Commission
Dale Saad	Town of Barnstable
Michael Zylich	Town of Sandwich
Tom Cambareri	Cape Cod Commission
Paul McCormick	Selectman, Town of Dennis
Maggie Geist	APCC
Susan Rask	Barnstable County Department of Health & Environment

Chairman McKusick opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

1) Minutes: Gussie McKusick, Chairman called the meeting to order and asked for any comments or questions on the Minutes of 12-12-07. Cheryl Andrews requested a correction be made to her town update comments for Provincetown changing the language regarding the wastewater article override from "4 out 5" to "all override questions failed". George Allaire asked that under his comments for the Town of

Yarmouth that “EMP” be corrected to “MEP”. Bob Duncanson asked that under his comments for the Town of Chatham that the language “public” be changed to “Citizens Advisory”. Board unanimously agreed to table approving the Minutes since no members were able to preview the Minutes before the meeting. Chairman McKusick asked that all Minutes be distributed to Board Members 48 hours prior to a meeting. Kara McCormick, County Staff, and Andrew Gottlieb, Executive Director, verified that Minutes and Agenda information were sent out and that the County was experiencing technical problems due to changing the server.

Motion by Gussie McKusick to table the approval of the Minutes of December 12, 2007 until the February 13, 2008 Governing Board meeting. Moved by Larry Ballentine, 2nd by Bob Duncanson, approved by all.

2) Legislative update, Andrew Gottlieb: Mr. Gottlieb thanked the Board Members for the written support and attendance at the public hearing for Senator O’Leary’s bill 2379. He gave an update on his meeting with Senator O’Leary and Tim Cahill, Treasurer, stating that he received a positive outlook from Mr. Cahill for the next step with the legislation.

Mr. Gottlieb announced that he will be meeting with Town of Falmouth staff regarding their concern on the growth portion of the legislature. Larry Ballentine asked if he could resend out copies of the draft bill to everyone. Mr. Gottlieb agreed to circulate the link that will direct members to the revised bill on the mass.gov website. He also announced that he will be meeting with Lori Burt, Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection Friday, January 11, 2007.

Chairman McKusick asked for any further comments or questions from the Board. None offered.

3) Assembly of Delegates update, Andrew Gottlieb: Mr. Gottlieb reminded the Board that he would be attending the Assembly of Delegates meeting on Wednesday, January 16, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. to bring them up to date on the Collaborative’s activities. He also invited members of the board to join him. At Board Members request he will find out approximately what time he is scheduled on the agenda and will let them know. He also invited them to attend the County Commissioners meeting at 2:00 p.m. on the same day for the Collaborative’s budget review.

4) FY’08 priority discussion, Gussie McKusick: Chairman McKusick opened discussion to the Board for their comments on where they feel the Collaborative is going, where they see the Collaborative in 5 years, and how the Collaborative is going to get there.

Andrew Gottlieb commented that he spoke with Mark Zielinski, County Administrator, regarding whether grant administration should go through Cape Cod Commission (CCC) or Resource Development Office (RDO). He is expecting the grant piece to go through RDO. Mr. Gottlieb also updated the Board that all 4 grant contracts are in place and ready to go.

General discussion between Board Members on the Collaborative's position on taxing, and the need to look at all options whether they are feasible or not. Members also discussed the need to have a presence from the Cape Cod National Seashore and the Massachusetts Military Reservation.

Sue Rask shared that a second public opinion survey would need to be done by July 1, 2008 to gauge the public's awareness since the first survey was completed. Ms. Rask asked for volunteers to form a working group for the survey. Chairman McKusick asked the Board who would be interested in being a part of the group. John Hinckley, Bob Duncanson, Mark Ells and Jane Crowley all volunteered. Maggie Geist announced that The Cape Keepers Speakers Bureau are looking for groups that would be interested in a presentation and asked the members for suggestions of groups in their towns. The presentations are trained local people who give a 20 minute talk baseline informations about the connection between septic systems, nitrogen, and coastal water quality. They are accompanied by an expert in the field, usually either Sue Rask, Maggie Geist, Gussie McKusick, Bob Duncanson or Frank Sampson. A number of these presentations were given in the Spring 2007. The bureau is trying to re-energize this effort and find new venues to speak at for the coming spring. Mr. Gottlieb said he would be working with a technical writer to create new text for the Cape Keepers website and will have something to show the Board by the February meeting. He asked if members have anything they want added to the website to contact him within the next two weeks.

Motion by Gussie McKusick to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Emily Beebe, approved by all.

Adjourned 11:20 a.m.