

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

DHY Clean Waters Community Partnership *Dennis, Harwich, and Yarmouth*

Date: 05/18/2018

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Dennis Town Hall

Attendees: Diane Chamberlain, David Johansen, Paul McCormick, Elizabeth Sullivan, John Terrio

(Town of Dennis)

Chris Clark (Town of Harwich)

Jeff Colby, Mark Forest, Dan Knapik (Town of Yarmouth)

Kara Johnston, David Young (CDM Smith)

Representative Tim Whelan

Senator Julian Cyr, Leslie Sandberg

Items

1. Previous Meeting Minutes (04-20-18)
 - a. Chris Clark made motion to approve, Mark Forest seconded. Vote unanimous.
2. Town Updates
 - a. Dennis
 - i. Swan Pond Aquaculture Project – seed purchased, on target to start pilot project this summer for two seasons.
 - ii. Refocusing on cost recovery plan. Dennis is evaluating CPA funds for wastewater.
 - iii. Creating a financing brochure on the Town’s wastewater program.
 - iv. Dennis is considering a pilot nitrogen removal system with expansion of Senior Center.
 - v. Dennis is also considering a Harmony Grass pilot project.
 - vi. Town Meeting approved wastewater planning funds.
 - b. Harwich

- i. Phase 2 Construction funds passed at Town Meeting.
 - ii. Hinckleys Pond and Cold Brook Projects also approved.
 - iii. Governance will be voted at next Town Meeting.
 - c. Yarmouth
 - i. Donohue Institute performing study. Will also evaluate residential impact.
 - ii. Opportunity zone created.
 - iii. September 2018 presentation to the board on cost recovery.
 - iv. Town Meeting authorized wastewater planning funds.
- 3. Discussion with local Legislative Representatives
 - a. Options for financial support:
 - i. Environmental Bond Bill and Economic Development Bond Bill
 - 1. Draft language for bills
 - ii. Earmark
 - iii. Grants
 - b. Invite Lieutenant Governor Polito and Secretary Ash to July meeting for economic opportunity focus
 - c. Invite Secretary Beaton to August meeting for environmental focus
- 4. Special Legislation
 - a. Article languages have been delivered to House Council
 - b. Won't be able to be filed before July 31st, but may be able to file informally after that date
 - c. DHY will follow-up with legislators on Special Legislation language
- 5. Short Term Occupancy Expansion (Airbnb)
 - a. Cape and Islands Water Protection language is in both the House and Senate versions of the bill (review Senate version of the bill)
 - b. Conference Committee has been meeting and expects resolution before July 31st
 - c. Cape and Islands Clean Water Trust
 - i. 13.75% surcharge for short term rentals (for a town at 6%) with effective date of January 1, 2019

1. 6% goes to the Town
2. A Management Board will be created of Cape member towns who are responsible for equitable pay to each town to distribute 2.75% of the surcharges.
 - ii. Water Monitoring Change: increasing monitoring by “higher educational institutes or other governmental agency”, Surplus of water quality funds to go back to the trust
 - iii. Once adopted, will have a legislative meeting to discuss implementation process. Will also be a presentation at CCC One Cape Meeting.
- d. Town Meeting Vote required to opt-out of program.
6. Discuss Letter Response from MassDOT on Bass River Bridge
 - a. \$60 Million estimate to replace bridge according to MassDOT
 - b. MassDOT will only replace bridge if structurally deficient
 - c. Put together package of evidence of structural deficiencies
7. Review Draft Schedule for Drafting and Reviewing Agreement Components
 - a. Draft Special Legislation – May 2018
 - b. File Special Legislation – June 2018
 - c. Draft DHY Agreement – June 2018-October 2018
 - d. Present Draft DHY Agreement to BOS – November 2018
 - e. Present Agreement at Annual Town Meetings – May 2019
8. Grant Update
 - a. Approximately 8% spent
9. Topics for Future Meetings
 - a. Consider a DHY Joint Chamber of Commerce Meeting
10. Meeting Summary
 - a. The working group members from the DHY Clean Waters Community Partnership met on May 18, 2018 and provided updates from each town.
 - b. The group met with Senator Cyr and Representative Whelan to discuss filing Special Legislation to form the DHY Clean Waters Community Partnership. Other topics discussed included: the Route 6 Bass River Bridge, economic opportunities

through wastewater improvements, and the short-term rental tax bill/ Water Protection Fund.

- c. The DHY Group will be drafting Special Legislation in June, and then drafting an agreement over the coming months. Tentative schedule as follows:
 - i. Draft Special Legislation – May 2018
 - ii. File Special Legislation – June 2018
 - iii. Draft DHY Agreement – June 2018-October 2018
 - iv. Present Draft DHY Agreement to BOS – November 2018
 - v. Present Agreement at Annual Town Meetings – May 2019

11. Discussion of topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours before the meeting.

12. Next Meetings: June 15, 2018, at 9:00 AM at Dennis Town Hall, Prue Room

July 20, 2018 at 10:00 AM at Dennis Town Hall, Prue Room

August 24, 2018 at 10:00 AM at Dennis Town Hall, Prue Room

13. Action Items

Assigned To	Action Item
CDM Smith	Send approved April 2018 Meeting Minutes
CDM Smith	Send Draft May 2018 Meeting Minutes
CDM Smith	Draft bond bill language for Economic and Environmental bills
Chris Clark	Share application for CPC funds with DHY
CDM Smith	Revise August meeting invitation
Liz Sullivan	Invite Lieutenant Governor Polito, Secretary Ash, Sen. Cyr, Rep. Crocker, Rep. Peake, and Rep. Whelan to July 20th meeting for economic focus
	Invite Secretary Beaton, Sen. Cyr, Rep. Crocker, Rep. Peake, and Rep. Whelan to August 24th meeting for environmental focus
CDM Smith	Draft DHY Special Legislation