

**Minutes**  
**Herring River Restoration Committee (HRRC)**  
**Cape Cod National Seashore Headquarters**  
**Wellfleet, MA**  
**June 13, 2018**

**Members Present:** Tim Smith, Hunt Durey, Steve Spear, Steve Block, Eric Derleth, Hillary Greenberg

**Others Present:** Margo Fenn, Martha Craig, Carole Ridley, Christine Odiaga, Helen Miranda Wilson

**Administration/Coordination:**

**Approval of Minutes:** The Committee voted to approve the minutes of May 10, 2018 meeting.

**Schedule of Meetings:** The Committee approved the following schedule for upcoming meetings:

Thursday, June 21, 2018	Stakeholder Group (HRSG) meeting
Thursday, July 12, 2018	HRRC regular meeting
Thursday, August 9, 2018	HRRC regular meeting

The HRSG will meet at 5:00 pm in the Truro Community Center. HRRC members agreed to hold July 10<sup>th</sup> as an alternate date for the July HRRC meeting, pending scheduling of a MA Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) press event that week.

**Herring River Stakeholder Group (HRSG) Start-up:** The Committee reviewed the agenda for the HRSG meeting and discussed what information should be included in the Project overview presentation. Tim Smith will provide an overview of the goals and objectives of the Project and a description of the approach to Phase 1. Martha Craig will describe the Project roles and responsibilities as laid out in MOU III. Pat Field will review the draft operating protocols that have been developed for the HRSG.

**Permitting -Status of the Development of Regional Impact (DRI) Application:** The Committee reviewed the remaining tasks to be completed for the DRI application and discussed the schedule for filing it with the Cape Cod Commission. The draft application materials will be provided to the Chequessett Yacht and Country Club (CYCC) for review prior to filing with the Commission. Friends of Herring River (FHR) legal counsel will also need to review the draft application. Once the application is complete, ESS will produce the final version with all the graphics and appendices. This will likely be in July.

The Committee discussed a proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Towns of Wellfleet and Truro, which was presented to the Boards of Selectmen on June 12, 2018. The intent of the MOU was to clarify roles and responsibilities between

the two towns during Phase 1 of the Restoration Project. Since the vast majority of the work proposed in Phase 1 will take place in Wellfleet, the MOU calls for Wellfleet to be the applicant for all permits necessary for the completion of Phase 1. Truro would be considered an abutter to the Project. The Truro Board of Selectmen approved the MOU but the Wellfleet Board had some questions and concerns about it. The Committee discussed these concerns and agreed that some corrections were needed in the wording of the MOU, since there is some limited Project work (road and culvert replacement) that will take place in Truro. Also, Truro would need to sign a consent letter authorizing construction work to be done on town property.

Steve Spear reported that the Woods Hole Group was finalizing its modeling report on combined storm events and that information would be available for the DRI application as well.

**Preconstruction Monitoring:** The Committee discussed a draft groundwater analysis prepared by hydrologist Larry Martin. HRRC has reviewed the draft analysis and will send comments and questions to Larry Martin so that the report can be finalized.

**Update from National Park Service (NPS):** Cape Cod National Seashore Superintendent Brian Carlstrom joined the meeting and provided the group with an update on his consultations with NPS officials about funding options. The Committee discussed organizing some interagency meetings among the partner federal agencies in the fall. The group also discussed scheduling a joint legal meeting among the Town, Department of Interior and FHR legal counsels.

**Fundraising:** The Committee discussed a planned site visit by officials from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Steve Spear is coordinating this visit and he invited NPS representatives to participate. The group discussed how funds from different sources might be aggregated during the construction phase, and how interested non-government organizations (NGOs) might be able to assist.

**Adaptive Management:** Tim Smith and Eric Derleth noted that there would be a workshop session on June 25<sup>th</sup> with the Woods Hole Group and the Consensus Building Institute (CBI) on how to predict and monitor social impacts of the Project during the adaptive management process.

**Budget Priorities for FY19:** The Committee discussed how to prepare the scopes of work and budgets for the next round of federal and state grants. It is anticipated that NOAA will provide \$700,000 in Year 3 of the existing grant and the MA Division of Ecological Restoration (DER) will also provide \$700,000 in FY19. The Committee agreed on a three-step process for preparing the grant scopes. FHR staff will prepare an initial scope for submission to NOAA and DER next week, based on best available estimates. The HRRC subcommittees will review the proposed scope of work for each topic area, determine what line items should be included and better define the task descriptions for each line item. The subcommittees will report back to the full HRRC at its July meeting. The HRRC will review the full list of potential tasks and decide upon

the final priorities. Then the subcommittees will seek consultant estimates for individual tasks prior to the August HRRC meeting.

The Committee discussed how to reorganize the subcommittees to make the process more efficient. The group agreed on the following subcommittee groupings:

- CYCC
- Low-lying roads, High Toss Rd, and Low-lying properties
- Monitoring, Modeling, Adaptive Management and Vegetation Management
- Sediment Management
- Rare Species
- Major Infrastructure including the CNR, Mill Creek and Way 672 Water Control Structures
- Permitting
- Legal
- Fundraising

The Committee discussed having a subcommittee for coordination with the HRSG but decided instead to make coordination with the HRSG a standing agenda item for the HRRC meetings.

The Committee discussed a draft proposal from the USGS to continue its groundwater monitoring work on the CYCC property. The Committee agreed that it would be important to continue this monitoring work in cooperation with staff at Cape Cod National Seashore for at least another year in order to document baseline conditions.

**CYCC Golf Course Design:** Steve Spear updated the Committee on the golf course design work. The design team is investigating whether additional fill material for raising the golf course and doing off-site roadwork could be available. FHR's accountant is also developing guidelines for how to analyze the Club's projected shut-down costs- and will provide that information to CYCC.

**Communications and Coordination with FHR:** The Committee discussed ongoing public outreach efforts including an upcoming radio show on WCAI. The group also discussed transition plans for FHR staff and consultants.

Approved by vote of HRRC on July 12, 2018  
Submitted by Carole Ridley, HRRC Coordinator