

Meeting Minutes
Pleasant Bay Alliance
Steering Committee
January 23, 2020, Orleans Town Hall (Nauset Room)

Attending: Fran McClennen Ryan Bennett, Walter North, Chuck Bartlett, Dolly Howell, Allin Thompson, Carole Ridley

Allin called the meeting to order at 10:50 am.

The minutes of December 10, 2019 were voted as amended (typo) on a motion by Walter and a second by Chuck. The vote was 4-0-0 (Dolly abstained).

Coordinator's Report:

1. FY 21 Budget Request:

Carole explained that the previous vote taken on the FY21 budget on October 21st was for a level funded budget at \$127,000. However, the FY20 budget was \$132,000. It appears that a \$5,000 technical assistance line item under the Watershed Planning program was left off the budget. The Steering Committee members confirmed that the intent was a level funded budget at the FY20 level. Dolly moved to confirm that the Steering Committee approves a level funded FY21 budget at \$132,000, as shown on the revised FY21 budget corrected on 12/24/19, and that this budget should be used as the basis for the FY21 annual funding requests to the towns. Chuck seconded the motion. The vote was in favor, 5-0-0.

2. Letters of Support for Chatham Preservation Committee

Letters of support for two proposals to the Chatham Preservation Committee were considered. One letter supported the Chatham Conservation Foundation proposal to study restoration of Frost Fish Creek. The other letter supported the Town of Chatham proposal to develop a site plan for the Jackknife Harbor Beach parking area. Both proposals are consistent with the objectives and recommendations of the Pleasant Bay Resource Management Plan. Ryan moved approval of the letters to be sent to the Chatham Preservation Committee. Walter seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

3. SNEP Progress Report and Invoice

The third progress report is nearly complete. It is anticipated that an invoice of at least \$50,200 will be issued to SNEP for work completed in 2019. Ryan moved to authorize Carole to submit the progress report and invoice to the Town of Chatham for signature, so that it can be submitted to SNEP by January 31. Walter seconded the motion and it passed, 5-0-0.

4. 2019 Resource Management Plan Update

Bob Duncanson confirmed that changes to the RMP 18 Update that are editorial in nature do not require action by Town Meeting. It was agreed that Carole would follow up with the ACEC Program Director and MassDEP that the comments on the dredging section can wait for the next resource management plan update.

5. Coastal Resilience Grant

Center for Coastal studies has now completed all fieldwork for aerial data collection and is processing the data. This should allow the schedule for tasks to get back on track.

6. Other topics

Walter mentioned that there are upcoming Town Meeting articles that are germane to the work be undertaken under the SNEP grant and Watershed Permit. All agreed that a written update on the grant and permit, and offer of presentation, should be provided to Select Boards in April.

Ryan raised the issue under discussion by the Cape Cod and Islands Water Protection Fund about what types of projects will qualify for access to the rental tax revenues. The threshold for eligibility seems to be SRF eligibility, but there are questions about whether non-traditional septic systems, for example, would qualify. We agreed to learn more about the topic and determine whether comment or input from the Alliance is warranted.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:45. It was agreed that the February 11th meeting would be moved to 3:00 pm at the Chatham Annex immediately following the Coastal Work Group meeting.

Signed:

Date: 2/11/20

Handwritten signature of Carol Ridley in cursive script.