

**Marine and Fresh Water Quality Task Force
Special Meeting
Minutes, Sep 25, 2012
Town Hall, Skaket Room**

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Attending Members: Carolyn Kennedy, Gilbert Merritt, Ken Scott, Judy Scanlon, Jack (Bugs) Moran
Guests:

Nate Weeks, Senior Project Manager, Wastewater, Watershed, and Energy Management Planning; GHD;
<http://www.ghd.com/global/locations/usa/hyannis/>
Mark Budnick, Manager, Orleans Highway Department

Chair Carolyn Kennedy called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm

Discussion of the "Proposed Preliminary Stormwater Assessment..."

Mark Budnick explained the background and need for the study. The BOS has approved \$25,000 for the assessment. The project will identify the existing surface water runoff sources into the fresh and salt water bodies and prioritize them for remediation. Mark believes this data will be needed for the new EPA Clean Water permit in 2012 or 2013. The conclusions from the study will help the Town reduce nitrogen loading into our waters by better controlling surface runoff. Nate walked us through the study point by point. The 8/20/12 Draft Proposal discussed is filed in the WQTF folder in the Town Planning office.

The floor was opened for comments from the Task Force. After much discussion the chief concerns seemed to be:

Item 1-4) Should nutrients be limited to nitrogen and not include phosphorus?

Item 5) Water Quality Task Force and perhaps others need to be added as information sources.

Item 6) There seemed to be general consensus among the Task Force members that the study, as proposed, should involve a lot of sampling and would need a much bigger budget. How do we reconcile Item 6 with a budget of \$25,000?

Item 12) WQTF definitely wants to be included in the "Town Stakeholders." Is there a need for another committee, i.e. "Stormwater Mitigation Task Force." How would that differ from the WQTF?

Next Meeting October 15

Meeting adjourned at 4 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Gilbert Merritt

Approved 5-0-2
[Signature]
10/15/12

Meeting dates for the rest of 2012. Oct 15 Nov 19 Dec 17