

Minutes

Section 208 Area-Wide Water Quality Advisory Board Meeting January 21, 2014

Present: Robin Wilkins, Virginia Valiela, Bob Churchill, Nate Keenan, Robert Lawton

Absent: Wendy Northcross, Sheila Vanderhoef

Executive Director Update

208 Stakeholder Summit will be on February 6th from 8:00-2:00 pm in Hyannis at the Resort and Conference Center.

The Town of Falmouth received a certificate of adequacy from MEPA. It can be used as an example for other towns.

Updated the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce Wastewater Task Force on 12/19

Met with the town of Dennis to discuss their involvement in the 208 process on 12/23

Met with CBI to discuss and structure the next 6 months of stakeholder engagement on 1/6

Updated the Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative Governing Board on 1/8

Met with the 208 finance subcommittee on 1/14

- Financial Module development
- Revenue Module development

Updated the Yarmouth Board of Selectmen on the 208 process on 1/14

Met with WBNERR on 1/15 to discuss how they can coordinate their Coastal Training Program courses with the 208 planning process

Met with the RLI Working Group on 1/17

- Stakeholder summit agenda
- Adaptive management

Continued development of the watershed scenarios

Continued development on the TBL model and the 3VS model

208 Stakeholder Survey Results

There was a presentation on the survey that was sent to all those who participated in the watershed stakeholder working groups. One third of stakeholders responded, making it a statistically significant survey.

The stakeholder engagement process will continue into the spring, with groups organizing at a sub-regional level. The Consensus Building Institute is currently developing a process for stakeholders to organize, and self-select who will represent various categories such as: real estate, civic groups, environmental interests etc. Non-members are welcome to participate in all meetings, as meetings are open to the public.

Wastewater Survey

The wastewater survey is being finalized and expected to go live February. The Commission is working with Harwich, supporting them with their public outreach plan surrounding their CWMP. The town will be oversampled in an effort to help Harwich develop and deliver their message successfully.

Monitoring Committee

The monitoring committee will be established to determine:

- Establish monitoring protocols for technologies that may be a part of watershed permits in the future
- Establish monitoring protocols for meeting total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) in the water body
- Establish process and structure for consolidating existing monitoring programs and data in to a centralized location

Identify region-wide monitoring proposals Paul asked for Board to offer suggestions as to the size, scope and membership of the Committee. Board members agreed that a representative from the Center for Coastal Studies and Pleasant Bay Alliance should be included.

The questions that would need to be answered by the Committee include, but are not limited to, what type of data should be collected, how it should be stored, how often should data be collected, length of time data is stored, how certain technologies will be monitored.