

**MINUTES OF THE  
CAPE COD WATER PROTECTION COLLABORATIVE  
Governing Board Committee  
October 9, 2013**

A meeting of the Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative was held in the Innovation Room of the Barnstable County Strategic Information Office on October 9, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

**Members:**

Barnstable	Mark Ells	Present
Bourne	Linda Zuern	Present
Brewster	Sue Leven	Present
Chatham	Florence Seldin	Present
Dennis	Paul McCormick	Absent
Eastham	Jane Crowley	Present
Falmouth	Vacant	Vacant
Harwich	Larry Ballantine	Present
Mashpee	Michael Richardson	Absent
Orleans	Alan McClennen for Sims McGrath	Present
Provincetown	Elaine Anderson	Absent
Sandwich	Linell Grundman	Absent
Truro	Patricia Pajaron	Present
Wellfleet	Curt Felix	Present
Yarmouth	William Hinchey	Absent
County Appointee	Sheila Lyons	Absent
County Appointee	Vacant	Vacant
Ex-officio member	George Heufelder	Absent
Ex-officio member	Paul Niedzwiecki	Present

**Staff Present:**

Andrew Gottlieb	Executive Director
Bob Ciolek	CCWPC Consultant
Gail Hanley	Cape Cod Commission

**1. Minutes of September 11, 2013**

A motion to approve the minutes of September 11, 2013 was moved and seconded. The motion passed 9-0.

**2. Town Reports**

• **Town of Chatham** – Florence Seldin: Ms. Seldin asked Robert Duncanson, Director of Health and Environment, for an update on wastewater. Mr. Duncanson said they start construction next week on the next stage of the pump station and they will be starting in mid-November on wastewater collection systems in neighborhoods. They are submitting their next application to DEP this week for Phase 1C for construction to start in the spring. Ms. Seldin said as far as the Inter-municipal Agreement (IMA) for wastewater between Chatham and Harwich they did have Town Counsel discuss with the Board of Selectmen what kinds of things are included in an IMA and what

Chatham wants to get out of the collaboration. They had a good discussion and despite some negative comments made by the public they are hoping to move forward. She said a member of the Board of Selectmen will be working on that committee and she offered to be the member on that committee.

- **Town of Orleans** – Alan McClennen for Sims McGrath: The Orleans Board of Selectmen will be devoting one meeting per month to wastewater planning and all five members are in support of it. They will be focusing on base mapping and a database for Title 5. The town has a new public works director.

- **Town of Barnstable** – Mark Ells: The town has been busy working with the College on connecting with the treatment facility and they have been participating in the 208 Plan. Silent Spring was on the Cape last week to provide an update and they are starting a pilot program on eco-toilets. He said information on that is available on their website.

- **Town of Bourne** – Linda Zuern: The town is most concerned with alternative methods versus a treatment plant. The town approved two shellfish farms. Ms. Zuern talked about a climate change report.

- **Town of Eastham** – Jane Crowley: The town has completed its second treatment restoration project. They are finishing today with monitoring of Great Pond and every precaution has been in place during the process. They are still involved with the landfill and they have filed their status report. They have found additional wells in the testing area and they are going to pursue alternative treatment options. She said the town would appreciate support from the CCWPC. The town has been participating in 208 meetings.

- **Town of Truro** – Patricia Pajaron: The town has been participating in 208 working groups but nothing new to report.

- **Town of Wellfleet** – Curt Felix: Mr. Felix gave a PowerPoint slide presentation on “Integrated Oyster Reef and Salt Marsh Restoration as an MEP Compliance Strategy.” He discussed water quality indicators; Wellfleet green infrastructure goals; and highlighted a few program elements such as the oyster propagation project, Oysterfest shell recycling, sea clam cultch program, salt marsh restoration, and composting toilets. Mr. Felix said if other towns are interested in obtaining further information, they could contact him directly. The PowerPoint slide presentation in its entirety is an attachment to the minutes.

- **Town of Brewster** – Sue Leven: The town is just starting to approach the paper avalanche of data collection. The Horsley Witten Group will be providing them with water quality pond assessments. They are starting with information on Pleasant Bay water analysis and then they will start implementation planning.

- **Town of Harwich** – Larry Ballantine: The town continues to work with Chatham, they are working on outreach efforts with the Cape Cod Commission, and the wastewater implementation committee is working on a presentation.

### **3. Executive Director's Report**

Andrew Gottlieb gave the following update:

- The supplemental budget for offshore water quality monitoring for Nantucket Sound will be heard by the County Commissioners on October 16 and Mr. Gottlieb will be giving a presentation at that meeting.
- There is ongoing work on Rock Harbor.
- The County Commissioners have asked Mr. Gottlieb to write a vacancies appointment.

#### **4. Analysis of Senate Water Infrastructure Legislation**

Andrew Gottlieb said the Senate came out with legislation on water infrastructure funding. He said some of the changes that have been made are in regard to money being set aside for a program for green infrastructure, language about the MWRA, some reform about lowering the burden of Title 5 reporting, language regarding limitations on irrigation and demand during peak seasons, and some additional emphasis on leak protection. He said it's an ongoing policy discussion and other changes address financing. He said some of the changes in the legislation are applicable to Cape Cod and other parts do not apply to the Cape. He said the legislation has to go to the Natural Resource Committee first for a hearing. He said it's on a fast track in the Senate and he will apprise CCWPC members once he has more information on the hearings as members may want to weigh in on this.

Chair Larry Ballantine called for a motion for the CCWPC's support for the Senate to move this forward. Alan McClennen moved that the CCWPC is in support of the Senate moving forward on this. Florence Seldin seconded the motion. Linda Zuern said she is uncomfortable voting on something she hasn't read so she won't vote either way. Mr. Ballantine said this is a starting point. Mr. Gottlieb said he would like to say that the CCWPC supports the general concept. Ms. Seldin said there is still a long way to go with this and this is just the first iteration; it's important to weigh in. A vote called on the motion passed with 8 votes in favor and 1 vote opposed.

#### **5. Continuation of Financing Option Discussions with Bob Ciolek**

Bob Ciolek, CCWPC consultant, gave a PowerPoint slide presentation on the funding strategy for the Cape's waste water program. He provided a recap on previous CCWPC discussions and noted that his presentation today is the executive summary version. Mr. Ciolek said there is one group of issues left to discuss and said assuming some State or Federal money is available how much should we ask for. He referred to slides and said based on research he has done the financial model is based on assumptions; it's not a plan. He said the approach takes a Cape-wide perception based on assumptions for cost per property per year. Mr. Ciolek discussed the benefits of the waste water program; funding facts and how much is needed for a waste water system on Cape Cod; guiding policies and principles; assistance from the Federal and State government; self-help decisions; menu of revenue options and low income assistance; and menu of revenue options suggested discussions. Mr. Ciolek said the cost needs to be shifted onto a larger base. Ms. Zuern disagreed with people paying their share when they are not getting anything out of it and additional tax increases. She said people will not agree with these costs and the cost is being shifted onto the people. Mr. Ciolek said the model is based on assumptions that can be debated but the one thing that is not debatable is the cost.

#### **6. Update on Technical Advisory Committee Activity**

Andrew Gottlieb said the Technical Advisory Committee would be meeting today following this meeting.

#### **7. 208 Status Update from the Cape Cod Commission**

Paul Niedzwiecki, Executive Director of the Cape Cod Commission, gave a brief update on the 208 Plan.

#### **8. Adjourn**

Upon a request by Mr. Ballantine, a motion to adjourn at 11:10 a.m. was moved and seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.