

**Town of Wellfleet**  
**Rights of Public Access Meeting**  
**Minutes : Tuesday December 7 at 11 am**

1. **Attendees: Sonya Woodman, John Riehl, Steve Blanchard, Barbara Carboni, Melissa Yow**
2. **Minutes from the meeting on 11/30 are approved provided corrections are made.**
3. **Lieutenant Island Heron Point Road:** Melissa Yow had a discussion with Ryan Curley and Charlie Sumner regarding the surveying of Heron Point Road. It is suggested that the Rights of Public Access Committee create a formal request for surveying of Heron Point Road given the discrepancies noted in previous discussions regarding position of the road. Outermost Surveying was suggested as a company to provide a quote for surveying services.
  - **Motion is made by Barbara Carboni to formally request a survey of Heron Point Road to be submitted to the Select board. All members vote in favor. A quote for the survey will be obtained from Outermost Surveying and submitted with the request.**
  - Discussion regarding requesting a budget in order to pay for surveying and various other services associated with pursuing public access is initiated by John Riehl. Sonya Woodman notes that The Committee did make a formal request to the Town Administrator in The Spring on 2021. Melissa Yow presented the request to the Select Board. Though the Town wasn't willing to give the Rights of Public Access discretionary funds, there was a Town Administrator Consultancy Budget that could be accessed for surveying if necessary. Melissa Yow noted that this situation has recently changed, therefore the Committee should consider pursuing another request in the future.
  - **Road Repair, Silver Spring Harbor Access :** Melissa Yow suggests drafting a letter to Audubon to reiterate the concerns the Rights of Public Access Committee has with the repair of the road. Support from The Shellfish Advisory, The Shellfish Department could be included in the letter. Sonya suggests approaching The Conservation Commission with a letter of concern with the support of Audubon as an option. The Committee members have been unsuccessful in corresponding with Audobon. Melissa Lowe did attend the SAB meeting regarding this repair and had mentioned that Audobon would be willing to repair the road , yet the cost would be a concern. Melissa Yow noted that Melissa Lowe also mentioned there was

no plan to move forward at the moment. Therefore communication must be reestablished with Audubon to better understand their intentions moving forward.

- John Riehl suggests a site visit with Mark Borelli. Sonya Woodman has been in contact with Thomas Siggia of Shellfish Advisory who has requested a site visit to the road. John Riehl suggests approaching SPAT or another organization of interest to seek assistance with funding the repair.
  - Sonya Woodman and Melissa Yow will schedule a site meeting with Mark Borelli and Thomas Siggia to discuss solutions.
4. **Cataloguing Ways to the Water:** Melissa Yow has created a spreadsheet to create a catalogue of the various public ways to the water in Wellfleet and how they are used. The Shellfish Departments landings document created by Jordan Halloran and Nancy Civetta was used to help create the catalogue. The Committee discusses how to approach a system to cataloguing Wellfleet's ways to the water and divide the work associated with the effort. The goal is to have a document with a map and details regarding each location and how they are intended to be used. Jordan Halloran of the Wellfleet Shellfish Department will participate in this effort as well. Each member agrees to catalogue certain areas as such:
- **Barbara Carboni : Ponds, Ocean beaches**
  - **Sonya Woodman: South Wellfleet (Lieutenant Island to Blackfish Creek)**
  - **Steve Blanchard: Town Beaches and Duck Creek**
  - **Melissa Yow: Indian Neck**
  - **Jordan Halloran: Chipman's Cove**
  - **John Rhiel: Herring River Estuary**

5. **Sea Level Rise:** Melissa Yow shares The Cape Cod Commissions Sea Level Rise viewer. This is a useful tool to help the Committee understand the challenges to public access in the future. Various access areas in Wellfleet are viewed. Melissa Yow demonstrates how to use the viewer to create visual maps representing varying amounts of sea level rise. The estimated shifting of the mean high tide line can be viewed in relation to access roads indicated by various colored lines. These provide conservative and extreme estimates of sea

level. Chipman's Cove, Indian Neck and the Boat House are discussed as these are areas that could be affected.

- There is a Low Lying Road meeting on December 8 at 4pm. This meeting will address the issues of Sea Level Rise in the future and which roads in Wellfleet will be affected. Most member of the Rights of Public Access will try to attend.

**6. Barbara Carboni will Chair the next meeting to be held on January 12, 2022 at 11am**

**7. Meeting Adjourned at 12:11am**