

Marine and Fresh Water Quality Task Force
Minutes, Dec. 17, 2012
Town Hall, Skaket Room

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Carolyn Kennedy
ORLEANS TOWN CLERK

Attending Members: Carolyn Kennedy, Gilbert Merritt, Bob Royce, Ken Scott, Judy Scanlon, Larry Minear
Guest: Charles Harris, Eastham, Judy Hunt, Orleans

Meeting Called to order by Chair Carolyn Kennedy at 10:05.

1) Meeting Minutes: November 19, 2012 Minutes approved 6-0-0.

2) Namskaket Restoration: There was discussion at our November meeting about the 2006 restoration project in Namskaket Marsh. Questions were raised about the boards that are still installed in the culverts and who was monitoring the restoration. Bob Royce will check the status with the Conservation Commission. Map and description of projects at: www.mass.gov/dfwele/der/der_maps/pp_map.htm.

3) Task Force Annual Report to Town: Carolyn presented a draft report for consideration. After discussion a finalized version was adopted and will appear in the Orleans Annual Report for 2012.

4) Fresh Water Pond Data Presentation: The Task force is continuing to work toward a user friendly fresh water pond water quality data presentation. In discussing possible formats, we reviewed portions of two existing publications including Cape Cod Commission's "Cape Cod Pond and Lake Atlas" released in 2003 and "Review and Interpretation of Orleans Freshwater Ponds Volunteer Monitoring Data." Ongoing, Larry and Judy are reviewing potential fact sheet formats, Carolyn and Gilbert are consolidating available field data, Bugs is consolidating lab data, and Ken doing data analysis.

5) "How is Our Bay?" Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies has just published "How Is Our Bay?" a comprehensive review of their studies of Cape Cod Bay. Carolyn passed out selected pages for our review and discussion. The complete report is available on line at the Center for Coastal Studies web site.
<http://www.coastalstudies.org/>

6) 2012 Cedar Pond Monitoring Review: Carolyn is in contact with Ed Eichner and has requested that he meet with us on Jan. 14 to review the SMAST data from this summer's monitoring.

7) Next Meeting: Jan. 14 at 10 am.

8) Meeting Adjourned: 11:00 am
Respectfully submitted:

Gilbert Merritt
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Approved 1/14/13
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Meeting dates for 2013: January 14, Feb 11, April 8, May 20, June 17, July 15, Aug 19, Sept 16, Oct 21,
Nov 18, Dec 16