



## Legislative Task Force

General Timeline 2013 -2014

**7/31/2014** – The Task Force intends to meet the last Thursday of every month (except for November and December of 2013/14). The Division of Planning will work with the Task Force members to confirm specific dates and locations. In the meantime, the general expectation for timing is below.

**SEPTEMBER 26, 2013** –Meeting 1 - DOA

**Topics:** Organizational, Purpose, Summaries of 2013 Public Law 42-64.13-10 and Existing RI Gen. Laws for wetlands and OWTS

**OCTOBER 24, 2013** – Meeting 2 - DEM

**Topics:** Scope of Work, Summary of Prior Wetland Task Forces, DEM and CRMC Rules/Regulations for Wetland and OWTS, Overview of Municipal Regulations **Speakers:** Carol Murphy, Ernie Panciera, DEM, James Boyd, CRMC, Lorraine Joubert, URI

**NOVEMBER 19, 2013** - Meeting 3 - DEM

**Topic:** Wetlands Functions and Values - **Guest Speaker:** Chris Mason, President, Mason and Associates, Inc.

**DECEMBER 19, 2013** – Meeting 4 - DOA

**Topic:** Habitat Functions for Wetland Buffers - **Guest Speaker:** Dr. Peter Paton, Professor of Wildlife Ecology, Department of Natural Resources Science, URI

**JANUARY 21, 2014** - Meeting 5 - DOA

**Topics:** OWTS basics & Groundwater Science: Water Resource Issues, Impacts & Nutrients in Buffer and Riparian Zones **Guest Speakers:** - Dr. Arthur Gold, Dep. of Natural Resources Science, URI, OWTS 101 - George Loomis, Program Director, NE Onsite Wastewater Training Program, Cooperative Extension, URI

**FEBRUARY 27, 2014** - Meeting 6 - DOA

**Topics:** Summary of NE States buffers/ regulatory requirements, Summary of RI municipal ordinance inventory, Discussion on case studies for identifying regulatory friction points – **Speakers:** Carol Murphy, DEM, Sean Henry, DOP

**MARCH 27, 2014**- Meeting 7 - DEM

**Topics:** Local Wetland Review: Two Perspectives – **Guest & Speakers:** Michael Deluca, Narragansett Community Development Director & Scott Rabideau, Task Force Member

**APRIL 17, 2014** - Meeting 8 - DEM

**Topics:** Summary of NE States –Wetland and OWTS buffers, Recap to date **Speakers:** Carol Murphy, Ernie Panciera, DEM, Nancy Hess, DOP

**MAY 29, 2014** - Meeting 9 - RIBA

**Topics:** Literature Review- Part 1: Summary of Wetland Buffer Reports & Manuals; RI & New England Specific **Speaker:** Carol Murphy, DEM

**JUNE 19, 2014** – Meeting 10 - DOA

**Topics:** Literature Review- Part 1 continued, Wetland Buffer Reports & Manuals and Part 2; OWTS **Speakers:** C. Murphy, DEM, J. Boyd, CRMC, N.Hess, DOP, T. Kutcher & R. Chateaufneuf, LTF Members

**JULY 17, 2014** - Meeting 11- RIBA

**Topics:** Wetlands/OWTS Issues in the Chesapeake Bay Region, Recap of topics / feedback on Issues from Task Force **Guest Speakers from Maryland:** Andrew Der, Environmental Consultant, Mark Eisner, Professional Geologist

**AUGUST 2014**

**No meeting** – Writing Group prepares preliminary draft report

**SEPTEMBER 2014**

**16<sup>th</sup> TUESDAY** – - 12th Task Force Meeting – DEM

**Topics:** Report –Outline / 1st Preliminary Draft –issues & recommendations

**26<sup>th</sup> FRIDAY** - 13th Task Force Meeting – DEM

**Topics:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Preliminary Draft - more issues & recommendations

**OCTOBER 2014**

**No meeting** - Writing Group – prepares complete report & recommendations

**NOVEMBER 2014**

**18<sup>th</sup> TUESDAY** - 14<sup>th</sup> - Task Force Meeting - DEM

**Topics:** Review and census on complete report & recommendations

**DECEMBER 2014**

DOP produces final report and submits by 12-31-2014

