

Herring River Restoration Committee
18 December 2008
12:00 PM
CCNS Headquarters

Members Present: Carrie Phillips, Gary Joseph, Tim Smith, Charleen Greenhalgh, Steve Spear, Eric Derleth, Hillary Greenberg

Regrets: Steve Block

Others present: Freddie Dimick, Bill, Don Palladino, John Portnoy, John Riehl

I. Hydrodynamic Modeling

A. Woods Hole Group Report

Report came to Smith at 4:30 yesterday and was provided to committee at meeting. The flood tide delta contributes to substantial reduction of tidal range. It may be possible to model the system without the shoal. After 30 meters, with shoal in place, there is not much additional benefit to the system.

B. Committee Recommendation for Next Model Run

HRRC members will review the report in their leisure and make recommendations to the modeling committee by email. Sediment transport will be reviewed at another time as it is not part of the model runs covered by the current contract. Can WHG model both the removal of the tidal shoal and remove the constriction at High Toss Road in a single model run. A conference call will be scheduled by Smith.

II. Low Lying Properties

A. CYCC-

September 2008 was the date of the last correspondence with MHC. It was recommended that MHC be included in the technical working group for the restoration project so cultural resources are not neglected. Alternatives for the course will need to be well vetted through MHC. MHC will want to review the project as a whole and not a segmented project. CYCC expressed an interest in meeting with NHESP to discuss priority and estimated habitat on their property. The matrix, as prepared by Smith and Derleth was superb and a great start for the CYCC sub committee. Additional comments or word smithing to be sent to the preparers.

B. Other Issues

III. EIS/EIR

A. Timeline / Cost

Phillips recommended we start the meeting with the EIS EIR discussion as all other items on the agenda fall into this category. Phillips got an overview Lindsay, (NPS Washington Office) and it goes as follows:

- 1: Refine Scope- conduct more wildlife surveys, cultural resource assessments, and rare plant identifications

2. Alternatives Development – workshop style is recommended for the spring, NPS , cooperating partners, and the public may want to review the alternatives (\$37,000.)
 3. Draft EIS (Feb 2010) 110K
 4. Final Draft (March 2011) 54,4K
- Total Estimate \$201,800.00
5. Final Rod (August 2011)
- A copy of the complete outline will be emailed to committee members.

Steps needed to get to the first draft of the EIS: Develop Scope from Berger report, proceeding to development of RFP for a consultant or go straight to Berger Group, establish whether additional modeling is needed, draft chapter 2 of the EIS.

Discussion then ensued on how best to structure RFP, meeting scheduling, organization, and meeting efficiency.

Phillips recommended that we include at next meeting HRRC shall refine scope, consider an additional model run prior to defining alternatives, All regular meeting agendas should follow the process of completion of EIS/EIR

IV. Request for Proposal: Project Coordinator

A. USDA Funding

Spears spoke with the USDA Head Office on idea of hiring a project coordinator. This was what that office had in mind. Smith's RFP for Coordinator will need to be refined and sent to head office prior to hiring an individual. Palladino felt the value added was in technical support and meeting coordination. An additional sub task should include the Friends group to enhance communication, education, and knowledge base. Smith will edit the document for our next meeting and members will bring a list of individuals / companies who may be able to be project coordinator.

V. Friends Update

A. Don Palladino

NRCS and APCC would like to add support for the Friends group as part of the watershed project. The Friends group will then be able to give letters of support to congressional delegates. The Friends group will meet with APCC after the first of the year.

B. Newsletter Items

HRRC members will be interviewed after the first of January. So far there are 30 active members and a list of 200 names and there is also \$1200-\$1500.00 that has been raised thus far. Suggestions for newsletters should be emailed to Palladino.

VI. Army Corp Of Engineers

A. Request for Participation Letter

The letter from Larry Oliver was reviewed. Truro would support Wellfleet's efforts but does not intend to put forth a letter of their own. Joseph will go back to Chris Adams and discuss the financial piece again to determine if he (Adams) can come up with the finances on behalf of the Towns of Wellfleet and Truro.

VII. Certificate from Secretary Bowles, ENF

A. Schedule Meeting of Technical Working Group (TWG)

MEPA will schedule and coordinate the TWG. It would be best to hold off on a meeting until we have a semi accurate scope of work from Berger. Smith will address this with Dierdre Buckley of the MEPA office. Derleth suggests obtaining scopes (full EIS, and Scoping meeting report) and identify required studies, then hold a meeting of the TWG.

VIII. Berger Scoping Report

Report should be done by the end of next week and sent to committee members.

IX. Minutes Nov. 19 2008 Approval

X. Next Meeting 21 January 2009