

Minutes

Section 208 Area-Wide Water Quality Advisory Board Meeting

September 17, 2013

1pm

Cape Cod Commission Conference Room

3225 Main Street, Barnstable, MA

Present: Virginia Valiela, Wendy Northcross, Bob Lawton, Bob Churchill, Robin Wilkins, Scott Horsley, Anne McGuire, Kristy Senatori, Patty Daley, Paul Niedzwiecki, Sheila Vanderhoef, Nate Keenan, Erin Perry

Executive Director Update

Cape2O game wrapped up at the end of August with an awards and recognition event (8/20). There were about 140 active players who generated about 4,000 comments. Three "causes" were awarded \$1000 each: WildCare of Cape Cod, Children's Cove, and Cape Cod Volunteers.

We've met with Emerson College to focus on game 2, which will begin October 21st. Game 2 will focus on schools, looking to involve students and their families and identify school organizations to propose projects for "causes."

We met with the Harwich Water Quality Task Force on 8/21. Harwich is interested in working with us on an outreach strategy. We continued the conversation at a meeting on 8/30. The Commission is working on a survey to collect baseline data on people's views and opinions of the wastewater problem and potential solutions. We have proposed piloting this approach with Harwich and collecting a larger sample in the town as we get started with this survey effort.

We held subregional affordability workshops the week of 8/26-8/30 – one in each of the 4 subregions (upper, mid, lower, and outer). The meetings were not as well attended as the first series of meetings in July.

The meetings were structured so that people had an opportunity to view factual information about affordability, financing and resources, and then engage in a panel discussion with Bob Ciolek (chair of the finance subcommittee), Andrew Gottlieb (Exec. Director of the CC Water Protection Collaborative), and Paul Niedzwiecki. These workshops can be conducted for other community groups, as requested.

We updated the Barnstable County Commissioners on progress of the 208 plan on 9/4 and Commissioner Kimmell on 9/10. We have a request from the Orleans Board of Selectmen to provide an update on 208 and have a discussion about their local planning.

The fertilizer DCPC is moving forward and was continued by the Assembly of Delegates Committee on Government Regulations on 9/11. Paul met with the Sandwich Board of

Selectmen and their Assembly of Delegates representative (James Killion) to discuss the DCPC, at their request.

Technologies Panel

The board was provided with a summary sheet of the panel on technologies (attached to these notes), including mission, members, and dates of meetings.

Robin Wilkins asked how we will get people to the panel

Paul said we plan to email blast to selectmen and councilors, as well as town managers and administrators, as well as do some broader advertising

Robin suggested video taping and putting the video out on local and county public access

Paul said we would report back on that

Virginia Valiela discussed that Falmouth exempted agriculture from their fertilizer bylaw and suggested that towns need to see DCPC regulations sooner rather than later
Patty Daley said that the discussion to date have shown that the golf course representatives and the landscape representatives are on board with the regulations and promised to send the regulations to the advisory board. She also noted that the Assembly of Delegates meets tomorrow (9/18) at 3:30 (standing committee) and 4:00 (full assembly)

Finance Committee

We are working with Mark Abrahams and AECOM on a cost and revenue model for communities.

Sheila Vanderhoef asked if the model will address or recognize the laws that support or constrain various financing options

Paul said yes, that part of the 208 plan will made recommendations to the State and Federal governments about regulatory flexibility needed in order to more easily finance projects.

Sheila suggested that things like department of revenue reporting, and considering an accountants point of view would be helpful in modifying the model to make things simpler for communities.

Paul suggested asking Bob to have a conversation with her about this

An update on the lawsuit was requested. Every count was dismissed on summary judgement except one. The plaintiffs could not demonstrate enough harm. One remaining count has to do with whether EPA is required to update 208 plans in order for towns to access federal funds (SRF). If EPA is found to be negligent, this could mean towns could be denied funding without an approved 208 plan.

Review of Stakeholder Mtg 1 presentation

Wendy suggested deleting previous in "previous local planning"

Virginia suggested adding a footnote for RLI, TAC, etc or spelling them out entirely

Virginia suggested removing gravel pits from layer

Sheila said we need to be able to define all data layers

Virginia asked if McConnell land use maps are necessary? They are outdated and people know the trends.

Robin said we need to clearly focus audience on your goal – it will be easy to lose people when using ArcMap. Make it clear that this is an awareness session. It's not new information for most people in stakeholder meeting, but we need to gain trust with stakeholder groups.

Paul said that we are trying to demonstrate that we have capacity as part of this process to answer questions that haven't been asked before or ask questions that haven't been asked.

Robin suggests starting with the problem followed by data supporting the problem in the data layers

Virginia noted that the last few slides were the most engaging.

The next meeting of the advisory board will be Tuesday, October 15, 2013

208 Area-Wide Water Quality Management Plan Update

Panel on Technologies

Tasks:

- Review and comment on:
 - o Technologies matrix
 - o Process for incorporating technologies and approaches in to watershed alternative scenarios
 - o Green infrastructure plan

Participants:

- Ivan Valiela, Marine Biological Laboratory
- Chris Neill, Marine Biological Laboratory
- Eric Davidson, Woods Hole Research Center
- Sarah Slaughter, Built Environment Coalition
- Anamarija Frankic, UMASS Boston
- Patrick Lucey, Aquatex
- Jay Prager, Maryland Water Management Administration

Schedule:

- Thursday, September 26, 1-4pm, Innovation Room
- Thursday, October 10, 1-4pm, Innovation Room
- Monday, October 28, 1-4pm, Innovation Room
- Wednesday, November 6, 9-noon, Innovation Room