

Minutes

Herring River Restoration Committee (HRRC) Meeting

Cape Cod National Seashore Headquarters

Wellfleet, MA

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

HRRC Members present: Hillary Greenberg-Lemos, Hunt Durey, Steve Block (by phone), Eric Derleth, Steve Spear, Tim Smith. Others present: Helen Wilson, Beth Chapman, Christine Odiaga, Martha Craig, Margo Fenn, Carole Ridley.

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 am

Administration/Coordination:

Hillary Greenberg-Lemos moved approval of the draft Minutes of November 8, 2018, and the motion was second by Eric Derleth and voted unanimously.

The next scheduled HRRC meetings were confirmed to be held on

- Thursday, January 17, 2019, and
- Thursday, February 7, 2019.

-HRRC Subcommittees and Assignments

It was noted that Gary Joseph resigned as Wellfleet's representative on the HRRC. Dan Hoort announced this to the Select Board on December 11th. It was agreed that the HRRC would check the status of the Select Board's efforts to find a new candidate after the New Year.

Discussion & Updates:

-Project Timeline and Fundraising

The outline of a draft technical assistance grant proposal to Natural Resource Conservation Service was discussed. Steve and Eric will refine task estimates and proceed in finalizing and submitting the proposal to the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Steve Spear noted that the federal agricultural bill includes \$500 million over 10 years.

Hunt Durey expressed the need to develop a comprehensive statement on current and future monitoring to support all funding requests. Eric and Tim will take a first cut at preparing a statement of monitoring efforts and projected costs.

-Budget Priorities for FY19

Martha presented the FY19 budget, which included a refined list of tasks, cost estimates, and timeframes provided to her by each subcommittee. The HRRC discussed and resolved outstanding questions. The next step is for subcommittees to review the revised budget for accuracy and to identify any tasks that can be programmed for the third and fourth quarters of 2019.

-NOAA FFO

Margo Fenn outlined the parameters for a new funding opportunity available through NOAA. She said that the maximum request is for \$3 million for 3 years. The maximum amount available is \$6 million. An initial proposal is due in mid January and on the basis of that, the project may be asked to submit a full proposal.

The HRRC reviewed funding needs and agreed that the proposal for \$2 million over 3 years would be requested. The proposal would include the tasks not funded in the current NOAA grant, among other items. Margo will prepare and circulate a draft submission for review prior to the mid January submission deadline.

-Permitting

The Limited Scoping application to the Cape Cod Commission has been finalized. The application was shared with CYCC and its attorney for review. CYCC requested clarification that the project is seeking a decision from the Commission that would fully authorize work on CYCC property. Additional language to this effect was added to the proposal, and discussed with the Commission. CYCC expressed satisfaction with the limited scoping application and expressed a desire to address additional issues prior to submission of the Project of Community Benefit application. Wellfleet's special counsel also reviewed the application and made a couple of procedural comments. Pending the Town's ability to sign the application, it is ready to submit to the Cape Cod Commission. Upon submission the Commission will be asked to expand their usual notice requirements by sending a notice for posting to the Wellfleet and Truro town halls and to the Provincetown Banner. Work on the completion of the Project of Community Benefit filing will proceed.

Martha provided a status update on the status of mitigation planning occurring with property owner consent for some of the low-lying properties.

-HR Stakeholder Group

Plans for the next Herring River Stakeholder Group meeting were discussed. The meeting is expected to take place in late January or February. The next meeting will feature a presentation of the HRRC's risk management statement. Dan Hoort and Brian Carlstrom have also been invited to address risk management of public projects. It was noted that it might be necessary to schedule additional discussions with the HRSG concerning the Adaptive Management Plan in the spring. It was also noted that the intent is to continue to involve CBI in assisting with meeting facilitation on an ongoing basis.

-HREC

It was noted that the Truro Select Board adopted declarations to remove Truro's involvement in the HREC and HRRC. This is due to the fact that the project is occurring in Wellfleet and Truro and involves very little land in Truro. The declarations include support for the ecological objectives of the project. It will be necessary to map out the next steps for the required amendments to MOU III. This

will be discussed at the next HREC meeting which is expected to take place in January.

-Preconstruction Monitoring

Steve Spear reported on the finalization of the groundwater report by Larry Martin. The report summarizes the science of groundwater near estuaries and confirms the safety of wells in Phase 1.

-Adaptive Management Plan

Work is progressing in the development of the science elicitation process. Work is also underway on the development of socio economic factors.

-Status of Other Work Program Tasks:

A new cut and fill plan was presented to CYCC which generates in excess of 60,000 cubic yards of material. PAL will proceed with the cultural resource assessment of the areas identified in the plan. A new scope of work for the design of the pump is under review.

A new scope of work has been initiated to extend the hydrologic modeling into Wellfleet Harbor.

The status of High Toss Road plans was discussed. Different options are being explored for aligning the work to minimize encroachment on Cape Cod National Seashore property. Additional information is needed related to the Cape Cod National Seashore's requirements for processing roadway encroachments on CCNS property.

A meeting was held recently to discuss the status of low-lying road designs and traffic management plans with Wellfleet DPW and Police.

Communications/Coordination with Friends of Herring River (FHR)

The Friends, the Towns of Truro and Wellfleet, and the Cape Cod National Seashore all received public records requests and these are being responded to by the respective public records agent, or in the case of Friends of Herring River, the Board and Executive Director.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.

These minutes were approved by vote of the HRRC on February 7, 2019 and submitted by Carole Ridley, Project Coordinator.