

Marine and Fresh Water Quality Task Force
Minutes of May 17, 2010

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TOWN OF ORLEANS
TOWN CLERKS OFFICE
K. MacLean, Asst.

Members present: Carolyn Kennedy, Gilbert Merritt, Jack Moran, Bob Royce, Judy Scanlon, and Ken Scott. **Selectman Liaison:** Dave Dunford

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by Chair Carolyn Kennedy.

The Minutes of April 12, 2010 were approved. Vote: 4-0-2

Lab Resettling: The asbestos removal has been completed in the building across from Town Hall. Our lab equipment needs to be put back. It is agreed that we will meet Thursday, May 20 at 9 am for this work.

Cedar Pond: The Chair reported to the BOS on April 21 regarding the water quality and data on Cedar Pond. It was agreed that three letters should be sent by BOS to spur remediation efforts. The Chair also was interviewed by a reporter from the Cape Codder as a follow-up.

Spring Pond Sampling: All named ponds except Pilgrim have been sampled. Pilgrim will be done shortly. Heavy spring precipitation has resulted in high water levels. Cedar Pond has lower salinity. Meadow Bog shows salinity for the first time.

Summer Estuary Sampling: Dates have been established.

Thursdays, July 15 - 6-8 am; July 29 - 6-8 am; August 12 - 6-8 am

Mondays, August 30 - 7-9 am; September 13 - 7-9 am

More samplers and substitutes are needed for Pleasant Bay.

Jack Moran will do Mill Pond with J. Trautwein. New volunteers for Rock Harbor. Other Nauset and CC Bay sites are covered.

Nameskaket Creek Sampling: Date to begin has not been established. Contact will be made with members when USGS personnel are available.

Stormdrain Marking: Mark Budnick has not responded to calls and email about working with Lighthouse Charter School students on this project.

Other Business:

Members made aware of Town warrant items related to water quality and land conservation.

Judy Scanlon reported on Pilgrim Lake herring run. 180 herring counted thus far. Brad Chase of MA Marine Fisheries sent a team to measure for a ladder to assist the large number glass eels being observed. A prototype has been installed.

Two members having left for appointments, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am. Vote 4-0-0.



APPROVED 4-0-2

Robert Royce, Clerk
Carolyn Kennedy, Chair