

**Agenda**  
**Herring River Executive Council (HREC)**  
**Thursday, January 16, 2020**  
**Wellfleet Council on Aging**  
**715 Old Kings Highway**  
**Wellfleet, MA**  
**3:00 pm**

- Welcome and introductions
- Approval of minutes: October 24, 2019
- Administrative matters
  - Revised HREC operating procedures (based on October 24, 2019 discussion)
  - Revised HRSG charge (based on October 24, 2019 discussion)
  - Video-taping of meetings
- Herring River Restoration Project update
  - DRI application to Cape Cod Commission and next steps
  - Other project updates
- Report from Chair of the Herring River Stakeholders Group
  - Reappointment of HRSG members and appointment of Vice Chair
- Public comment (15 minutes) \*
- HREC member announcements
- Wrap-up and next steps

Upcoming HREC meetings (proposed):

- Thursday, April 16, 2020, 3:00 pm (scheduled)
- Thursday, July 16, 2020, 3:00 pm (scheduled)
- Thursday, September 17, 2020, 3:00 pm (proposed)
- Thursday, December 17, 2020, 3:00 pm (proposed)

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**Draft Minutes**  
**Herring River Executive Council (HREC)**  
**Thursday, October 24, 2019**  
**Wellfleet Fire Station Training Room**  
**Wellfleet, MA**

**Members Present:** Helen Miranda Wilson, Janet Reinhart, Dan Hoort, Brian Carlstrom, Geoffrey Sanders

**Others Present:** Carole Ridley, Bill Biewenga, Tim Smith, Martha Craig, John Portnoy, Christine Odiaga, Carole Ridley, Steve Spear, Karen Larocque, Gail Ferguson, Beth Chapman, Dave Koonce

**Welcome and Introductions:** Members of the HREC and other meeting participants introduced themselves.

**Approval of Minutes:** Helen Wilson moved to take a vote on the minutes of May 16, 2018. Janet Reinhart seconded the motion, and the motion to vote carried 5-0-0.

Dan Hoort then moved approval of the minutes of May 16, 2018, and Helen Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

**Review of Operating Procedures:** The HREC reviewed proposed modifications to operating procedures to reflect the new Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and Cape Cod National Seashore (MOU IV). Carole Ridley had included in the meeting packet of documents the previously adopted "Policies for Herring River Executive Council Business," approved June 7, 2017, with suggested modifications shown in track changes.

Brian confirmed that the policies document is intended to be a separate document that complements MOU IV.

Janet Reinhart suggested approval by consensus of the Policies for Herring River Executive Council Business with the suggested revisions provided for discussion on October 24, 2019. Helen Wilson, Geoff Sanders, Brian Carlstrom and Dan Hoort all agreed.

**Update on the Restoration Project:** Carole Ridley provided the HREC with an update on project-related activities. Her presentation covered the following:

Project Need:

Several current problems underscore the need for the project, including:

- Herring River is currently classified as "impaired waters" out of compliance with federal Clean Water Act standards,

- The state has designated the Chequessett Neck Road dike as a source of outflowing bacterial-contaminated water,
- Large areas of marsh have subsided, and deteriorated peat has generated acid sulfate soils, and
- Low dissolved oxygen and acidic waters contribute to degraded aquatic habitat.

Permitting and design work is underway to implement Phase 1 of restoration. Phase 1 encompasses 570 acres of restoration area.

- All of this land is currently jurisdictional wetlands,
- 95% of this area is owned by the Cape Cod National Seashore.

#### Engineering and Design:

Engineering and design work has proceeded for all Phase 1 elements:

- The Chequessett Neck Rd (CNR) water control structure,
- The Mill Creek water control structure,
- Elevating low-lying portions of Pole Dike Road and installing tide gates,
- Elevating low-lying sections of Old County and Bound Brook Roads and installing upgraded culverts,
- Removing the portion of High Toss Road that crosses the estuary and blocks tidal flow, and elevating an upland portion of that same road,
- Completing flood protection measures at CYCC and specified private properties.

Permit level design plans are either completed or in process for each of these elements.

#### Permitting:

Permitting work is also underway. The Project has secured approval of its federal and state Final Environmental Impact Statement/Report in 2016. Earlier this year, the Town received a limited scope decision from the Cape Cod Commission, and intends to submit a Development of Regional Impact (DRI) application to the Commission this fall. Once the DRI application is submitted, there will be a public hearing scheduled.

Applications to MassDEP, and US Army Corps of Engineers are in development for submission, possibly early in 2020.

It was noted that the Cape Cod National Seashore/National Park Service will be the permit applicant for infrastructure elements they will own and construct on federal property, including the Mill Creek water control structure.

#### Funding:

Funding is in place for permitting and design. The current estimate of \$47 million covers construction of all major water control infrastructure, mitigation and the first

five years of implementation. The project has a commitment of \$11 million for construction from the state Capital Improvement Program. Cape Cod National Seashore is seeking \$4 million to construct the Mill Creek water control structure. The project team is in discussions with federal agencies and non-governmental sources regarding the balance of construction funding needed.

#### Outreach:

There have been numerous outreach efforts to keep stakeholders informed. These include:

- Newsletters mailed to households and property owners in Wellfleet and Truro,
- One on one meetings with property owners and stakeholders,
- Coordination with local planning efforts, and
- Technical support to the Herring River Stakeholders Group.

To date the project has generated strong support locally and across the region.

Janet Reinhart suggested hosting small groups for coffee, in a more informal setting. She also suggested broader distribution of the short videos created by the Friends of Herring River.

#### Monitoring and Adaptive Management:

Monitoring and Adaptive management work is ongoing. This includes extensive baseline monitoring, development of the Adaptive Management decision-making tools, and development of multiple resource management frameworks and policies that will be employed through the adaptive management process.

#### Benefits of Restoration:

The benefits of tidal restoration, include:

- Vastly improved water quality and habitat for fish, shellfish and coastal wildlife,
- Re-opening and expanding harvestable shellfish beds which is a benefit to the local economy and help to sustain jobs in that industry,
- Restoring tidal marsh, and the many benefits provided,
- Removing barriers to fish passage,
- Reconnecting the river system to Cape Cod Bay and the Gulf of Maine,
- Improving views and recreational opportunities,
- Reducing mosquito breeding habitat,
- Generating spending in the local economy from construction and implementation of the restoration,
- Road improvements alone are expected to save Wellfleet millions in needed road repair.

## **Report from the Herring River Stakeholders Group Chair:**

Bill Biewenga, Chair of the Herring River Stakeholders Group (HRSG), presented an overview of recent activity.

The HRSG met on June 21, 2018, July 25 2018, October 11, 2018, and June 19, 2019. All meetings are posted public meetings. Bill reviewed the topics discussed at each meeting, including administrative matters, presentations about adaptive management, water surface and groundwater modeling, and risk management. Meeting summaries, presentations and other materials discussed at the meetings are posted on the Friends of Herring River website on the HRSG page.

He noted that the HRSG is working to develop new ways for representatives to reach out to the constituent groups they were appointed to represent. They also hope to meet more regularly every two months or so to address aspects of the project. Bill presented a list of topics that the HRSG had developed, which serves as its initial work plan.

Bill Biewenga raised the fact that HRSG appointments expired in October 2019 and sought the HREC's direction on how they would like to handle it. He suggested coming up with a structure of staggered terms. Carole noted that the current HRSG charge mentions that the members would be appointed or re-appointed for two-year terms.

Helen Wilson asked if there was a Vice Chair to stand in if the Chair is unavailable. Bill Biewenga told her there is not a Vice Chair currently. Carole Ridley noted that the HRSG Chair is appointed by the HREC, and so they could also choose to appoint a Vice Chair.

Janet Reinhart recommended that the HREC agree by consensus that the HREC should appoint a Vice Chair, with recommendations for such an action at the next HREC meeting, and that this would be reflected in the HRSG charge. All HREC members agreed to this recommendation by consensus.

Janet Reinhart recommended that the HREC agree by consensus that the HRSG members be asked to volunteer for re-appointment for either one-year or two-year appointments, so there could be staggered terms. Dan Hoort added that the appointment of all current members would be extended through December 31, 2019, and the re-appointments to staggered terms would take place effective January 1, 2020. Thereafter, all HREC members would be appointed or re-appointed to two-year terms. All HREC members agreed to these recommendations by consensus.

Dan Hoort asked about the status of the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Council representative. Brian Carlstrom reported that the Advisory Council remains suspended. Helen Wilson recommended that the Advisory Council representative be

renamed the Cape Cod National Seashore Community Representative, so that the current appointee could continue to serve on the HRSG. All HREC members agreed to this recommendation by consensus.

Carole Ridley asked Bill Biewenga if there were any other issues he wanted to highlight. Bill mentioned that the HRSG had a lengthy discussion about risk management. Some of the questions raised included: what would happen if the existing tide gates failed, would insurance cover any claims? If property owners thought something went wrong with a well, whom would they contact?

Dan Hoort responded that under the town's current insurance coverage, any claims for damages caused by failure of the existing tide gates in the Chequessett Neck Road dike would not be covered.

Helen Wilson noted that these are questions for implementation. Incremental return of tidal flow with adaptive management will guard against potential impacts. Janet Reinhart noted that based on adaptive management and the small amount of property involved, the scope of potential claims is reduced.

Steve Spear also noted that a detailed ground water study has concluded that there are no major well impacts, and the few property owners that need to have a well moved have already agreed.

Steve Spear also mentioned that some have raised concerns about sedimentation of shellfish beds, but the science does not support this. Also, there is extensive baseline monitoring underway to characterize what happens with sediment movement today. Helen Wilson noted that the dredging of Wellfleet Harbor is a major project and yet none of these questions are asked about that project.

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

#### **Wrap-up and Next Steps:**

The HREC members all agreed to the following future meeting dates and also agreed that the meetings should be held at the Wellfleet Council on Aging facility:

Thursday, January 16, 2020, 3pm

Thursday, April 16, 2020, 3 pm

Thursday, July 16, 2020, 3 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 3:58 pm.

**Policies for Herring River Executive Council (HREC) Business**  
**Approved 10-24-19**

The following principles shall guide the Council's operations:

1. THE HREC shall by-and-large operate by a consensus decision-making process or from time-to-time by taking a vote. A quorum of three members may make decisions if HREC wishes. Members of the HREC may, in their discretion make a motion during a meeting for a vote on a particular topic or decision to be taken, at which point the HREC members will vote whether to take a vote. Voted decisions are effective only through unanimous vote of the members present, provided that such unanimous vote includes at least one vote by a member or designee of each Party.
2. The HREC shall operate in compliance with the MA Open Meeting law (MGL Chapter 30A) and the MA Conflict of Interest law (MGL Chapter 268A).
3. The HREC may seek technical guidance and assistance from the expert technical personnel of the Parties and Project Partner Agencies individually as members of the Herring River Technical Team.
4. The HREC may consult other individuals or organizations, as needed, such as stakeholder groups and/or science advisors.
5. The HREC shall act collectively; members shall possess no individual authority to set goals, priorities or positions on behalf of HREC.
6. Any HREC member may request that an item be placed on the agenda for an upcoming meeting.
7. HREC members shall declare any conflicts of interest between their personal or professional interests and their position on the HREC, and avoid participating in issues that could be a conflict of interest.
8. HREC members shall respectfully listen to and interact with other Council members and members of the public.

Meeting Logistics:

1. The HREC will meet quarterly or as needed. All meetings will be posted in compliance with the MA Open Meeting Law.
2. Meeting agendas and materials will be made available to HREC members by email and shall be posted in the town hall and on the town website at least 48 hours (excluding weekends and holidays) prior to the meetings.
3. Friends of Herring River (FHR) will also provide space on its website to post HREC agendas, minutes and meeting materials.
4. Contingent on available funding, FHR will provide a facilitator for HREC meetings and establish an email address for HREC administration.
5. The meeting facilitator will develop draft agendas for the HREC review prior to posting the official agendas.
6. Meeting agendas will include a specified time for public comment. Any discussion of an issue not on the agenda that is raised in the public comment section shall be limited to whether that issue should be placed on a future agenda.

7. Draft meeting minutes will be prepared and circulated to the HREC prior to its next scheduled meeting.
8. A quorum of the HREC is required to conduct business. A quorum is defined as the presence of three members.
9. In the event that there is dissent among the representatives of one of the town, they shall determine among themselves the town's position. The Wellfleet representatives will vote to determine the Town's position.



9-26-17 (Amended 10-24-19, 1-16-20)

## I. Background

The Herring River Restoration Project Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) Certificate requires that a stakeholder group would be established by the Herring River Executive Council (HREC) to represent community interests and concerns during implementation of the Project. This group would represent the broad interests of the community including, but not limited to, potentially affected landowners and business owners, recreational users of the Herring River flood plain, shellfishermen, and conservation and environmental advocates.

The 2019 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU IV) between the Town of Wellfleet and Cape Cod National Seashore ratifies the restoration plan set forth in the FEIR, enables activities necessary to implement the agreed-upon plan, and sets forth roles and responsibilities of an intergovernmental team and supporting independent organization to carry out implementation activities.

MOU IV establishes the HREC to coordinate implementation activities, provide policy direction, review and approve the adaptive management plan and ensure compliance with applicable laws. In fulfilling its responsibilities, according to MOU IV, the HREC may consult with individuals and organizations such as a stakeholder group and/or science advisors.

In consideration of the foregoing, and to ensure that the HREC has the benefit of input from diverse interests within the community, a Herring River Stakeholder Group (HRSG) is hereby established. As required under the FEIR Certificate, the HRSG is designed to represent community interests and concerns during project implementation.

## II. HRSG Charge

The duties and responsibilities of the HRSG are as follows:

1. Communicate with stakeholder interests within the Town to ensure public and private concerns are well represented and considered by the HREC in its decision-making during project implementation.

2. Provide advisory input to the HREC on key implementation issues, such as:

- vegetation management
- traffic management
- recreational access

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- environmental monitoring
- adaptive management
- general community concerns

Revised Proposal for Herring River Stakeholder Group

### III. Membership

The HREC shall appoint the members of the HRSG, and designate one member to serve as its chair, and one member to serve as Vice Chair. Prior to expiration of HRSG member terms. The Wellfleet Town Administrator shall gather nominations and submit a slate of proposed HRSG members and Chair and Vice Chair to the full HREC for consideration.

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Membership shall be constituted as follows:

- Shellfishing (2) Wellfleet Shellfish Advisory Board Truro Shellfish Advisory Committee
- Wellfleet Herring Warden (1)
- Wellfleet Harbormaster (1)
- Conservation/Environmental Advocates (5) Wellfleet Conservation Trust Truro Conservation Trust APCC Restoration Center MA Audubon Wellfleet Sanctuary Center for Coastal Studies
- Business Representatives (2)
- Recreational Users (1)
- Chequessett Yacht and Country Club (1)
- Flood Plain Property Owners (3) Upper Pole Dike Creek sub-basin Mill Creek sub-basin Upper Bound Brook sub-basin
- Cape Cod Mosquito Control (1)
- Cape Cod National Seashore Community Representative (1)
- At-Large Member (1)

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An Ex-Officio representative of the Herring River Technical Team shall attend HRSG meetings to facilitate communications between the groups. The Ex Officio member shall not be a voting member of the HRSG.

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#### IV. Term and Vacancies

Upon initial appointment, all of the members shall serve on the HRSG for a term of two years. Thereafter, upon appointment or re-appointment, members shall serve for a term of one or two years, so that terms are staggered. Members may serve no more than three consecutive two-year terms or six consecutive years. Any vacancy would be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made.

#### V. Administration

The HRSG shall meet quarterly or as needed. All meetings shall be posted in conformance with the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law. Minutes shall be taken and approved by the HRSG, and submitted to the Town Clerk of Wellfleet and the Superintendent of the Cape Cod National Seashore.

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A majority of members appointed at the time of any meeting would constitute a quorum.

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Members should represent the concerns and views of their constituent organizations, rather than personal views.

Any recommendation by the HRSG to the HREC should be in the form of a vote of a duly constituted quorum of voting members recorded at a posted public meeting.

The HRSG may report its input to the HRRC and the HREC orally and/or in writing.

The HRSG acts as a whole and its positions are articulated through a vote of its membership.

No individual member of the HRSG carries any individual authority unless designated to do so through a vote of the membership.

The HRSG is advisory in nature. While the HREC will make every effort to account for the input of the HRSG, it is under no obligation to follow the advice or recommendations of the group.



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## Herring River Restoration Project launches environmental permitting with Cape Cod Commission filing

**Wellfleet, MA, December 18, 2019** -- The Herring River Restoration Project has reached another important milestone with the filing of the project's first environmental permit application. The Town of Wellfleet submitted a permit application to the Cape Cod Commission for review of the project as a Development of Regional Impact.

"We are pleased to see this vital restoration project take an important step forward," said Daniel Hoort, Wellfleet Town Administrator. "This is an event that takes us into a new phase and starts us down the road toward construction and correcting long term environmental damage."

Herring River is currently in violation of state and federal clean water standards and restoring its water quality and habitat for fish and shellfish is a town priority. The application seeks to implement the first phase of the restoration project to revive 570 acres of former tidal wetlands. The wetlands have degraded over the past century due to the 1909 construction of the Chequessett Neck Road dike which blocks daily tidal flow.

Ninety-five percent of the land involved in Phase 1 (540 acres) is federally-owned within the Cape Cod National Seashore. Of the remaining area, roughly nine acres are owned by the Wellfleet Conservation Trust, ten acres are owned by Chequessett Yacht and Country Club, and approximately eleven acres are portions of wetlands on residential parcels. The project includes measures to protect all public and private structures from any potential harm due to the restoration of tidal flow.

Phase I is a collaborative project undertaken by the Town of Wellfleet and the Cape Cod National Seashore. In a letter to the Cape Cod Commission, Seashore Superintendent Brian Carlstrom stated that, "the proposed restoration of the Herring River estuary is a project of unique significance to the region, and of vital importance to the Cape Cod National Seashore." Degraded water quality in the river, "is responsible for the closure of hundreds of acres of once-harvestable downstream shellfish beds," Carlstrom wrote.

The filing will kick-off what is likely to be a months-long review process including a public hearing to be held by the Cape Cod Commission some time early next year.

Copies of the application are available to the public at Wellfleet Public Library, 55 West Main Street, and the Wellfleet Health and Conservation Department, 220 West Main Street. The application is also posted on the Town's website <https://www.wellfleet-ma.gov/home/news/herring-river-restoration-project>.



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## Herring River project moves a step forward

By Denise Coffey / [dcoffey@capecodonline.com](mailto:dcoffey@capecodonline.com)

Posted Dec 20, 2019 at 7:51 PM

Updated at 6:30 AM

### Wellfleet officials file Herring River application with Cape Cod Commission

WELLFLEET — Restoration of the Herring River has moved one step closer to fruition.

Wellfleet Town Administrator Daniel Hoort has filed an application to the Cape Cod Commission to review the project as a Development of Regional Impact.

The project's ambitious goal is to restore the Herring River estuary to what it once was — nearly 1,000 acres of healthy salt marsh and tidal flats.

Construction of a dike on Chequessett Neck Road 100 years ago choked off that area, and tidal exchanges were practically stopped. The dike caused changes to salt marsh vegetation, fin fish populations dropped and shellfish beds became contaminated with coliform bacteria because of habitat degradation.

The water quality also declined in the river, so much that it eventually violated state and federal standards.

Filing for the permit is just one step in a restoration process that may take decades, but it was met with enthusiasm by members of the Friends of Herring River, the superintendent of the Cape Cod National Seashore, and officials and residents in Wellfleet and Truro.

"It's an important step forward," Hoort said. "This takes us into a new phase and starts us down the road toward construction and correcting long-term environmental damage."

The application seeks permits to implement the first phase of the restoration. It

would restore 570 acres of tidal wetlands, 95% of which are federally owned and managed by the National Park Service.

The first phase includes restoring and controlling tidal flow incrementally, implementing measures to manage salt marsh vegetation and ensuring that changes in tidal flow don't negatively impact public or private structures.

Changes to the Chequesset Neck Road Bridge call for tide gates that can be opened incrementally while impacts are being monitored. Water control infrastructures also will be built on Mill Creek and Pole Dike Creek. The gates on Pole Dike Creek will only allow for outflow, not inflow of tides, and sediment in Mill Creek will be cleared from the channels.

A Herring River technical team will monitor changes and report to an executive council made up of Wellfleet town officials and National Park Service personnel. The council will determine when to open the gates and how much to open them using hydrologic modeling.

The project's first phase is a collaborative project between Wellfleet and the Cape Cod National Seashore. Seashore Superintendent Brian Carlstrom called the project vitally important to the agency.

"The water of Herring River has been declared impaired by the Clean Water Act," Carlstrom said. "That's an untenable position as far as the National Park Service is concerned."

The filing will kick off what is likely to be a monthslong review process, which will include a public hearing with the Cape Cod Commission early next year.

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# Herring River marsh project in Wellfleet seeks county review

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Posted Jan 1, 2020 at 5:23 PM Updated Jan 1, 2020 at 5:23 PM

WELLFLEET — The town of Wellfleet has submitted a permit application to the Cape Cod Commission for review of the Herring River marsh project as a development of regional impact.

“We are pleased to see this vital restoration project take an important step forward,” Wellfleet Town Administrator Daniel Hoort said in a press release. “This is an event that takes us into a new phase and starts us down the road toward construction and correcting long term environmental damage.”

The application is part of the implementation of the first phase of the \$50 million government-funded reintroduction of higher tides into the river upstream of an old dike at Chequessett Neck Road. The wetlands have degraded over the past century due to the 1909 construction of the dike, which blocks normal tidal flow, according to the project proponents, which includes the town of Wellfleet, the National Park Service, the nonprofit Friends of Herring River and several state and federal agencies.

Ninety-five percent of the 570 acres in what is considered the project’s first phase is federally-owned within the Cape Cod National Seashore boundaries, according to the release. Of the remaining area, roughly 9 acres are owned by the Wellfleet Conservation Trust, 10 acres are owned by Chequessett Yacht and Country Club, and approximately 11 acres are portions of wetlands on residential parcels.

The project includes measures to protect all public and private structures from any potential harm due to the restoration of tidal flow, according to the press release.

“The proposed restoration of the Herring River estuary is a project of unique significance to the region, and of vital importance to the Cape Cod National Seashore,” Seashore Superintendent Brian Carlstrom said in the application.

The filing begins what is likely to be a months-long review process including a public hearing held by the commission in 2020.

Copies of the application are available to the public at Wellfleet Public Library at 55 West Main St., and the Wellfleet Health and Conservation Department at 220 West Main St. The application is posted on the town's website at [bit.ly/36aqmWX](https://bit.ly/36aqmWX). Information is also available from the Cape Cod Commission at [bit.ly/2Q7j94n](https://bit.ly/2Q7j94n).





## Wellfleet files for 'regional impact' review

Posted Jan 3, 2020 at 9:16 AM

WELLFLEET-- The Herring River Restoration Project reached a milestone with the filing of the project's permit application to the Cape Cod Commission for review as a Development of Regional Impact, a statement from the town says.

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The project includes measures to protect all public and private structures from any potential harm due to the restoration of tidal flow, a statement on the town web site says.

Phase I is a collaborative project undertaken by the town of Wellfleet and the Cape Cod National Seashore.

In a letter to the Cape Cod Commission, Seashore Superintendent Brian

Carlstrom stated, “The proposed restoration of the Herring River estuary is a project of unique significance to the region, and of vital importance to the Cape Cod National Seashore.”

Degraded water quality in the river “is responsible for the closure of hundreds of acres of once-harvestable downstream shellfish beds,” Carlstrom wrote.

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**To:** Herring River Executive Committee

**Subject:** Recommendation for position of Vice Chairman, Herring River Stakeholders Group

I'm writing this letter as a recommendation for the position of Vice Chairman for the HRSRG. When I was appointed Chairman, the first person to offer his help was Moe Barocas, and I believe he would make a good choice for the position of V.C. Moe adds strengths that I don't have, such as a more comprehensive knowledge of the local business community, adding to our collective strengths. I believe that most of you know Moe, so I won't go into additional background information, but if you'd care to discuss it further, I'd be glad to do so. Currently, Moe serves on the HRSRG as one of the two commercial representatives.

I will also mention that I took the liberty of briefly discussing Moe's possible interest or inhibitions regarding a potential recommendation, and he did let me know that he has some travel commitments this winter, but I'm sure we can work around those sorts of things. Aside from that, Moe said that he would be happy to help out in that capacity, and I think it's in everyone's best interest to have someone with his knowledge of the local community as well as the sincerity to help in an honest way.

Please let me know if you'd care to discuss this further or I can be of additional assistance in the process of selecting a candidate for the Vice Chairmanship.

Cheers,  
Bill Biewenga

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**Herring River Stakeholder Group**

Proposed terms starting 1/1/20

<b>Representing:</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Proposed Term</b>
Mill Creek sub-basin	<b>Alfred Kraft</b>	2 years
APCC Restoration Center	<b>April Wobst</b>	1 year
Wellfleet Conservation Trust	<b>Barbara Cary</b>	2 years
Recreational user of the Herring River	<b>Bill Biewenga</b>	2 years
MA Audubon Sanctuary	<b>Bob Prescott</b>	2 years
Upper Bound Brook sub-basin	<b>Edouard Fontenot</b>	1 year
Wellfleet Herring Warden	<b>Ethan Estey</b>	1 year
Truro Conservation Trust Representative	<b>Fred Gaechter</b>	1 year
Cape Cod Mosquito Control	<b>Gabrielle Sakolsky</b>	2 years
Chequessett Y & CC	<b>Jake Ketchum</b>	2 years
Business Community Representatives	<b>Judith Newcomb Stiles</b>	2 years
Upper Pole Dike Creek sub-basin	<b>Laura Runkel</b>	2 years
Center for Coastal Studies	<b>Mark Borrelli</b>	2 years
Truro Shellfish Advisory Committee	<b>Mark Wisotzky</b>	1 year
National Seashore Advisory Commission		
Wellfleet Harbormaster	<b>Mike Flanagan</b>	1 year
Business Community Representatives	<b>Moe Barocas</b>	1 year
Member at Large	<b>R. Paul Faxon</b>	1 year
Wellfleet Shellfish Advisory Board	<b>Zack Dixon</b>	1 year