

Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2009

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Attendees: Allin Thompson, Jane Harris, Chris Miller, Jillian Douglass, Larry Ballance

Minutes from January 6, 2009 were approved.

Watershed:

- The work group has discussed the Orleans DCWMP. Regarding phasing, the work group feels that Orleans is consistent with the other towns. Nothing has been filed with MEPA so there is time to revise the letter.
- Fertilizer project: DEP has issued an RFP to conduct a comparison of leaching rates. It will not be finished for a couple of months at best. The work group is ed in moving ahead with some type of public education campaign. A draft scope will be discussed at the next work group meeting. I indicated that I would draft a scope for an RFP.
- Muddy Creek: At this time the final report is still outstanding. The Alliance should be receiving a letter from the MCZM Wetlands Restoration Program indicating that the application for Muddy Creek has received provisional project status, which means MCZM needs more information. Carole will follow up with Jeremy Bell of MCZM to set up a meeting. The work group is very interested in pursuing flushing studies of alternatives to improve tidal exchange.
- Orleans validation committee requested information on hydrographic studies. Carole indicated that the report is still under review and is not ready for public release.

Coastal Process

- The work group will be conducting an analysis of Erosion Hot Spots/Candidate Sites for Material Placement. This is another step in developing a sediment management plan.
- Hydrographic Surveys will be discussed at the next work group meeting. The work is completed but the group needs to discuss the right format to distribute to the towns
- The application for a pier at Strong Island has been made to the Conservation Commission but is on hold pending resolution of a zoning question.
- Sediment management will be the theme of the June 2009 Symposium.

Administrative

- The MoA has now been signed by all towns and distributed.
- Annual reports were submitted to all four towns.
- There has been no word on FY10 budget submissions.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Signed:

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