

**Selectmen's Task Force On Local Pollution and
Phase II Stormwater Management Community Oversight Group
Minutes of Monday, September 14, 2015
Bourne Town Hall
Bourne, MA 02532**

Committee Members: Chairman Mort Toomey, James Mulvey, Elaine Cook Graybill, Jennifer Cheyne, Christine Kane, and Stewart Bell. Les Perry was absent.

Staff:

Guest:

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Meeting Called to Order

Chm. Toomey called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

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1) Comment Period for Non-agenda Items:

Jennifer Cheyne spoke about WGBH News on the radio and read the WGBH article on Saving a Threatened Resource. You can access the article on wgbhnews.org/water.

Jim Mulvey mentioned Buzzards Bay water is on the line with all the developments; and wondering about new wells. There is a major legal case going on now on Crab Lane, on the Bourne/Plymouth line where they want to build a hardening of the costal bank.

Add Selecting a Secretary to the agenda for the next meeting. It was suggested to call Carole Ellis Scribe.

Elaine Cook Graybill wanted to acknowledge the great honor Jim Mulvey received at the last Selectmen's meeting.

2) Approval Minutes of August 10, 2015

Voted Stewart Bell moved and seconded by Elaine Cook Graybill to approve the minutes from August 10, 2015. Vote 6-0.

3) Meeting with town officials regarding the upcoming grants on Stormwater Remediation

Mort Toomey spoke briefly about the meeting he and Mr. Mulvey had attended with the town officials regarding the grants on stormwater remediation. Jim Mulvey also spoke about the meeting, the grants for the stormwater remediation, and the different ponds and marinas.

Mort Toomey stated the town doesn't have a Grant Writer and would like to bring it up with the Town Administrator.

4) Planning future options for securing grants for site remediation in the Town of Bourne

Stewart Bell suggested waiting for the override outcome and then figure out what we can do to get grant money for site remediations. If the town isn't going to be a source of their 25% in-kind participation, we make this an ongoing meeting agenda item to look at other ways of identifying projects that need to be done and how we can look for alternate sources of funding.

Elaine Cook Graybill suggested communicating with Dr. Joe Costa.

Jennifer Cheyne briefly went over the Coastal Pollution Remediation Grant Programs, and read a couple sections. We may be able to get a grant to educate the public to get a grant to do site remediation.

Elaine Cook Graybill suggested have the experts come speak at meetings for the people of Bourne.

Mort Toomey suggested to advertise in the newspaper at a certain meeting we will have Dr. Joe Costa, and that might get more people to attend a meeting.

5) Water quality testing for various locations

Mort Toomey mentioned how Dr. Costa spoke about the lab in Barnstable.

Elaine Cook Graybill brought up that the Buzzards Bay Coalition does nitrogen testing and the results are online. We would have access to those numbers.

Jim Mulvey brought up the multi town program, and water quality testing might go under this program.

6) Possible reopening of any permanent shellfish closures

Jim Mulvey stated permanent closures, investigating those to see if anything has changed that would enable us to have them retested.

Elaine suggested tabling this for about six months.

Jim Mulvey suggested narrowing it down to three or four that should be reconsidered and build a case as to why they should be retested.

Elaine questioned is it worth our time, with our limited resources, to try to make a case to have them retested.

Voted Stewart Bell moved and seconded by Elaine Cook Graybill to defer any action on reviewing the possible reopening permanent shellfish closures until March 2016. Vote 6-0.

7) Reviewing Stormwater Bylaws and protocol for permits

Jim Mulvey stated we have the draft of the Stormwater regulations. The draft incorporates the stormwater management into the subdivision regulations. Mr. Mulvey also stated under his recollection Dr. Costa had no problem with the stormwater provisions being included in a subdivision bylaw. What was left open is whether or not the subject was sufficiently covered by being included in a subdivision bylaw.

Jennifer read her notes from the meeting with Dr. Costa.

- State Law said the applicant can be charged \$1,000 fee to hire a consultant to review stormwater issues to see if they comply. The town should be taking advantage of this.
- Redevelopment, Manufacturing, Downtown Development all have to be addressed if you don't have a stormwater bylaw that addressed all of this.
- Our task force is meant to meet to review what town has done to comply and we decide if it meets the goals.
- We need to decide what our end game is.

Jennifer stated Dr. Costa also said bylaws are meant to prevent future problems. Treat the problem on your property; keep it on site so you don't add to the town's problems. Another way to approach this is to show the town how it is costing them money by not having a stormwater bylaw.

Elaine Cook Graybill suggested we determine the best strategic point to all go to a Planning Board meeting and make a presentation on why they should insist that developers hire a consultant. Maybe it is after the subdivision regulations are changed to include more stormwater muscle.

Jim Mulvey suggested it is a consensus that the committees wait for Dr. Costa's group to review the content of the proposed stormwater bylaw inclusion in the subdivision regulations before we make any further moves.

Voted Elaine Cook Graybill moved and seconded by Stewart Bell to we have this item on the agenda every month. Vote 6-0.

8) Agenda items for next meeting November 19, 2015

- Election of a Secretary
- Future Grant Action

- Fly Ash - get information from BOH and ISWM
- Renew Stormwater Bylaws
- Educational Funds and Material from CZM Estuaries

9) Date and Time of Next Meeting

Voted Elaine Cook Graybill moved and seconded by Stewart Bell to have the next meeting on November 9th and the December meeting will be on December 14th. Vote 6-0.

10) Adjourn

Voted Stewart Bell moved and seconded by Jim Mulvey to adjourn at 8:44P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carole Ellis, Scribe