

**Marine and Fresh Water Quality Task Force  
Minutes, April 11, 2011  
Skaket Room, Orleans Town Hall**

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**Attending Members:** Carolyn Kennedy, Gilbert Merritt, Bob Royce, Ken Scott, Judy Scanlon  
**BOS Liaison:** David Dunford  
**Concerned Citizens:** Judith Bruce

Meeting called to order by Chair Carolyn Kennedy at 10:00 am.

**1) Minutes** of the February 22 meeting were approved. 4-0-1

**2) Discussions with Mark Budnick, Orleans Highway Manager:** Mark explained that he tries to coordinate drainage remediation projects with the annual paving improvement projects. The focus for 2011 is the Cedar Pond area. For 2012 the paving plans focus on: 1) Uncle Harvey's Pond/ Pochet Rd. drainage, 2) Tar Kiln Rd and runoff, 3) Baker's Pond Road/Landing/Beach. As to other drainage concerns, all agreed to a need to address Boland Pond as well as Cedar, Uncle Harvey's and Baker's. There is a 2011 NRCS 75% funded project, bid at \$468K involving Priscilla /Standish Rd and the River Rd. Landing for spring; Barley Neck Rd and Gillman/Twist for the summer; three projects on Quanset Rd for the fall. There is also a separate Quanset culvert project for \$300K to be done. A future NRCS project is being planned to include Barley Neck Rd, Old County Rd., run off behind Stop & Shop, and Main Street. Cedar Pond catch basin improvements are going ahead but the Skaket Beach septic and drainage project has been delayed because the bids were over the available funds.

**3) Meeting with Sarah Peake and MassDOT:** A meeting is scheduled between Orleans officials, Sarah Peake and Mass Dot on April 15. Topics to be covered include stormwater drainage from state roads into Orleans ponds and estuaries and ways to remediate its effects. Carolyn will report back to the WQTF at our next meeting.

**4) Spring Pond Sampling:** All equipment is on hand and sampling schedule is being developed.

**5) Estuary Sampling:** Sampling is planned to include 5 dates as in prior years and to sample the same locations as 2010. Actual dates to be coordinated with Chatham Department of Environment and Health.

**6) Cedar Pond Concerns:** The Town grant application to Mass Bays Project was not funded so we need to look at other options to improve Cedar Pond water quality. 1) Local residents have volunteered to do a survey on the cormorant population. 2) Judy offered to work with SMAST to revisit the grant application to prioritize the sections and see if the Town can do a reduced cost project, 3) Carolyn will include the Route 6 run off questions in the MassDOT meeting 4/15.

**7) April 20 BOS Meeting:** Peter Weiskel of USGS will be at the April 20 BOS meeting to discuss the Namskaket sampling project and preliminary results.

**8) Namskaket Sampling:** Ken and Gilbert will sample this afternoon at noon and Carolyn and Gilbert will sample May 9 at 11 am.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:25am 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted:

Gilbert Merritt



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