MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 8, 2017

TO: Suzanne McAuliffe, Speaker, Barnstable Assembly of Delegates

FROM: Sims McGrath, Jr., Chair, Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative

Today, the Governing Board of the Water Protection Collaborative met.

Among other business, the Collaborative voted its support of the March 2, 2017 'Path Forward' memo (so called), and asked that I provide a covering memo so that members of the Assembly clearly understand the perspective of the Collaborative as it forwards this document.

Ten of the 17 members were present (2 of those 17 seats are presently vacant). By unanimous vote of those present, the Governing Board acted to “Convey the March 2, 2017 ‘Path Forward’ memo to the Assembly as a way to open the dialogue as to whether or not the enabling ordinance for the Collaborative (05-22) should be amended.”

The Governing Board particularly wished me to point out that the highly affirmative language in the memo is not to be taken as an inflexible position of the Collaborative, but rather potential wording to be discussed, should amendments to the original ordinance be considered.

The Governing Board also conveyed its willingness to be appointed as the conceptual Section 208 Implementation Advisory Board that the Executive Director of the Cape Cod Commission has mentioned to the Assembly. This was viewed as an new/additional responsibility for the Governing Board membership, though it would meet under a different title.

As you deem appropriate, please distribute both this memo and the ‘Path Forward’ memo to your membership. I look forward to working with you as this process moves forward.