

Town of Wellfleet
Rights of Public Access Meeting
Minutes : Wednesday January 12, 2022 at 11 am

- 1. Attendees: Sonya Woodman, John Riehl, Steve Blanchard, Barbara Carboni, Melissa Yow, Nancy Civetta(Wellfleet Shellfish Department)**
- 2. Minutes from the meeting on 12/07/2021 are approved provided the date is corrected.**
- 3. Lieutenant Island Heron Point Road:** A formal request for a survey of Heron Point Road was discussed in the previous meeting. Melissa Yow obtained a quote and sent this with a request for the survey to the Town Administrator. The Select Board and the Finance Committee will discuss the request in February. Nancy Civetta updates that the Heron Point Road survey request by the Rights of Public Access Committee is currently listed as article 29 in the draft Town Warrant.
- 4. Lieutenant Island Silver Spring Harbor Access:** A site meeting was discussed with Mark Borelli and Thomas Siggia. Mark Borelli was unavailable, but Sonya Woodman did meet with Thomas Siggia at the site on December 11 to view the road. Thomas would like to pursue the issue with The Shellfish Advisory Board and will make contact with Melissa Lowe of Audubon. John Riehl will also attempt to contact Audubon and will copy Nancy Civetta. Sonya Woodman will be in contact with a local landscape company for recommendations for options to repair the road. This information will be shared with John Riehl in order that he may communicate the recommendations with Audubon.
- 5. Research and Cataloguing ways to the water:** The Committee Members have not made significant progress on cataloguing thus far. Work will continue moving forward to organize the information onto the spreadsheet template established by Melissa Yow. Resources that can be used to obtain the details for the catalogue are discussed including the Natural Resource Advisory Catalogue, The Echeveria Report and The Shellfish Landings document created by the Wellfleet Shellfish Department. Nancy Civetta raises the issue of access points potentially being lost due to the Herring River Restoration Project. North and south of the dike, Shellfish Access should be guaranteed as part of the planning. John Riehl will be in contact with Martha Craig and Carol Ridley of the Herring River Restoration Project to request information regarding plans for shellfish access.

6. **Sea Level Rise:** A meeting on Low Lying Roads in Wellfleet was attended by several Committee members on December 8, 2021. The presentation was promoted by the Climate Change Committee and presented by the Cape Cod Commission. The focus of the presentation was low lying public roads that could be affected by Climate Change. John Riehl offers to be a liaison to the Climate Change Committee. Perhaps a report could be created to address the effects of climate change on access points to the water in Wellfleet for the general public. John Riehl will be in contact with Dick Elkin of the Climate Change Committee regarding the liaison as well as to request a link to the meeting to share with the Committee for those who did not attend. The effects of Storm surge are also discussed as the report did not address this topic.
 - Nancy Civetta adds that The State Conservation District Commission provides federal funds to municipalities to assist in the mitigation of runoff from roads polluting waterways. Easements for remediation work can be considered through this project. Powers Landings and Lieutenant Island Road are being considered for these funds as they are areas at risk.
7. **Steve Blanchard will Chair the next meeting. The date will be determined through email.**
8. **Meeting Adjourned at 12:03 pm**