

## **Water Core Group**

Minutes 3 April 2007

**FINAL**

**Present:** Terry Appenzellar, Wendy Culbert, Melinda Loberg, Mark London, Bruce Rosinoff, Craig Saunders, Bret Stearns and Bill Wilcox

The group continued to review the goals and objectives section of the summary document beginning with the Stormwater section. A number of edits were made to the wording. It was suggested that some sample projects be added to the appendix including the Oak Bluffs, Viera Park stormwater project and the project at the herring Creek crossing in Aquinnah.

There was a discussion as to what size storm the systems should handle. It was agreed that the first ½ inch of runoff carried most of the pollutants but that systems were often sized to handle a 1-inch storm.

Bacterial contamination leading to management closures for shell fishing was discussed. Stormwater runoff may be contributing to these closures. The Squibnocket closure is a good example as the pond was closed for many years but was not sampled to get data to re-open it. The tribe provided the manpower to get the sampling done that helped DMF move it out of a closure to being conditionally open (is that the right term?)

If there are any other ponds that are in a management closure they might be low-hanging fruit. The question was raised as to whether Chilmark Pond was closed for that reason.

Seth's Pond was discussed as a stormwater impacted fresh pond. This is a difficult site to address as Lambert's Cove Road is long and steep generating large, high velocity runoff. The road crossing of Mill Brook near Chilmark Chocolates was brought up as another impacted stream that flows to Chilmark Pond.

At the next meeting we agreed to discuss the power-point presentation for the early May meeting of the Water Alliance. Bill W. to draft up some slides.

**The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 17 at noon at the MVC.**