

Pleasant Bay Steering Committee
February 14, 2023 4 pm via Zoom

Attending: Allin Thompson, DeeDee Holt, Fran McClennen, Walter North, Dolly Howell, Carole Ridley

Allin called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm.

Minutes of January 17, 2023 were approved on a motion by Fran McClennen and a second by Dolly Howell. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Coordinator's Report

SNEP Watershed Grant 2020 progress report and invoice for July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 was submitted to Restore America's Estuaries and was accepted. Reimbursement should be issued in the next few weeks. Ed Eichner is the designated point of contact for SMAST and is due to provide an update on the status of tasks at the February 23rd Watershed Work Group meeting. That meeting will also consider a petitioned article in to be brought to Harwich Town Meeting to regulate fertilizer use.

The annual report of Alliance activities for 2022 was submitted to each of the member towns for publication in the annual town report.

The Climate Adaptation work group is scheduled to meet January 23 and will meet again on February 27th. Introductory meetings have been held with the local Energy and Climate Action Committees (ECAC) in Chatham and Orleans. A meeting is scheduled with the Harwich ECAC. The sea level rise discussion group is drafting a summary of the sea level rise parameters for the project. Mike Giggey is working with town representatives to develop resilience concepts for infrastructure.

The Notice of Intent (NOI) for the Jackknife living shoreline project was filed with the Chatham Conservation Commission. A public hearing was opened on February 8th and a statement was presented on behalf of the Alliance. The Commission seems receptive to the project. The hearing is continued to March 1st. The project team is gathering information requested by Commission members. It is unlikely that all permitting will be completed under the FY23 CZM grant which expires on June 30, 2023.

The Alliance's next meeting dates are as follows:
Watershed Work Group, February 23 at 8:30 am
Climate Adaptation Work Group, February 27 at 1 pm
Steering Committee, March 14 at 4 pm

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm on a motion from Walter North and a second from DeeDee Holt.

Signed:

Date: 03-14-23

