

Minutes of the 51st APCC Annual Meeting
October 1, 2019
Cape Cod Museum of Art, Dennis, MA

Following a short reception President Margo Fenn called the APCC Business Meeting to order at 6:15 PM.

Business Meeting:

President Fenn welcomed everyone to our 51st Annual Meeting and provided introductory remarks.

President Margo Fenn asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the 2018 minutes which were provided as handouts. A motion was made and seconded and was unanimously approved. A second motion was made and seconded to accept the 2018 minutes as written. The motion was approved by all.

Margo Fenn introduced Robert Ciolek to give the Treasurer's Report.

2018 Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer, Robert Ciolek gave the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded and put to the floor for discussion. A vote was taken, and the report was unanimously accepted.

Margo Fenn introduced Eliza McClennen to give the Nominating Report.

Nominating Committee Report:

Eliza McClennen, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the 2019 slate for the Board of Directors and the Nominating Committee.

Nominees for a first 3-year term on the Board of Directors.

Patricia Hughes	Brewster
Jack Looney	Mashpee
Cheryl Lubin	Chatham
Stephen Mealy	Bourne

Nominees for a second 3-year term on the Board of Directors

DeeDee Holt	Chatham
-------------	---------

Nominees for a second 3-year term on the Board of Directors

Thomas Huettner	Dennis
-----------------	--------

The President asked if there were any nominations from the floor; there were none. A motion was made and seconded to close the list of nominees. The vote for the slate was taken, and the slate was unanimously accepted. Congratulations were extended to the re-elected Board Members.

Nominees for a first 1-year term on the Nominating Committee

Stephen Mealy	APCC Director
Robert Summersgill	APCC Director
Taryn Wilson	APCC Director
Susan Shephard	APCC Member

Nominees for a third 1-year term on the Nominating Committee

Anne Ekstrom

APCC Member

The President asked if there were any nominations from the floor; there were none. A motion was made and seconded to close the list of nominees. The vote for the slate was taken, and the slate was unanimously accepted. Congratulations were extended to those elected and re-elected to the Nominating Committee.

Eliza McClennen acknowledged the passing of long time APCC member and Nominating Committee member Liz Nill. She will be greatly missed.

Bylaw Revision 2019

President Margo Fenn read the proposed change to the APCC BYLAWS.

PROPOSED CHANGE

Section 3. Notice of Meetings- Notice of Annual and Special Meetings shall be given to each member by email where a member has provided APCC an email address and by mail to the address of record where a member has not provided an email address or has requested notification by mail. Said notice shall state the purpose(s) for which the meeting is called and the date, hour and place where it is to be held and shall be provided not less than fifteen (15) nor more than forty (40) days before the meeting

This change allows APCC to become more efficient when notifying members of and all meetings, saving both time and money.

A motion was made to accept the proposed change to the APCC BYLAWS. It was seconded and approved by all.

Margo Fenn invited Andrew Gottlieb to make announcements and present the 2019 APCC Awards.

Executive Director Andrew Gottlieb announced that photographer and friend of APCC, Steve Koppel, was present with his latest book *Brewster Flats*, and is offered for sale.

Andrew announced that APCC is the recipient of a Tern Foundation Solar Grant which will be used to install solar panels on the home office and shed. This is a matching grant, and APCC needs to raise \$60k over the next few months for qualification. He asked the membership to consider donating additional funds during our Year End Appeal to help us meet this match.

Installer E2Solar was also present at the meeting and they offered a \$500.00 contribution be made to APCC for every person who signs up and installs a solar system using E2Solar.

Scallop Society Induction:

The Scallop Society is composed of people who have been APCC members for 25 years or more. Director Gottlieb read the list of new Scallop Society members and thanked them for their dedication and service to the environment and APCC.

Awards

Director Gottlieb presented the APCC awards

APCC 2019 Volunteer of the Year Award to:

Gerry Beetham of Harwich

For contributing well over 150 volunteer hours in 2019 so far, freely contributing his skills as a photographer, and now videographer, for the organization's special projects and events that help further APCC's mission

APCC 2019 Special Recognition Award to:

Karen Malkus-Benjamin of Brewster

For her role in the launch of a cyanobacteria monitoring program and warning system for ponds across Cape Cod to help protect the public health from harmful cyanobacteria blooms. The program was created to raise public awareness of water quality issues in freshwater ponds and to promote pond protection and restoration;

Paul Tsongas Environmental Recognition Award to:

State Senator Julian Cyr and State Representative Sarah Peake

For their leadership in securing passage of the Cape Cod and Islands Water Protection Fund, which provides a dedicated funding source for water quality improvement projects.

Year in Review:

Margo Fenn introduced Andrew Gottlieb.

Andrew stated that it's been a good year.

2018 was built around the notion of APCC changing in response to the needs of the time. APCC remains an environmental watchdog tackling aggressive problems, (climate change, environmental rollbacks from the Trump Administration and protection of water and water quality).

Andrew stated that last year we said APCC would create the State of the Waters Program and would continue to report on it every year.

We have a lot of people to thank for helping us with the State of the Waters Program:

The entire staff at APCC.

The Massachusetts Environmental Trust (MET), which has an environmental license plate program which supports APCC and programs like SOTW- APCC is appreciative of this support.

The Cape Cod Five also supported this program.

The State of the Waters program uses our regional vision and scope to look at waters and water quality to see if there is a story not understood by the public.

Using existing data, we developed a two-tiered grading system; acceptable and unacceptable.

SOTW Findings:

Embayment Status Map – showed 2/3 of embayment's have unacceptable levels.

Ponds- Ponds scored somewhat better but there are issues with pond water quality in part because they were not included in the 208 Plan and will need to be dealt with in the future. Only 15% of ponds have data and that data is not robust. More pond information will be included in next years' report.

Water Supplies- Water quality of public water supplies is excellent, meaning they meet the federal standards. There is more protection of drinking water for the last 30 years. Many emerging contaminants are not yet regulated.

Diagnosis; we can solve these issues but doing so will take political will.

APCC will update SOTW in future years, however not expecting embayment's to improve much in the near term. Ponds will get worse and we will add cyanobacteria information.

County is not doing much.

Cape Cod Commission is doing good work.

Individual actions and activity at the municipal level is where things will get done.

Towns need:

Comprehensive Water Quality Plan (some towns don't have one).

Those with plans need to implement them.

To adopt local bylaws that set aside greater than 50% of taxes from short term rentals to go to wastewater.

Residents need to:

Communicate with local towns and tell them what to do, thru Selectmen's meetings, letters to the towns and social media campaigns.

Drive town government on what to do and demand solutions. Solutions are not hard using traditional and alternative methods.

Look up Capecodwaters.org for additional data.

Make a start.

Adjournment

President Margo Fenn commented that the SOTW report was compelling and she is proud of all the work APCC had done.

She asked if there was any other business?

Pat Hughes stated that tonight was the last night with Margo Fenn as President of APCC and she wanted to thank her for all her hard work.

Pat stated that Charlie Sumner will be the next President. A peaceful and orderly transition of power is expected.

Margo called for a motion to close the business meeting. A motion was made to adjourn the business portion of the meeting and was seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion was unanimously passed.

The Business meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.