



# WAREHAM

## CLEAN WATER COMMITTEE

JUNE 30, 2011

**MEMBERS and LIASONS:** Ed Pacewicz, Chairman; David Begley, Clerk; Roseann DeGrenier ; Barry C. Cosgrove; Joe Leggett.

1. **ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Pacewicz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All members were present except for Roseann DeGrenier.  
**Visitors;** Janet Jones, George Hempel.  
At this time the Chairman introduced Joe Leggett, who was recently appointed to the Clean Water Committee.
2. **REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS MINUTES:** The minutes of the Clean Water Committee held on FEBRUARY 23, 2011 were reviewed and accepted by a 2/0/2 vote. Abstaining were Mr. Cosgrove and Mr. Leggett.
3. **OLD BUSINESS:** Due to the length of time since our last meeting the Chairman went over what has happened in Town that may be of interest to the Committee, such as; one of our members has resigned, the Nitrogen Net Zero By-Law was repealed. We discussed the Health Dept.'s Nitrogen Task Force meetings and the Coalition of Buzzards Bay's involvement at those meetings. The Chairman also mentioned that the Board of Health has started to write their own Nitrogen regulations.
4. **NEW BUSINESS:** Discussion started with the Board of Health regulations and what they were proposing. The Chairman explained that the Board of Health is proposing a nitrogen limit of 12ppm for new development and for upgrading failed existing systems. They also removed any mention of lawns and stormwater runoff. A question was raised if there were systems that could meet that limit. Mr. Pacewicz answered that there is a system that could reach 5ppm and lower consistently and other systems that will say they can meet 12ppm but the latter hasn't been proven consistently. A question arose if we could make a recommendation to the Board of Health. To their credit the Board of Health has always listened to any idea, recommendations, or advice. Talk ensued about the possibility of a requirement or a guarantee from the companies supplying a nitrogen reducing systems that their system will meet the 12ppm regulation. The Committee labored with the exact wording until Mr. Cosgrove kindly offered to right a couple of sentences to bring to the B.of H. A motion was made to make a recommendation to the B.of H. for a guarantee to meet 12ppm on all nitrogen reducing systems, to protect the homeowner from any additional expense.  
Discussion turned to stormwater remediation at the proposed Walmart, then to any Articles for Town Meeting, it was agreed that the Committee was not going to bring any articles before this Town Meeting. Mr. Pacewicz mentioned the need for an earth removal by-law, it was suggested the Committee research some of our surrounding towns to see if they had anything in place.  
Mr. Leggett mentioned that he has been in touch with Mr. Guy Campinha about a tour of our WWTP who is very agreeable to the idea. All present expressed an interest in a tour of the plant. Mr. Leggett

volunteered to work out the details with Mr. Campinha.

Mr. Leggett also expressed an interest in visiting the committee meetings of other towns in our surrounding area. It was suggested we find out if other towns in fact had committees that dealt with clean water.

5. **NEXT MEETING:** 7/27/11, 6:00pm, in room 119 of the Multi-Service Center
6. **CLOSE MEETING:** Mr. Begley made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Leggett seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

David E. Begley, Clerk

*David E Begley*  
7/27/11

