

**Selectmen's Task Force On Local Pollution and
Phase II Stormwater Management Community Oversight Group
Minutes of Monday, June 13, 2016
Sagamore Fire Station
Sagamore, MA 02562**

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Committee Members: Chairman Mort Toomey, James Mulvey, Jennifer Cheyne, and Stewart Bell. Christine Kane and Les Perry were excused.

Staff:

Guest: Richard Libin Chair Shore & Harbor, Phil and Mary Ann Poirier

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Meeting Called to Order

Chm. Toomey called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

1) Comment Period for Non-agenda Items:

Richard Libin spoke about the estuaries and reclassify the water quality. The Barlow's Landing salt marsh, the water flow that could go from the canal culvert to the salt marsh, and taking down the wall in the culvert so water will flow. Richard Libin's second concern is the connection that could be between Barlow's landing and Hens Cove. Water coming in through the culvert and flushing out through the bottom culvert. Would like to open the river so water will flow from the Canal into Barlow's Landing and then open it up so water will flow from Barlow's Landing into Hens Cove.

Without deliberation the majority of the committee feels that looking into this in detail is worthwhile.

Mr. Libin will come back when it is added as an agenda item. Mr. Libin also spoke about where Bell Road backs up to the canal, this area use to flush. Now that area doesn't flush anymore. The water is sitting stagnant and is not flushing. There is almost a natural berm that was created from the rush of water going down the canal. All it needs is for someone to open it up a little to get the water flowing. Between this committee and Shore & Harbor maybe we can get it opened up so the water will flow.

Mort questioned if there has been any testing done yet.

Mr. Libin stated there hasn't been any water testing yet. Wants to know what the next step is, and what directions to go in?

Phil Poirier stated now when the tide goes out it is just muck. There is a ridge that has built up.

Jim Mulvey stated we have three projects, two are marsh restoration, and the other is water quality on Bell Road, which is pollution and perhaps a phase two storm water issue. Find out

on the state level who is handling marsh restoration. The committee will look into these projects.

Mr. Libin requested to be put on as an agenda item for the next meeting. The first priority is the canal to Barlow's Landing; just have to remove a wall. The second priority would be the water run off issue on the canal at the end of Bell Road. What do I bring in for the next meeting? Mort Toomey suggested to bring in water quality tests from each location.

Stewart Bell questioned their funding. Mr. Libin stated we have a town meeting article \$100,000 line item. We put together a Marina Reconfiguration Plan. We took a footprint around Phiney's Harbor, so now we have a standing permit so we don't have to get permits again because we have a master permit. We might have already done some of engineering that might fit into what you guys are trying to do.

Stewart Bell stated we will add these as an agenda item. We should have joint communication between us and Shore & Harbor asking Joe Costa for assistance.

2) Approval Minutes of May 9, 2016

Voted Jim Mulvey moved and seconded by Jennifer Cheyne to accept the minutes of May 9, 2016 with one amendment. Correction under item number 3 should read Bourne and Marion, not Bourne and Falmouth Vote 4-0.

3) Toomey had meeting with Tom Guerino about MS-4 regulation

Mort Toomey spoke about the correspondence between himself and Mr. Guerino. Mr. Guerino stated they should be getting the new MS4 Regulation from the state and as soon as he gets them he will send copies to Mort Toomey.

Jennifer Cheyne stated they are already posted on the MPDES website.

Mr. Toomey stated that Mr. Guerino told him he will talk to Coreen Moore to try to get the changes to the subdivision regulation made. Jim Mulvey gave another copy of the letter to Mr. Pickard at the end of the last Selectmen's meeting. Jennifer Cheyne suggested speaking with the selectmen who has Environmental as their goal to see if they can help push this through.

Mr. Toomey said there was no firm commitment from Mr. Guerino and uncertainty when anything is going to happen.

Stewart Bell brought up and suggested to monitor the Queens Sewell Package Waste Water Plant Development. Jennifer Cheyne said this should be added as an agenda item for another meeting.

4) Executive Order on Phase II Storm Water Management Over-site Group

Jennifer Cheyne spoke about wanting to get a copy of the Executive Order for the Phase II Stormwater Management Community Oversight Group. Jim Mulvey will find his copy of the Executive Order and get a copy to Jennifer Cheyne. Jennifer Cheyne said we will have to have this as a future agenda item if you want it read into the minutes.

5) Storm Water Collaborative Update Communication from National Estuary Program

Jim Mulvey read the letter from Joe Costas group about the Buzzards Bay Estuary Program. Suggest we can put them on the table at Town Hall.



Buzzards Bay
National Estuary Program

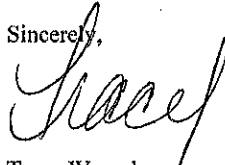
June 7, 2016

Dear Harbormasters, Shellfish Wardens and environmental groups:

The Buzzards Bay National Estuary Program, an advisory and planning unit of the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management, is assisting Buzzards Bay Stormwater Collaborative municipalities to map and monitor stormwater discharges.

Please make available the enclosed brochure on your public information table that explains how the public can help with the effort to map and monitor stormwater discharges.

Thank you and if you have any questions about this project or need additional brochures, please do not hesitate to contact me at 508-291-3625 x 10 or tracy.warncke@state.ma.us.

Sincerely,

Tracy Warncke
Administrative Assistant

The material came from the estuary study, the brochures were distributed to member and the rest will be put out at Town Hall.

6) Each member comes up with 3 most important goals for the committee

Stewart Bell stated his first goal would be the committee membership. On the website there is a spot that talks about committee membership vacancies. We need to speak to whomever updates the website to add our committee to the list of committees looking for members.

Jim Mulvey stated the second goal can be Storm Water Regulations including the subdivision.

Jennifer Cheyne suggested assisting in education and public outreach can be the third goal.

7) Nitrogen Presentation at Fall Town Meeting

Mort Toomey handed out a few pamphlets to choose one that could be handed out at the Fall Town Meeting.

Stewart Bell stated he spoke with Teri Guarino. She would be welcome to other suggestions we had to promote public awareness. Mr. Bell would like something on the home page so you don't have to drill down to find the information. Invite her to one of the meetings.

Jennifer Cheyne said other places we could look for information is the BuzzardsBay.org site; they have a handout as well. The Buzzards Bay Coalition has a section on their website called In Your Backyard 5 Things You Could Do, the National Marine Fisheries has a lesson plan called The Dead Zone.

8) Review results of the Conservation Pond Culvert Restoration Project

Jim Mulvey said you can change a culvert but you cannot enlarge it without going through getting permits. On the Conservation Pond follow up the improvement of the culvert replacement, it relies on access to water quality testing.

Stewart Bell spoke about needing a baseline water quality to tell whether the water quality is improving or not. Stewart Bell questioned what should we as a committee do for water quality testing? Do we want to make it one of our goals? Jennifer Cheyne said we can make it a sub-goal under the Storm Water goal.

Major road block in the committee work is the lack of access to water quality testing that use to be done with the committee and the Board of Health collaborating with Barnstable County Lab several years ago, that arrangement broke down. Access for water quality testing seems to involve money, but it will continue to be a goal.

Jennifer Cheyne questioned who does the nitrogen runoff testing? If this is a concern to the town why is no one testing it?

Jennifer questioned what were the results of the Conservation Pond Culvert? Stewart Bell said nothing has been done recently. Stewart Bell said there needs to be a baseline on Red Brook Harbor, before and after so we know if the water quality is getting better.

9) Agenda items for next meeting

- NPDES National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
- Executive Order
- Stewart Bell will explore the impact of Bakers appointments in the State Fisheries Commission to see if it is relevant to the committee.
- MS-4 Report
- Proposed collaboration with the Shore & Harbor Committee on 3 suggested projects two marsh restoration and the polluted embayment
- Proposed sewer package plant and ground water discharge from Queen Sewell Park

10) Date and time of next meeting

The next Selectmen's Task Force on Local Pollution and Phase II Stormwater Management Community Oversight Group meeting will be on Monday, July 11th at 7:00 P.M. at the Sagamore Fire Station.

11) Adjourn

Voted Stewart Bell moved and seconded by Mort Toomey to adjourn at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted – Carole Ellis, scribe.