Meeting Minutes

Herring River Restoration Committee (HRRC) Meeting Cape Cod National Seashore Headquarters, Wellfleet, MA Tuesday, May 21, 2019, 9:30 am

Attending: HRRC members: Tim Smith, Steve Block, Steve Spear, Hunt Durey, Eric Derleth, Hillary Greenberg-Lemos; Others attending: Brian Carlstrom (11 am to 12 pm), Martha Craig, Beth Chapman, Christine Odiaga, Helen Miranda Wilson, Carole Ridley

Administration/Coordination:

Minutes of the April 11, 2019 HRRC meeting were approved on a motion by Steve Block and a second by Steve Spear.

-Schedule of upcoming meetings:

HRSG – June 19th at 6:00

HREC - TBD

HRRC - Thursday, June 13, 2019

HRRC - Thursday, July 24, 2019

Discussion & Updates:

-Permitting

The HRRC discussed the first draft of the DRI application and identified HRRC members to review selected sections. A revised draft will be reviewed at the June meeting. A preapplication meeting was held with Cape Cod Commission staff on May 7 assisted in clarifying issues that need to be addressed in the application.

-Herring River Stakeholder Group

The HRSG will meet on June 19th at 6 pm at the Wellfleet Council on Aging. Carole will present the risk management memo presented to the HREC. Dan Hoort and Brian Carlstrom have been invited to attend. Tim is working with Stacie Smith of CBI to plan an introduction to the social factors elicitation topic. A meeting planning call will take place on May 30.

-Herring River Executive Council

The counsels for the towns and CCCNS have agreed on a process for allowing Truro to remove itself from the project and allow the two other parties to move forward. This will involve a superseding MOU IV to be adopted and executed by Wellfleet and the CCNS, respectively, and no further action from the Truro Select Board. A MA Open Meeting Law complaint was filed regarding the Herring River Technical Team. Once the New MOU is executed an HREC meeting will be scheduled.

-Update from National Park Service (NPS) and Project Timeline and Fundraising Brian Carlstrom and members of the HRRC shared perceptions of the joint meeting with agency regional and state leadership. HRRC member were asked to review and comment on a draft financing strategy framework. Brian reported his efforts to inform the National parks Foundation about the project and will follow up with Carole and Martha about next steps.

- -Preconstruction Monitoring & Environmental Assessments
- USGS has provided a proposal to continue groundwater monitoring. Tim reported that there is a new pre-proposal for funding submitted to NPS-USGS-NRPP for surface water quality monitoring. Tim and Eric are also reviewing a new proposal for geomorphic analysis of Wellfleet Harbor.
- -Status of Other Work Program Tasks:
- -CYCC golf course design work should be completed by June. The pump design is in process.
- -PAL is awaiting a response from Mass Historical Commission regarding the recent assessment on CYCC property
- -Martha will contact NHESP to set up a meeting to review their feedback on the proposed outline of the habitat management plan.
- -Fuss and O'Neil will get a new scope to update design factors on the Mill Creek dike and make other plan adjustments needed for permitting.
 - -ESS will complete the Regulatory Compliance report for Mill Creek
 - -A meeting was held with counsel to review requirements and procedures for certain low road work.

Joe Famely, Denise Kmetzo and Jerry Cura presented findings of a sediment assessment needed for 401 dredging permits. Jonathan Alvarez, Alex Hackman and Guy Vaillancourt participated by phone. The next step is a conference call to discuss comments on the presentation.

Communications/Coordination with Friends of Herring River (FHR)

Martha reported that Don Palladino had been granted posthumously the Gulf of Maine Visionary Award. One of the videos has been accepted for a fisheries film festival.

May 21, 2019 minutes were approved on June 13, 2019 and submitted by Carole Ridley, Project Coordinator