

**Minutes
Executive Committee Meeting
Massachusetts Clean Water Trust**

DATE: February 10, 2016

START TIME: 3:05 p.m.

PLACE: State House, room 372, Conference Room 1

NOTICE: Due public notice given

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE –

PRESENT: Sue Perez, Executive Director of the Trust
Rachel Madden, Director of Finance & Administration of the Trust
Steve McCurdy, Director of Program Development of the Trust

ALSO PRESENT: Martin Suuberg, Commissioner, DEP
Bernard Greene, Senior Legal Counsel of the Trust
Gary Moran, Deputy Commissioner for Operations and
Environmental Compliance, DEP
Nate Keenan, Deputy Director of the Trust

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS (INCLUDING DECISIONS MADE/ACTIONS
TAKEN/ VOTES):**

1. Cape Cod Commission. The Committee continued its discussion, begun at its meeting last week, of the request from the Cape Cod Commission for additional funds. Commissioner of DEP Martin Suuberg was in attendance. The request has been pared down from the original \$3 million to \$750,000 - \$1 million. This amount would cover technical assistance to help communities that had not done so on their own to prepare water quality management plans to address the nutrient degradation of their local watersheds.

Commissioner Suuberg noted that watershed plans are due by July 1, 2016 from Cape Cod communities. He stated that July 1 is not a drop dead date but that failure to complete the plans may result in the Conservation Law Foundation considering a renewal of their lawsuit, though they probably are more concerned with seeing measurable progress. Mr. Moran added that the July deadline is intended to induce communities to get together and determine who has responsibility for different shares of the nutrient load. The Commission can give technical assistance and can help coordinate the plans where watersheds cross town borders. Already 13 out of 15 communities on the Cape have engaged in the 208 planning process.

Commissioner Suuberg said that various parties have a role in ensuring compliance with the 208 Plan. DEP's responsibility is determining whether local water quality plans are consistent with the 208 Plan. He reminded the Committee that Paul Niedzwiecki, the executive director of the Cape Cod Commission told the Trust's

Board that without the Commission's role, many towns will call upon the engineers they have always used. Those engineers tend to propose big projects that may not be consistent with the broader watershed issues on which the Commission is attempting to focus.

Ms. Perez asked what the next steps are, noting that we are now at mid-February. Commissioner Suuberg said that he would like to see an itemized lists of tasks on which the Commission is working. He said that DEP will draft a letter to the Commission asking for detailed information and will circulate the draft to the Executive Committee.

Ms. Madden said that she had talked with Sean Cronin, Senior Deputy Commissioner of Local Services at the Department of Revenue about the possibility of using Community Compact money for pieces of this process.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Approved: May 18, 2016