

**Minutes**  
**Herring River Restoration Committee (HRRC) Meeting**  
**Cape Cod National Seashore Headquarters**  
**Wellfleet, MA**  
**Thursday, August 9, 2018**  
**9:30 am-4:00 pm**

**HRRC Members present: Hillary Lemos, Hunt Durey, Steve Block, Eric Derleth, Steve Spear, Tim Smith (arrived 11:15 am), Peter Herridge (afternoon). Others present: Helen Wilson (morning), Christine Odiaga, Carole Ridley**

**Administration/Coordination:**

Minutes of the July 12, 2017 meeting were approved on a motion by Steve Block and a Second by Eric Derleth.

The upcoming schedule of meetings was reviewed:

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| Thursday, September 13, 2018 | HRRC regular meeting                  |
| Thursday, September 20, 2018 | HREC (proposed 1-3 pm)                |
| Wednesday, October 10, 2018  | HRRC regular meeting                  |
| Thursday, October 11, 2018   | HRRC (hold for meetings as necessary) |

**Discussion & Updates:**

**-HR Stakeholder Group**

The HRSG met on July 25. Tim Smith provided an overview presentation on adaptive management. The HRSG also began to discuss future meeting topics. Risk management and liability, wildlife impacts, and other issues were brought up briefly at the HRSG meeting. They will be conducting a survey of HRSG members to gauge interest in various issues. The HRRC discussed topics that it would like the HRSG to discuss in the future:

- Additional presentations on Adaptive Management
- Traffic management during construction
- Permitting process and how they fit into it
- Public recreational access
- Pre-restoration monitoring and modeling
- Groundwater monitoring

**-HREC**

There is no further action taken in July regarding the proposed MOU between Wellfleet and Truro. Wellfleet Select Board discussed a possible meeting of the HREC to discuss this issue. To date, there has not been agreement on the scheduling of the meeting. When the HREC meets, possible discussion topics include: an overview of the adaptive management plan (similar to the presentation that Tim provided to the HRSG), and an update on permitting.

**-Permitting:**

The status of the DRI/POCB application was discussed. The application is near completion. A small number of clarifications are needed for sections 1-11 of the application. Section 12, analysis of minimum performance standards is still under development. A meeting with Cape Cod Commission staff is scheduled for late August to discuss questions about the minimum performance standards. The current schedule would have the submission made some time in late summer. CYCC review of the draft will occur prior to submission. Carole was recently in contact with Chuck Edmunson to provide an update.

The status of various regulatory compliance reports also was discussed. The permitting committee will meet with ESS to discuss the status of the reports, and a process for moving forward with the reports and additional permits.

**-Regulatory Oversight Group**

It was agreed that the ROG should be provided a written update. For now, agency meetings will focus on questions associated with individual permits. A ROG meeting may be planned for the first quarter of 2019.

**-Preconstruction Monitoring**

Sediment monitoring and analysis will be the subject of a conference call with HRRC, FHR staff and consultants later this month.

Steve Spear is compiling final comments on a groundwater study underway by Hydro-geologist Larry Martin. Hillary has been in touch with two Mill Creek property owners to discuss their wells.

**-Legal Issues**

A request for a joint meeting of legal counsels in late August or September has been submitted to the Towns and the Cape Cod National Seashore Superintendent.

**-Adaptive Management Plan**

Tim and Eric reported on progress in the development of a website prototype for science indicators elicitation. They also reported that there has been a CCNS intern conducting a recreational user survey at the CNR dike.

**-Update from National Park Service (NPS)**

The Rosenberg property swap is underway. It has been advertised and a notice will be placed in the Federal Register.

**-Budget Priorities for FY19**

Necessary tasks and estimated costs were discussed for each HRRC subcommittee. Committee leads were asked to provide a description of tasks, timeline and budget estimate for FY 19 to be compiled and reviewed at the September meeting.

Steve Spear and Martha Craig will meet to discuss a possible proposal to NRCS for Technical Assistance funding for some monitoring tasks.

**-Project Timeline and Fundraising**

An outline for a possible Fall meeting of federal agency officials to be convened by the NPS was discussed. The meeting would be a daylong site visit and discussion about the Project.

**-Status of Other Work Program Tasks:**

Steve Spear provided an updated on the status of the pump design. He also said that the further development of the golf course design will take place after Labor Day. This will help to determine the calculation of fill needed.

**Communications/Coordination with Friends of Herring River (FHR)**

Recent email communications from the media and members of the public were briefly reviewed. Hunt Durey mentioned that there would be a meeting with the FHR Strategic Planning Committee to discuss resource needs and staff and consultant responsibilities.

Minutes Approved by vote of the Herring River Restoration Committee on September 13, 2018.

Submitted by Carole Ridley, HRRC Coordinator

