

Pleasant Bay Steering Committee
January 17, 2023 9 am via Zoom

Attending: Allin Thompson, Chris Miller, DeeDee Holt, Fran McClennen, Dolly Howell, Carole Ridley

Allin called the meeting to order at 9:09 am.

Minutes of December 13, 2022 were approved on a motion by DeeDee Holt and a second by Dolly Howell. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Coordinator's Report

The current draft of the comment letter to MassDEP regarding proposed Watershed Permit and Title 5 regulations was discussed. The Watershed Work Group has discussed the draft letter extensively during several meetings, and recommends the letter, however one outstanding issue remains to be clarified regarding towns with only small slivers of land in a watershed and de minimis load. Dolly Howell moved to approve the sending of the letter pending reaching agreement on the outstanding issue through revised language or, if no language is agreed upon, removing the section from the letter. DeeDee Holt seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0-0.

SNEP Watershed Grant 2020 progress report and invoice for July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 were reviewed. Fran McClennen moved to approve the progress report and invoice for submission to Restore Americas Estuaries in compliance with grant requirements. Dolly Howell seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.

The annual report of Alliance activities for 2022 was accepted by the Steering Committee for submission to each of the member towns.

The Climate Adaptation work group is scheduled to meet January 23. Introductory meetings are being scheduled with the local Energy and Climate Action Committees. A meeting with the Chatham ECAC is scheduled for January 17 at 4 pm. The sea level rise discussion group met again and will draft a summary of the sea level rise parameters for the project.

The Notice of Intent (NOI) for the Jackknife living shoreline project was filed with the Chatham Conservation Commission, with a requested February 1 public hearing date. The NOI has been circulated to the Steering Committee.

The Alliance's next meeting dates are as follows:
Climate Adaptation Work Group, January 23 at 1 pm
Watershed Work Group, January 26 at 8:30 am
Steering Committee, February 14 at 4 pm

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 am on a motion from Dolly Howell and a second from Fran McClennen.

Signed:

Date: 02-14-23

