

Environmental Oversight Status 3 13 08 (Final)

#	Date Action/Recommendation	Lead Member	Current Status	Historical Comments	To BOS Date	Final Date
1	<p>ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION</p> <p>The BRCC recommended the BOS designate a permanent educational coordinator and provide ongoing funding to coordinate environmental education programs, and in particular, nitrogen loading and waste water, in conjunction with the School Committee.</p>	R. M.	<p>Focus Modified</p> <p>Committee member Ralph Marcelli will coordinate with the school Dept. 1/17/07 The Energy Management Consultant Group power consumption reductions have saved the carbon equivalent of 306 cars or 635 acres of trees in 2007</p> <p>2/13/08 K C Coombs Science Fair 3/5/08, 6:30-8:30</p> <p>EOC to invite the Club to EOC's April Meeting.</p> <p>MWD is on board with Earth Tech's attempt to redelinate Zone 2 for wastewater discharge from MHS.</p> <p>Energy Management Consultant Group has advised some items are non-disclosure. Clarification needed.</p> <p><u>3/13/08 No Input</u></p>	<p>Ted Theis is in contact with the education coordinator from Cape Keepers, as well as Gabrielle Belfit from the Cape Cod Commission and members of several Falmouth organizations about coordinating educational efforts on a Cape-wide basis.</p> <p>9/21/07 R M provided the committee with a listing of actual and proposed environmental education events Students have formed an effective, active Environmental Club, with a School provided and funded Advisor</p> <p>The Environmental Club has placed 35 recycling containers in classrooms, are fund raising with the sale of LED Xmas lights and Compact Fluorescent bulbs, they have worked on a change from Styrofoam to Biodegradable lunchroom containers and participated in the Popponesset Spit Clean-up.</p> <p>Temperature controls will be set at Cooling: 74-78- occupied 85 unoccupied Heating: 68-72 occupied 55 unoccupied</p>		

2	<p>MASHPEE RIVER DREDGING</p> <p>The BRCC recommended the BOS use the Transfer Station grounds as a repository for dredging spoils from the Mashpee River in order to move this project forward without further delays.</p> <p>MASHPEE RIVER DREDGING (Continued)</p> <p>The EEC also requests the Board of Selectmen provide an overall status on the dredging project.</p>	D. M. G. G	<p>Still in Progress</p> <p>8/16/07 Acting Chair George Green will follow up to acquire a library of scientific reports generated to date and the status of going forward activities.</p> <p>9/20/07 Waterways Commission will be invited to provide status at a future Oversight Committee meeting.</p> <p>10/11/07 No Change in Status</p> <p>11/8/07 No change in status Waiting library</p> <p>12/6/07 Received 20 November 2007 Waterways Dredging/water quality scenario results.</p> <p>Waterways will be invited to the next meeting on January 17, 2008. Changed to February 14</p> <p>2/14//08 Rescheduled to March 13 3/13/08 No Input</p> <p>E Baker recommends approaching solution based upon original citizen's request.</p>	<p>Jim Hanks presented his report on the status of the Mashpee River dredging project at the 2/9/06 BRCC meeting.</p> <p>Jim Hanks reported to the BOS that testing of core samples indicated that the salinity was too high to place significant amounts of potential dredging material at the Transfer Station.</p> <p>The BOS have requested a report from the Waterways Comm. every two months to provide closer monitoring.</p> <p>The suggestion that the dredge material be placed in a depression at the transfer station presented some problems, one of which was that the dredged material conductivity levels must not exceed DEP requirements. Mr. Hanks indicated that the next step would consist of taking core samplings in the spring and getting them measured for conductivity to see whether they fall within DEP requirements. If they exceed DEP requirements, the proposed disposal site at the Transfer Station would not be allowed.</p> <p>Save Mashpee Waterways presented petition signed by 550 citizens asking for actions to solve pollution crisis in Mashpee waters.</p> <p>Mr. Hanks also discussed several other alternatives such as building marsh islands with the dredge spoils and the use of "side-casting" the spoils along marsh edges of the river. Mr. Hanks explained that these processes are much more difficult to permit and that "side-casting" may not be allowed by DEP. Town Planner, Tom Fudala, has suggested that</p>	1/2/06	
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**MASHPEE RIVER DREDGING
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this project may be characterized as marsh restoration, which is viewed more favorably by the State.

Ted Theis introduced Mr. Oskar Klenart, P.E., to the Waterways Committee with a possible answer to make side-casting spoils more viable. Ted is continuing to work with the committee on side casting alternatives.

On 9-11-06, Mr. Hanks reported to the BOS that contract delays for testing and modeling services have pushed back completion of the next phase until early December 2006.

Per Town Manager, two contracts signed and the BOS will get an update on the modeling in December 2006.

The results of all modeling received indicate miniscule changes in the water quality parameters evaluated so small as to be inconsequential. All dredge approaches would not reduce water quality.

3	<p>COMBINE WATER-SEWER</p> <p>The BRCC recommended the BOS work with the Mashpee Water District and Sewer Commission to formulate a combined fresh water/ waste water entity that would be responsible for locating, providing and ensuring the quality of the Town's water supplies and the resultant impact on the environment.</p>	D. M.	<p>On Hold</p> <p>BOS put combining the Sewer Commission and Water District on back burner until the new sewer report regarding needs is released later in 2007.</p> <p>G. Green suggests hold remain until current status of Town/District relationship resolved.</p> <p>9/20/2007 No Change</p> <p>10/11/2007 No Change</p> <p>11/8/07 No change, Sewer Commission chair will be invited to a future meeting.</p> <p>12/6/07 No change.</p> <p>1/17/08 no change</p> <p>3/13/08 No change</p>	<p>Per Tom Fudala, the Water District counsel has researched this issue and is preparing a report on the issues involved in creating a water/sewer district that was presented to the Water District in November 2006.</p> <p>The Water District, Sewer Commission and Board of Selectmen held a joint meeting in February 2007, at which time representatives of each group were tasked with looking at this issue in conjunction with the release of the sewer study reports during the remainder of 2007.</p> <p>Needs Assessment has been completed and issued. Draft technology report has been released.</p> <p>Chair has distributed copies (email) of chapter 7 of the Sewer Commission's "Technology Screening Report" as it contains helpful non-wastewater nutrient mitigation information.</p> <p>2/12 Sewer Commission nitrex presentation discussed. Potential ??? Similar in some aspects to Septic tank effluent pumping.</p> <p>2/12 Sewer Commission nitrex presentation discussed. Potential ??? Similar in some aspects to Septic tank effluent pumping.</p>	1/2/06	

4	<p>NATURAL FERTILIZERS/ FRIENDLY LAWN PROGRAM</p> <p>The BRCC recommended the BOS use natural fertilizers and materials for maintaining Town playing fields and buildings to set an example for the rest of the community.</p> <p>The BRCC also seeks support for the creation of a “friendly lawn” program similar to the one in Falmouth.</p>	<p>E. T. B. K. R. M.</p>	<p>Partially Completed – Still in Progress</p> <p>Ted is working with Plymouth County Sheriff’s Office for printing and with Michael Talbot and Bob Maffi on Mashpee “Best Lawn” awards project.</p> <p>E Theis made the group aware of the nutrient reduction benefits of “Rain Gardens” in the development of future landscaping practices.</p> <p>11/8/07 EOC Member E Theis is working efforts to establish the program county wide and hopes to have progress in the spring. Falmouth Friendly Lawns asks only for credit for use of any of their product.</p> <p>12/6/07 No Change</p> <p>1/17/08 No Change</p> <p>3/13/08 No change</p>	<p>DPW received proposals to use natural fertilizers as well as traditional chemical methods.</p> <p>Per Brad Tripp in Oct 2006, the School Dept. is following the requirements mandated by the State and provided a link to the State Website. The BRCC reviewed the usage plan submitted by the School but needs to follow up since we could not determine the actual state requirements from the usage plan document. Subsequent review of State requirements for schools focuses on restricting certain chemical and pesticides that have ingredients of toxicological concern or are classified as known, likely, or probable human carcinogens by the U.S. EPA.</p> <p>BOS has included natural fertilizers in contract for Town landscaping. DPW has converted to organic fertilizers for around buildings and is testing one field at Heritage Park using organic fertilizers. The other fields are being treated with a chemical/organic mixture that is being used by Falmouth. Budget for 2008 would include continuing this chemical/organic mixture. School Department has identified fertilizers in use as approximately 50% water insoluble nitrogen fertilizer (WIN) “par ex” a desired form to reduce leaching.</p>	<p>1/2/06</p>	

5	<p>Grant Applications</p> <p>The committee has suggested the town increase efforts to obtain grant funding in support of environmental sustainability.</p>	G. G. All	<p>New Item</p> <p>10/11/07 9/28 County Grant Request no input. Time constraints prohibitive.</p> <p>EOC will provide suggestions for anticipatory efforts to provide sufficient time to respond to periodically Available grants</p> <p>12/6/07-No inputs 1/17/08-No Inputs 2/13/08-No Inputs 3/13/08-No inputs</p>	<p>Selectman Green will get “a sense of the Board” indicating the flexibility committee members may exercise in pursuit of grants without committing the Town.</p> <p>Committee members have been requested to provide suggestions relating to a Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative Grant with an application deadline of 9/28/07.</p> <p>D Myers indicates there is no problem with individual Committee members seeking other town-external agency inputs for potential grants without committing the town. 11/8/07 Depts. Will be asked for suggestions, Waterways Commission & tax credit program potential to be evaluated</p>	8/16/07	
6	<p>Brochures and Handouts</p> <p>The BRCC voted to request the Water District to help support educational programs regarding conservation, environment and water issues.</p>	E. T.	<p>Partially Completed – Still in progress</p> <p>9/20/07 E Theis is investigating publishing opportunities for “Falmouth Friendly Lawn” similar items. 10/11/07-In process 1/17/08-In process 2/13/08-In Process 3/13/08 C Green to touch base with NCRS for existing pamphlets and E Theis will follow up on Orleans pamphlet.</p>	<p>BRCC discussed asking the Water District to co-op print brochures and then distribute them in billing mailings.</p> <p>Can Health Dept. distribute their low flow showerheads and other information or items they distribute to the public to reach more people?</p> <p>Water District helped with printing of Water Brochure.</p>	1/2/06	

7	<p>TOWN-WIDE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN.</p> <p>EOC will oversee and coordinate this action item that will involve Municipal, Commercial, Industrial and residential components)</p> <p>This task will require participation by the following:</p> <p>Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Board of Health, Conservation Commission, D.P.W., School Department, Animal Control Officer, Water District, Barnstable County, Mashpee Environmental Stormwater Management Plan (continued)</p> <p>Coalition, GIS Dept., Shellfish Warden, Building Dept. A town-wide stormwater management educational program will also be required.</p>	BK FOR PLNG BOARD	<p>The Planning Board will continue to review/develop local zoning by-laws, general by-laws, special permit regulations, and will undertake a complete review of the subdivision regulations with a focus on stormwater management.</p> <p>9/20/07 Planning Board will evaluate "no increase in lot runoff" bylaw potential. 10-21-07</p> <p>10/11/2007 DPW (C.Laurent) discussed the three bioremediation areas on Quinacisset adjacent to surface waters and the annual NPDES Phase II report.</p> <p>DPW is waiting comments on the DEP/EPA submitted report. We are in the final year of the programmatic license.</p> <p>Committee comments on Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) centered on the potential benefits of EOC stormwater management leadership and also a policy development requiring BMP implementation/evaluation for any new or repaired infiltration units.</p> <p>DPW is reviewing potential BMP actions for Sampsons Mill Rd Bridge area. They need to develop a maintenance plan and schedule for BMPs.</p>	<p>Under the Blue Ribbon Comprehensive Committee, The Planning Board addressed the problem of stormwater runoff and completed revisions to the following 3 zoning by-laws. They were presented for voter consideration at the October 2006 town meeting.</p> <p>(1) Revisions to 174-27, Water Quality Report. This by-law was revised to provide revised water quality impact reports as part of the requirements for approval of a definitive sub-division plan.</p> <p>(2) Revisions to 174-27.2 Stormwater Management. This by-law was revised to provide for stormwater best management practice standards for any new residential or non-residential development requiring either subdivision approval, a special permit, plan review under the provisions of Subsection 174-24B, or a building permit for a building over one thousand (1000) square feet in area.</p> <p>(3) Revisions to 174-47 Cluster Development. This by-law covers development of 5 or more acres in a residential district and requires a special permit (except as waived by the Planning Board). It was revised to further reduce the impact of new development on the Town's water quality and natural resources and to promote more efficient land development. A stormwater treatment management plan is required.</p> <p>All 3 were passed by voters at the October 2006 town meeting and approved by the Attorney General on 2-13-2007.</p> <p>Planning Board Consulting Engineer Charles Rowley's report "Stormwater Report on Runoff to Mashpee & Santuit</p>	11/06	
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8	<p>SANTUIT POND</p> <p>The BRCC recommended the BOS look into the source of the pollution that is killing off Santuit Pond. 9/14/06 BRCC meeting.</p> <p>SANTUIT POND (Continued)</p>	<p>Ed Baker Don Myers Ted Theis</p>	<p>Still in progress</p> <p>Ed Baker suggested \$40,000 funding article for identifying and quantifying Santuit Pond phosphorus sources. The Town Manager has indicated financial considerations dictate delaying the funding article until the Fall 2007 Town Meeting, however we should do an RFP to SANTUIT POND determine the anticipated cost.</p> <p>9/20/07 No current RFP status. Fall Town Meeting window missed.</p> <p>3/13/08-need status for CCC prep of RFP and follow up of water quality measuring devices with Cable Group (D.Myers)</p>	<p>Per Town Manager, the Estuaries Project looked at this issue but they do not plan to take action. They are looking at cranberry bogs a part of the Poppy Pilot Program but not looking into the phosphorus issue.</p> <p>BRCC, on 2/15/07, supported the acquisition of two submersible water parameter measuring devices to provide more specific data on fresh water bodies conditions. Deployment of the devices would be an extension of the existing Shellfish Department water quality monitoring program and be supported by existing Environmental Coalition Pond Health Monitoring Volunteers and others. Selectmen Myers will forward a funding request to the Cable Advisory Committee for available funds.</p> <p>Cable Advisory Committee suggests seeking other funding sources. Contact with L Counsell indicates no plans for phosphorous remediation by Barnstable within Santuit Pond proper.</p> <p>10/11/2007 R York outlined a proposal for automated water quality parameter measuring devices for presentation to the Cable Advisory Committee as a funding application. The committee voted to support the request for Cable Technology Funding unanimously.</p> <p>1/17/08 No current RFP status</p> <p>2/13/08 Selectmen have voted to request CCC assistance in preparation of a Santuit Pond RFP</p>	<p>10/06</p>	
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9	<p>CREATE LAND STEWARD PROGRAM</p> <p>The BRCC recommended the BOS evaluate the feasibility of creating a “Town Lands Volunteer Stewards Corps”. CREATE LAND STEWARD PROGRAM (continued)</p> <p>CREATE LAND STEWARD PROGRAM</p>	Ed Baker	<p><i>In process</i></p> <p>Conservation is reported to be compiling a list of town open space lands.</p> <p>9/20/07 No comments made on draft protocol</p> <p>1/17/08 Conservation has formed a subcommittee to address the plan. Volunteer count is up to 34 and growing. Program appears to be progressing well.</p> <p>Next step is Conscom Kick-off Meeting to be scheduled when new assistant agent is on board (1/28/08)</p> <p>2/13/08 Assistant agent on board. Conservation has scheduled a Kick-off Meeting @ 7:00 P.M. on Monday March 3 in the Selectmens Meeting Room.</p> <p>Meeting will be televised on the Gov't Channel. Chair will arrange for tape borrowing to provide a source for Cable Community Channel Outreach videos..</p> <p>3/13/08 Tape at studio, Kick-off successful program in</p>	<p>The Conservation Commission, a potential lead Town Department, is currently considering the leadership role</p> <p>Ed Baker gave BRCC Members copies of the current Falmouth 300 Committee's Protocol as a guide for the Mashpee proposal.</p> <p>Volunteers would work in conjunction with a Town coordinating Department to provide status information, minor trail maintenance, problem identification, etc. for Town-owned parcels of Open Space. Ed Baker, Mashpee Environmental Coalition and Ted Theis offered assistance in recruiting volunteers. VFW committed to participate. Conservation Commission declined Leadership Role</p> <p>11/8/07 Conservation (Andrew McManus) attended the meeting, supports the program and additionally noted expanding non-conflicting uses would bring additional concerned citizens to the lands</p> <p>A Draft Mashpee Land Stewards protocol was distributed to committee members for comments and corrections to be reviewed at a future meeting.</p> <p>A report by Haley/Aldrich a Quashnet feasibility study relating to trout habitat and the bogs has been completed with various options to be evaluated</p>	3/26/07	
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10	STORMWATER BIOFILTER The BRCC recommends that the BOS ask the Town Manager and DPW to work with Ted Theis regarding evaluating Clean Water Solution's storm water biofilter.	E. T.	On Hold Installation delayed until rainfall conditions are optimum for effective evaluation. 11/8/07 Evaluation waiting optimum water samples availability. 1/17/08-No Change 2/13/08-No Change 3/13/08-waiting correct weather conditions	Ted Theis met with the Town Manager and approval to test this biofilter was received. Installation pending appropriate weather.	11/06
11	Technology Applications	D.M.	11/8/07 Technology Specialist will be invited to next meeting. 12/6/07 Town's Information Technology Specialist filled in the Committee on available Technologies and coverage of Town's geographic areas. A test of IP Cameras at the Transfer Station for recycling studies was suggested and will be discussed with C Laurent. 2/13/08-No Change 3/13/08 E. Baker assignrd follow-up with D Delveccio and DPW C Laurent	The committee needs to schedule a workshop session with the computer systems experts to develop an understanding of what innovations are available for environmental applications 9/20/07 The Town's Information Technology Specialist will be invited to a future meeting to educate the committee on available technologies that could be helpful in the future. Areas of interest include a Web Site (page), telemetry, remote cameras, etc. .10/11/2007 Web Page on line	

12	Recycling	All	<p>Discussion Level</p> <p>12/6/07 No Change 1/17/08 No change. Large sign @xfer Station noting “No Sticker Required” for Mashpee Recycling suggested</p> <p>2/13/08 Plastics 1 thru 7 now recycled.</p> <p>MEC and the Peninsula Council have noted free resident recycling in their newsletters.</p> <p>Community Cable Channel has a MEC sponsored PSA with recycling info. 3/13/08 MEC has PAYT video scheduled for chan 17. Corr. Cardboard to move to common area.</p>	<p>The committee members generally trend towards adding recycling to the action items listing based upon the various favorable environmental and financial gains possible in an increased recycling activity beyond the gains already achieved by C Laurent.</p> <p>All town buildings are now recycling all paper grades. 11/8/07 Board of Health requirement for private haulers to offer customer recycling requires reinforcement 10/11/2007 There is a need to better publicize “Recycling at the Transfer Station does not require a sticker for households.” Cost of relocation to an improved location for corrugated cardboard recycling at the transfer station is needed for evaluation.</p>		
13	<p>Ashumet Pond Phosphorous</p> <p>Actions undertaken by AFCEE/MMR-IRP have contained the phosphorous enrichment of Ashumet Pond.</p>		<p>NEW ITEM 11/8</p> <p>1/17/08 AFCEE/MMR to fund town monitoring efforts in 2008 @ \$47,000</p> <p>2/13/08 Draft Contract in Town Offices 3/13/08 Contract signed and sent to MMR for final signatures.</p>	<p>Before proceeding to include this potential funding source into the Town’s water quality monitoring activity, Selectman/Town Manager approval is needed. Selectmen Myers will solicit a “sense of the leadership”. AFCEE has indicated support to Town and NGO organization water quality monitoring efforts as a stakeholder involvement in ongoing monitoring to assure the continued effectiveness of the fixes introduced to date.</p>		

14	Resident comments suggest the need for a review of Mashpee's Ponds Water Quality		<p>12/6/07 This item will be the main topic of the March meeting.</p> <p>2/13/08 Scheduling conflicts move meeting date to April</p> <p>3/13/08 Scheduling conflicts move meeting date to a future meeting</p>	MEC Pond Water Quality Report for 2007 provided to meeting members..		
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