

Natural Environment Work Group Core

Meeting Notes of October 19, 2006, 11:30 A.M., Wakeman Center

Present - Members: Tom Chase (Acting Chair), Tim Boland, Judy Crawford, Dick Johnson, Brendan O'Neill, Leah Smith, Tom Wallace

Members - Absent: Matt Pelikan

Present – MVC Staff: Mark London (partial), Jo-Ann Taylor

Present – Others: none

1. Outreach to Constituencies

- A number of constituencies were systematically identified for outreach to recruit for the work group, to ensure that the work group is representative of the stakeholders. The following constituencies were identified:

- Hunters
- Landscapers
- State Forest
- Land Bank
- Garden Club
- Farmers
- Large landowners/their caretakers
- Conservation Commission members and staff
- Planning Board/ZBA members and staff
- Selectmen
- County Commissioners
- Historical Society
- Tribe
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- MVEEA (educators)
- Rotary/Chamber of Commerce
- Birders
- Bikers (Vineyard Off-Road Bicycle Association)
- Fire Chiefs
- TTOR
- Fish and Shellfish
- Off-Island consultants

- Individual members of the core agreed to recruit by phone individuals from some of the constituencies, and to ask each for opinion regarding the major issues facing the natural environment. Others, such as town boards, the landscaper group, etc. will receive blanket invitations.

2. Planning for first Meeting of Work Group

- The date for the first meeting with the larger work group was set. The meeting will be 12 noon – 1:30 P.M., on Monday, November 20, at the Wakeman Center, with participants asked to bring a bag lunch.
- With anticipated input to come from the Process Committee/MVC staff, discussion of the content of the meeting was put off until the next core meeting, November 2.

3. Keeping up with other Work Groups

- There was a suggestion to identify a member/members to watch notes from the other Work Groups and cores, for shared concerns, and to reach out to the other work groups asking what they believe to be the three most important concerns overlapping with the Natural Environment Work Group.

4. Naming of Chair

- Tom Wallace was asked and agreed to be Chair of the Natural Environment Work Group and Core.

5. Upcoming Meetings

Core – Thursday, November 2, 12:30 P.M., conference call

Full Work Group – Monday, November 20, 12 noon – 1:30 P.M., Wakeman Center

Future Core meetings to be alternate Thursdays at noon, rotating locations

Notes prepared by Jo-Ann Taylor