

Pleasant Bay Alliance
Steering Committee
Meeting Notes
April 14, 2014, 3 pm Brewster

Attending: Chris Miller, Chuck Bartlett, Jane Harris, Fran McClennen, Dolly Howell, Carole Ridley

Jane called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

She asked for a motion on the Minutes of March 10th. Chris moved approval and Fran seconded. The motion passed with Jane abstaining.

Report:

Carole announced upcoming meetings:

- Meeting with Cadmus group to discuss the draft report on 4/17 at 9am at the Chatham Annex
- Technical Resource Committee meeting will feature a presentation on the Center for Coastal Studies Fisheries work on 4/24 at 10 am at Orleans Town Hall

1. Watershed Concept – A revised concept paper was shared. The revision incorporates input from the Watershed Work Group, which supports undertaking this project. Chris noted that this project offers an opportunity for a resource-based look at how town efforts could work in combination. Fran noted that this could overlap with some of the Commission's work, and coordination is desirable. It was agreed that Carole would invite the Commission to the next watershed work group to discuss how they could support the project.

2. 498 Shore Road Decision – Jane reported that the appeal to the Conservation Commission's order of conditions had been upheld by DEP, which also appealed the Conservation Commission's decision.

3. Ryders Cove ENF – Project plans were reviewed. Stormwater and water quality concerns, along with habitat and wetlands protection, will be the focus of Alliance questions at the Coastal Work Group meeting. Fran moved that any such issues not addressed at the Coastal Work Group meeting would be the subject of a comment letter from the Alliance to MEPA. Chuck seconded the motion, which was voted.

4. Dredging Permit NPC – Carole reviewed the broad outlines of the dredging permit Notice of Project change. Questions include: what additional permitting would be needed for individual dredge projects within the zone? What is the basis for the larger depths? Chuck moved that any such issues not addressed at the Coastal Work

Group meeting would be the subject of a comment letter from the Alliance to MEPA. Jane seconded the motion, which was voted.

5. Freshwater Dock Guidelines will be discussed with the Chatham Conservation Commission on April 22, 2015 (4pm). The Orleans Conservation Commission is working the guidelines into revisions to their regulations which will be heard on April 27th (6 pm). There was consensus that Carole should represent the Alliance in support of the regulations changes at the public hearing.

6. Carole provided an update on the Muddy Creek Bridge project, which is set to receive orders of condition this week. Construction is planned to start after Labor Day 2015.

7. Coastal Resiliency Project - Carole circulated the outline of a three part scope of work. Part I is being undertaken by Greg Berman as a technical memo. Part II would be subject of an RFP, a continuation of the 2010 inlet migration study. Chuck noted that it would be important for that study to incorporate future anticipated changes in the inlet configuration, and not only at existing conditions.

Jane called for a motion to adjourn at 4:50. The motion was voted.

Signed:

Alvin P. Thompson
Jane Harver

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