

Orleans Marine and Fresh Water Quality Task Force  
Minutes of April 12, 2010

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*Eda W. Scott*

All in attendance: Carolyn Kennedy, Judy Scanlon, Julie Martin, Bob Royce, Ken Scott, Gilbert Merritt, Jack Moran

Also in attendance: David Dunford, Liaison to Board of Selectmen

- 1) Meeting called to order at 10:00 am by Chair Carolyn Kennedy
- 2) Minutes of 2/17/2010 meeting reviewed and approved 4-0-3. (No March meeting held.)

**3) Namskaket Creek Monitoring**

The Task Force has been asked to add Namskaket Creek/Marsh area to our freshwater monitoring due to increased interest in possible surface water impacts of the Tri-Town Septage Treatment Facility. See the USGS proposal of 2/10/10 attached. The water quality was sampled in the mid to late 90's and was reported in report by DeSimone et al in 1998 and the proposal is to sample three of the same locations (A, B, and E). Carolyn will set up a meeting between the Task Force, George Meservey and Peter Weiskel.

**4) Additional Estuary Monitoring Stations in 2010**

We will be re-activating sampling locations on Arey's, Meetinghouse and Little Quanset Ponds this year to better track water quality in the Pleasant Bay Watershed. Sampling dates will be around 6/30, 7/15, 7/29, 8/12, 8/30 and 9/13.

**5) Spring Pond Sampling**

We need more samplers for the Spring freshwater pond sampling. Please give names to Carolyn.

**6) Cedar Pond**

David Dunford asked that Judy and Carolyn attend the next BOS meeting to fill them in on Cedar Pond's condition and history.

7) **Ponds in Peril** conference will be held this Wednesday, 4/14, in Yarmouth. Judy and Carolyn plan to attend. All are invited. Contact Carolyn.

**8) Other business**

Judy updated the Task Force on the Herring count that started 4/1. A week earlier than usual due to the warmer than normal water temperature (~+5° F).

9) Paul Niles of the Charter School has an environmental club that would like to help with the stormdrain marking project proposed by the Highway Department. Gilbert will follow up with Mark Budnick.

10) Meeting Adjourned at 11:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Gilbert Merritt

