

Pleasant Bay Alliance  
Steering Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
May 26, 2020, 5 pm, Virtual Meeting via Webex

Attending: Allin Thompson, Dolly Howell, Fran McClennen, Walter North, DeeDee Holt, Chris Miller, Chuck Bartlett (late arrival), Carole Ridley

Allin called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

Dolly Howell moved approval of the minutes of May 12, 2020. DeeDee Holt seconded the motion. The vote was 6-0-0 in favor (Miller, Holt, Thompson, Howell, McClennen, North).

Coordinator's report:

1. The SNEP 2020 grant proposal was reviewed. The proposal seeks a 30-month grant in the amount of \$447,466. The Project supports implementation of non-traditional nitrogen load reduction methods under the Pleasant Bay Watershed Permit through the following activities: 1) Evaluating the performance benefits of increased I/A system management; 2) Piloting an On-site Permeable Reactive Barrier for a municipal septic system; 3) Optimizing golf course fertilizer management; 4) Modeling using the previously updated linked watershed/water quality model to assist towns with refining management options and projecting levels of improvement in the basins of Pleasant Bay; 5) Assessing the potential of nitrogen removal credits from storm water management; and 6) Studying potential market impacts of municipally sponsored shellfish aquaculture to remove nitrogen. The total amount of non-federal match proposed is \$212,500, of which \$6,000 is cash match from the Alliance. This represents 47% of the SNEP grant request. The total project cost is \$662,466. Fran McClennen and Chris Miller offered some suggested edits for clarity. The proposal has been thoroughly discussed and is recommended by the Watershed Work Group. DeeDee Holt moved to accept the proposal and authorize the Coordinator to submit the proposal to Restore America's Estuaries, in coordination with Town of Chatham acting as fiscal agent for the Alliance. Fran McClennen offered a second to the motion. The vote was 6-0-0 in favor (Miller, Holt, Thompson, Howell, McClennen, North).

2. Center for Coastal Studies contacted the Coordinator on May 22 to request participation in a separate SNEP grant request. Proposals are due May 28<sup>th</sup>. Given the short time frame and inability to discuss and vet the proposal through the normal work group process, Fran McClennen moved to decline the invitation to participate as a co-applicant/sponsor, noting that if Center for Coastal Studies is awarded a grant, the Alliance could offer to cooperate in other ways. Dolly Howell offered a second to the motion. The vote was 6-0-0 in favor (Miller, Holt, Thompson, Howell, McClennen, North).

3. The SNEP Stormwater Technical Assistance Network has accepted the Pleasant Bay Alliance proposal for assistance. An initial call between Carole Ridley, Mike Giggey and

representatives of the Network took place May 22<sup>nd</sup> and a follow up discussion is planned. More time will be needed to define the assistance the Network will be able to provide.

4. The 2020 Coastal Zone Management Grant was discussed. A grant amendment was proposed to extend the grant deadline from June 30<sup>th</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup> and to amend the scope of task 3 from completing a design for one location and initiating permitting, to developing conceptual designs for two different locations and beginning discussions with local officials. The two sites selected are (1) the marsh on town property at the end of Portanimicut Road, and (2) the channel at Jackknife Harbor in Chatham. DeeDee Holt moved to approve the amendment of time and scope as defined and submit to MCZM in coordination with Town of Chatham as fiscal agent. Walter North seconded the motion. The vote was 7-0-0 in favor (Miller, Holt, Thompson, Howell, McClennen, North, Bartlett). A Coastal Zone Management Resiliency Grant request for 2021 will be discussed at the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The next Steering Committee will be held on Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm. Allin asked that reorganization be placed on the agenda.

Chuck moved to adjourn and Dolly Howell seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Signed

Date 06-09-20

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cecelia Ridly".