

**Marine and Fresh Water Quality Task Force
Minutes, January 18, 2012
Town Hall, Nauset Room**

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100 Derby, Nauset
ORLEANS TOWN CLERK

Attending Members: Carolyn Kennedy, Gilbert Merritt, Bob Royce, Judy Scanlon

Concerned Citizen: Judy Hunt, Orleans: Judith Bruce, Orleans

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

1) November Meeting Minutes: Approved 2-0-2

2) Mass Bay RFQ: Still on Governor's desk awaiting signature.

3) Peer Review of MEP: The Peer Review panel for the Massachusetts Bay Estuary Project, initiated by the Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative, has reported that the MEP modeling approach is valid and has recommended that local towns proceed with waste water management plans. The Executive Summary and full report are available on the capekeepers.org web site.

4) Fiegel Letter: The Mass Department of Environmental Protection's Dr. Brian Dudley has written a letter to the Town of Orleans addressing a report from Mr. Mark Fiegel. The report attempted to use Task Force sampling data to refute the need for wastewater treatment improvements in Orleans. Mass DEP's letter stated that Mr. Fiegel's conclusions are erroneous and should not be given weight in Orleans' wastewater considerations.

5) Draft proposal to changes in the Pleasant Bay ACEC: (*Judith Bruce joined the meeting for this segment only*) The Pleasant Bay Alliance has prepared a draft proposal to amend the ACEC to allow limited dredging in Pleasant Bay. The proposed change would maintain commercial and recreational access and is necessitated by shifting sandbars around the "new" channel to the Atlantic. The Draft was presented publicly for comment on Jan 10, 2012. Judith Bruce of the PBA asked the Task Force to consider the proposal, comment on it, and officially approve or disapprove. After discussion the Task Force approved supporting the Draft Proposal 5-0-0. Next step is to get BOS approval from the three towns and to present it to the three town meetings.

6) Cedar Pond, Uncle Harvey's Pond, Boland's Pond: Carolyn presented working mega-spreadsheets showing water quality at the three ponds over that last several years. She is attempting to get the data in a usable form but is finding that the reports are not consistent in the reported measurement units. She will work with Krista Lee to try to reconcile these problems.

7) Meeting adjourned: 11:35 am

Respectfully submitted:

Gilbert Merritt

Meeting dates for the rest of 2012.

Feb 27	Mar 19	Apr 23	May 21	Jun 18	Jul 16
Aug 20	Sep 17	Oct 15	Nov 11	Dec 17	