

## Harbor Committee



# Public Meeting

Thursday October 20, 2011

Provincetown Town Hall  
Caucus Hall Meeting Room  
260 Commercial Street  
Time: 4:30 pm

## MINUTES

**Members present:** Jerry Irmer, Roger Chauvette, Chris Brooke, Susan Avellar

**Members excused:** Phil Scholl, Mel Cote

**Members absent:** none

**Staff Liaison:** Rex McKinsey, excused

**Others:**

- I. The meeting was convened at 4:30 pm.
- II. Review/amend/approve minutes of 10-6-11  
**MOTION:** To accept the minutes of 10-6-11 as typed.

**MOVED:** Brooke

**SECONDED:** Avellar

**VOTE:** 4-0-0

- III. Public Statements: none

IV. New Business:

A joint meeting has to be set up with the ConsCom to discuss and understand the monitoring needs required for beach cleaning. The Chair will set up with ConsCom.

Chair to get info on Harbor Access Gift Fund; amount in Fund now and amount expected annually from Finance Dept. Linda O'Brien.

Chair also to check with DPW to find if Cleveland St. is a town accepted road. There is a triangular parcel of land adjacent to it that is for sale. This parcel could be used for parking for public access to beach.

Chair discussed his meeting with the Water Quality Working Group on 10-12-11. A report was distributed from Brian Carlson, Health and Environmental Affairs Manager on Water Quality Monitoring Program Overview 2003 thru 2011.

The report showed pie chart of the total number of failures per testing location. This showed Ryder St. Left (behind Surf Club) with the highest count (22) over 9 years. Second was 593 Commercial St., third was Atkins Lane and fourth was West of Coast Guard Station.

A bar graph of Single Count Failures Per Testing Location showed Ryder St. Left as worst.

Another bar graph showed Rain Event Data and Single Count Failures Per Testing Year and three areas of waterfront beach. This graph showed the East End (between Winston Ave. and 451 Commercial St.) to be the worst for overall failures.

Brian will be filling out an application to the Mass. Bays Program Research and Planning Grants due 10-21-11. This will be for further testing and analysis of how sources of human pathogens will be tracked down and addressed.

It appears that the worst human contamination of the beaches is on the weekend near July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Additional testing was conducted on 10/5 by DEP and EPA. They collected samples for E.Coli, nutrients, detergents and pharmaceuticals to further explore evidence of human indicators and influence.

**MOTION:** To adjourn at 5:05 pm.

**MOVED:** Brooke

**SECONDED:** Chauvette

**VOTE:** 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

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Jerry Irmer