

MINUTES OF THE CAPE COD WATER PROTECTION COLLABORATIVE
05-14-08

A meeting of the Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative was held at the Superior Courthouse in Barnstable on May 14, 2008, commencing at 9:33 a.m.

Members:

Barnstable	Mark Ells	Present
Bourne	Peggy Fantozzi	Present
Brewster	Jillian Douglass	Absent
Chatham	Bob Duncanson	Present
Dennis	Sheryl McMahan	Absent
Eastham	Jane Crowley	Present
Falmouth	Jack Barnes	Present
Harwich	Larry Ballentine	Present
Mashpee	John Cahalane	Present
Orleans	Gussie McKusick	Present
Provincetown	Cheryl Andrews	Present
Sandwich	Mike Zylich	Absent
Truro	Pat Pajaron	Present
Wellfleet	Emily E.H. Beebe	Present
Yarmouth	George Allaire	Absent

County Commissioners' Appointees:

At-large	John O'Brien	Present
At-large	John Hinckley	Present

Others Present:

Andrew Gottlieb	Executive Director
Kara McCormick	Administrative Assistant, Barnstable County
Paul Niedzwiecki	Executive Director, Cape Cod Commission
Kevin Galligan	Technical Advisory Committee
Susan Rask	Barnstable County Department of Health and Environment
Stephanie Ostapowich	Cape Cod Commission
Tom Cambareri	Cape Cod Commission
Paul McCormick	Town of Dennis
Terry Campbell	Stearns

Chairman McKusick called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for coming. She asked that everyone attending sign-in. She announced that because some board members needed to leave the meeting early the order of the agenda would be adjusted and the first item of business after approval of minutes would be the reorganization of the Steering Committee and Chairman of the Governing Board.

1) Approval of the Minutes of April 9, 2008.

Motion by Gussie McKusick to approve the Minutes of April 9, 2008, 2nd by Bob Duncanson, Approved 10-0-3, Jane Crowley, John O'Brien and Larry Ballentine all abstained as they did not attend the meeting.

2) Reorganization:

Chairman McKusick provided a brief overview of the requirements of the Ordinance requiring the Governing Board to reorganize after two years. She explained there are five seats available on the Steering Committee, two seats are held by the County Commissioner appointees, currently John Hinckley and John O'Brien, leaving three seats available. Five names have come forward for members of the Steering committee; George Allaire, Jack Barnes, Mark Ells, Peggy Fantozzi and Gussie McKusick. Ms. McKusick asked members if they would like to take a moment and speak to their qualifications and why they would like to hold a seat on the Steering Committee.

Since George Allaire was not present at the meeting John Hinckley said a few words on behalf of George and what he has offered to the Collaborative.

Jack Barnes, Mark Ells, Peggy Fantozzi and Gussie McKusick all spoke briefly on their own behalf.

Andrew Gottlieb distributed ballots for the selection of Steering Committee Members.

Cheryl Andrews asked for clarification on who the current members are serving on the committee?

Gussie McKusick replied that members currently serving are George Allaire, John O'Brien, John Hinkley, Peggy Fantozzi and herself.

Andrew Gottlieb collected the ballots and left the room to count.

Mr. Gottlieb announced that Jack Barnes, Gussie McKusick, and Peggy Fantozzi were voted in.

Mr. Gottlieb distributed ballots for the selection of chairman. Members were instructed to select the chairman from the three members currently elected to the Steering Committee. The chairman would serve as chair to both Governing Board and Steering Committee.

Mr. Gottlieb collected ballots and left the room to count.

Mr. Gottlieb announced that Gussie McKusick would continue to serve as chair for the next two years.

Peggy Fantozzi asked if now would be the time for members of the board to vote for vice-chair. All members of the board reached consensus and Ms. Fantozzi nominated current vice-chair Cheryl Andrews. Ms. McKusick asked for any other nominations. None offered.

Nomination of Vice-chair of the Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative motioned by Peggy Fantozzi, 2nd by John Cahalane and Jack Barnes. Approved 12-0. Mark Ells left the meeting prior to the nomination.

3) Legislative update – Andrew Gottlieb

Mr. Gottlieb advised members of the Collaborative that they were getting to point of year when something will get done or not. After meetings with Administration & Finance and written follow up they informed Senator Rob O’Leary that they are very supportive of the bill accept for the financial piece.

9:50 a.m. joined by Emily Beebe.

Mr. Gottlieb continued that he met with Senator O’Leary yesterday to look at other avenues. They talked about administration approach to policy and his intent to talk to other members of senate to talk about bill. Representative Sarah Peake has a meeting with House Ways and Means this coming Thursday. His general sense is it is best to tag along with something moving than continue working on stand alone.

Larry Ballentine asked if there is any pressure put on environmental groups.

Andrew Gottlieb responded that he has got a couple of groups to talk with to see if they can get more aggressive.

Larry Ballentine asked if there is something the Collaborative needs to do to support that.

Andrew Gottlieb replied yes. He would be asking the Collaborative for support in the next couple of weeks.

Gussie McKusick asked if there is an understanding that this is the biggest unfunded mandate that will come crashing down on cape communities? What is at stake?

Andrew Gottlieb replied no.

Jack Barnes advised that he came across a national press release on 21st. Release of report. “The Economic and Market value of coastal and estuaries: High economic value of estuaries.” Mr. Barnes distributed copies to fellow board members.

Mr. Gottlieb provided an update on the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and UMASS stale mate. Relatively clear in last several weeks that there is a legal

problem over ownership. UMASS is looking to set up steering or advisory committee for more substance and detail. General discussion and questions among Mr. Gottlieb, Board Members, and Paul Niedzwiecki of the Cape Cod Commission.

John Hinckley moved that the Governing Board body through Mr. Gottlieb's charge as the Executive Director seek a place on task force sub-committee when established. 2nd by John Cahalane. Approved 13-0.

4) Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement for Pleasant Bay Alliance – Andrew Gottlieb

Mr. Gottlieb informed Board Members that Pleasant Bay received bid responses for their two grants (fertilizer and nutrient management strategies) that weren't what they were expecting and went to Resource Subcommittee to ask they reallocate funds. Resource Subcommittee advised the Steering Committee their decision to utilize the grant funds in the way it was originally allocated.

4) Other Business

Andrew Gottlieb distributed information from Gerry Potamis on the CWMP Planning project from Falmouth.

Mr. Gottlieb informed the Board that he was approached by Cape Cod Voice magazine and had discussion with them on the Collaborative advertising in the magazine. The magazine has an environmental column once a month and an editorial piece on nitrogen coming out in the July issue. He is negotiating a price with them to run the six page Collaborative flyer to be printed in magazine, not as an insert. If price is too high he will get price for the two page flyer. Mr. Gottlieb asked for members response to whether or not they feel this is a good vehicle for the Collaborative and if they would like him to continue pursuing it. He distributed copies of the Cape Cod Voice magazine to members.

General discussion among members. Cheryl Andrews expressed her concern over money being scarce and would rather give the money to towns in grants.

Susan Rask will provide information from the 2005 survey on demographics on understanding issue.

Stephanie Ostapowich, Cape Cod Commission, advised the board that she is continuing to work on updating the website. She is currently dealing with modifications and technical issues.

Carol Ridley, Ridley and Associates, informed the Board that the Smart Growth project is moving ahead nicely.

Susan Rask let the board know that she will be working most of the summer on graphics.

Bob Duncanson informed the Board that Chatham has submitted their CWMP to the State. It is subject to Cape Cod Commission public hearing Thursday 5/22/08 at 7:00 p.m.. Mr. Duncanson distributed copies of executive summary.

Chairman McKusick announced the next Steering Committee will be May 29th at 10:00 a.m. in the Cape Cod Commission library.

Motion to adjourn by John O'Brien, 2nd by John Hinckley, Approved 13-0..

Adjourned at 10:50 a.m.