

**Marine and Fresh Water Quality Task Force
Minutes, Aug. 20, 2012
Town Hall, Skaket Room**

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12 SEP 17 11:38AM

Attending Members: Carolyn Kennedy, Bob Royce, Ken Scott, Judy Scanlon, Jack (Bugs) Moran, Larry Minear
Concerned Citizen: Charles Harris, Eastham

Chair Carolyn Kennedy called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Old Business

- 1) Minutes of the July 16 meeting were approved (6-0-0).
- 2) Minutes of the special meeting held on July 26 were approved as corrected (5-0-1).
A memo to John Kelly from the Task Force dated August 20 concerning the Contract for Environmental Monitoring of Cedar Pond was distributed. The text reflected the discussion at the Special Meeting on July 26.
- 3) **PALS 2011:** Corrected PALS 2011 data sheets were distributed, along with a memo to Carolyn from Ed Eichner explaining alkalinity. Carolyn distributed a chart, "Water Quality Standards and Thresholds for Cape Cod Freshwater Ponds" she developed to help us interpret the data presented.
- 4) **PALS 2012** monitoring starts this week through September.
- 5) Work by SMAST on **Cedar Pond** has begun with stream and sediment sampling.
- 5) **Estuary sampling** will continue on August 22 and September 6. The latter date may present some difficulties in finding enough available volunteers. Suggestions for coverage of all stations are welcome.

Updates

- 1) The Task Force discussed a proposal by Fran McClennen, President of Orleans Pond Coalition, that given importance of the discussion about wastewater management, an effort be made by interested groups to coordinate available data on Namskaket Marsh into a central databank. There was general support for her idea but it was pointed out that such an effort would need to take into account variations within the data reflecting the time and location of its collection.
- 2) Judy Scanlon gave an update on several items being discussed by the Shellfish and Waterways Task Force. "Chinese hats" have been installed in Mill Pond to determine if any viable spawning of oysters is occurring there. The Arey's Pond upweller is doing well with growth of young oysters. Judy recommended "Shellshocked, Saving Oysters to Save Ourselves" DVD, recently shown in Wellfleet. See trailer at Shellshockedmovie.com.

Elections for the new fiscal year was deferred until the next Task Force meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Larry Minear

Larry Minear

Next Meeting: Sept. 17.

APPROVED 6-0-1
9/17/2012