

Pleasant Bay Alliance
Steering Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2020, 2:30 pm, Virtual Meeting via Webex

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

Allin called the meeting to order at 2:40 pm.

Allin asked the Committee to re-organize and invited nominations for Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer.

Walter nominated Allin to serve as Chair. DeeDee seconded the motion, which passed 7-0-0.

Walter nominated Fran to serve as Vice Chair. DeeDee seconded the motion, which passed 7-0-0.

Walter nominated Chuck to serve as Treasurer. Fran seconded the motion, which passed 7-0-0.

The minutes of May 26, 2020 were approved on a motion by DeeDee and a second by Walter. The vote was 7-0-0.

Coordinator's report:

1. Carole presented the CZMFY21 grant proposal. The grant proposal seeks \$134,600 to refine living shoreline designs as Jackknife Harbor Beach and Portanmimicut marsh. This proposal builds on FY20 CZM grant work by proposing to refine the two different living shoreline conceptual designs through a process of stakeholder engagement. This work would provide important feedback on the processes of alternatives analyses, design, permitting and monitoring living shorelines. This proposal is to perform the following work for resource areas adjacent to two different public access sites: (1) refine plans for a living shoreline project based on technical analysis, discussions with regulators and local stakeholder input, (2) conduct detailed alternatives assessments to support community understanding and permitting requirements, (3) initiate permitting through the MEPA process, setting out the key issues and permitting strategy needed to successfully implement the projects. The match contribution is 44,830. The match includes \$20,000 in cash from the Town of Chatham (\$8,000 in Community Preservation Funds) and Alliance (\$12,000). The remaining match is in-kind technical support from Bob Duncanson (\$2,130), Greg Berman (\$9,980), Ted Keon (\$4,800), Chris Miller (\$1,420), and Carole Ridley (\$6,500).

Chuck reported that the Alliance account does have funds to cover the expenditure.

Dolly moved to authorize the use of \$12,000 as cash match for the grant, as well as the Coordinator's in-kind contribution, and to authorize the Coordinator to submit

the grant proposal to CZM with Chatham as fiscal agent. Fran seconded the motion. The vote was in favor, 7-0-0.

2. A memorandum of agreement for technical assistance from the SNEP Stormwater Network was reviewed. Services will be provided at no cost to:

- Review existing land use regulations and bylaws that pertain to stormwater and make recommendations for adopting consistent bylaws among the four towns.
- Outline a set of sustainable and scalable financing options for stormwater management that will help lead Pleasant Bay Alliance towards successful long-term stormwater project implementation and community resilience.
- Facilitate discussions with representatives of the Environmental Protection Agency and MassDEP, as appropriate, to quantify nitrogen removal from stormwater activities that apply to both completed activities and those to be required of new development.

As discussed at the April meeting when the application for assistance was voted, the work will require an adjustment in scope in Mike Giggey's contract. Carole will discuss that adjustment with Mike and report back to the Committee. The Committee referred the MOU to the Watershed Work Group for discussion with a sense that it is worth moving forward but details of how town DPW and other staff will be involved needs to be discussed. The Committee will take this up again in July.

3. Carole reported on a conversation with the Chair of the Orleans Dredging Committee and consultant regarding interest in maintenance and improvement dredging in Pleasant Bay. Improvement dredging is being discussed for water quality purposes. Carole agreed to explore the topic with George and other members of the Watershed Work Group and with SMAST to see if there is any basis for pursuing improvement dredging for water quality purposes.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Signed

Date August 19, 2020

