



**OLD COLONY**  
PLANNING COUNCIL

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**Regional Water Plan  
Steering Committee Meeting  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
Monday, May 20, 2024, 9:00am**

Location: Old Colony Planning Council, 70 School St, Brockton, MA 02301

Attendees:

<b>Steering Committee</b>	
<b>Organization</b>	<b>Name</b>
Town of Abington	Liz Shea
Town of Bridgewater	Shane O'Brien
Town of Bridgewater	Greg Tansey
City of Brockton	Pat Hill
CPCWDC	Kimberly Groff (via Zoom)
East Bridgewater	John Haines
Easton Department of Public Works	Greg Swan
EPA	Margherita Pryor (via Zoom)
Town of Kingston	Val Massard
MA Department of Conservation and Recreation	Jason Duff (via Zoom)
MAPC	Martin Pillsbury (via Zoom)
MassDEP	Duane LeVangie
MassDEP	Jon Hobill (via Zoom)
Pembroke Water Department	Dan Sullivan
OCPC	Joanne Zygmunt
Town of Plymouth	Peter Gordon
Town of Plympton	Brian Vasa
Town of Stoughton	Phil McNulty
Watershed Associations	Pine duBois
Watershed Associations	Jimmy Powell (via Zoom)
Town of West Bridgewater	Wayne Parks

<b>Observers</b>	
<b>Organization</b>	<b>Name</b>
SRPEDD	Danica Belknap (via Zoom)
OCPC	Becky Coletta (via Zoom)
OCPC	Bill Napolitano (via Zoom)
Cape Cod Cranberry Growers' Association	Brian Wick

<b>Consultants</b>	
<b>Organization</b>	<b>Name</b>
CDM Smith	Grace Houghton (via Zoom)
CDM Smith	Kirk Westphal
CDM Smith	Amara Regehr
CDM Smith	Grace Inman
CDM Smith	Kara Rozycki
Regina Villa Associates	Kyle Olsen (via Zoom)
Alliance for Water Efficiency	Andrew Morris

## **Minutes:**

1. Call to Order, introductions
  - a. New attendees: Brian Wick (Cape Cod Cranberry Growers' Association), Andrew Morris (Consultant, Alliance for Water Efficiency), Grace Houghton (Consultant, CDM Smith), Brian Shepherd (Consultant, CDM Smith)
2. Public Comment – none
3. Technical Work
  - a. Public Outreach ongoing. Interviews being conducted by RVA. Reminders coming from Kyle Olsen of RVA to town officials and steering committee members.
  - b. Annotated Bibliography Draft complete, team completing updates
  - c. Water availability models for Taunton and South Coastal Watersheds ongoing
  - d. Demand analysis ongoing
  - e. Water efficiency ongoing
  - f. Future climate conditions upcoming
  - g. Alternatives upcoming
4. Definitions
  - a. Discussion of EJ vs. EJ population
5. Metrics Finalization

- a. Request to remove “local needs” from “supply volume beyond local needs”
  - b. Request to define “gap” as a unit
  - c. Request to remove “or” from “quantity and quality of natural waters”
  - d. Request to define quantity using DEP sub-basin quantity
  - e. net export of water from its original aquifer
  - f. Incorporate undocumented immigrant populations and major prisons into equity metrics.
  - g. MetroWest Climate Equity Project includes equity information (Shane to distribute)
  - h. Newspaper article over the weekend includes MBTA proposed projects
  - i. Metrics and updates to be distributed to group via email
  - j. Fisheries information available
6. Alliance for Water Efficiency
- a. Presentation provided by Andrew Morris from Alliance for Water Efficiency
  - b. Discussion:
    - i. DEP requires AWWA M36 model if UAW 10% is not met. Grants are available in August.
    - ii. Discussion of water bans and charging more for irrigation, which would require an irrigation meter.
    - iii. Discussion of multi-family units.
    - iv. Conservation rate structure grant from DEP also available in August.
    - v. Breakout groups on efficiency
    - vi. Feasibility of public/leadership/political acceptance to be considered as a metric
7. Introduction to Demand Projections
- a. Presentation provided by Brian Shepard from CDM Smith introducing how demand is calculated.
  - b. To be continued at next workshop, along with alternatives introductions.
8. Next Workshop
- a. 6/25/2024

**Action Items:**

<b>Assigned to</b>	<b>Action Item</b>
Steering Committee members	Review annotated bibliographies and respond to interview requests
CDM Smith	Update metrics and distribute to steering committee

**Attachments:**

1. Meeting Presentation Slides

*Prepared by CDM Smith.*