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## Report on CCF Salt Marsh Task Force for January 2020

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## Gerry Stahl <Gerry@gerrystahl.net>

Tue, Feb 4, 2020 at 11:16 AM

To: Bob Lear <roberttlear296@gmail.com>, Dave McNally <davidbmcnally@gmail.com>, Dorothy Bassett <ExecutiveDirector@ccfinc.org>, Gary Toenniessen <gary.toenniessen@gmail.com>, Gerry Stahl <Gerry@gerrystahl.net>, Jane Harris <nickharris@comcast.net>, Julie Baca <LandSteward@ccfinc.org>, Paul Chamberlin <nrchamb@yahoo.com>, Jeffrey Mason" <JMason@ene.com>, "Katie Tims" <katiertims@gmail.com>, Cheryl Lubin <lubincheryl@gmail.com>, April Wobst <awobst@apcc.org>, Bryan Horsley <bhorsley@apcc.org>

The big news is that we submitted a grant proposal to the CPC (Chatham Preservation Committee) for \$75,000 to work with APCC to conduct two major studies of Frost Fish Creek: a hydrology and hydraulics study and a water quality study. A report from this project will provide options for preservation of this salt marsh area. The CPC approved our application with full funding. Final decision will be made at Town Meeting in May.

I attended a meeting of Chatham groups concerned about climate change and made several good connections. One result is a tree planting project involving students planting trees on CCF properties.

I am attaching a copy of the final version of the CPC proposal for those who only saw earlier versions.

-- Gerry

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## Jane & Nick Harris <nickharris@comcast.net> To: Gerry Stahl <Gerry@gerrystahl.net>

Tue, Feb 4, 2020 at 12:29 PM

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Great, great news Gerry. Congratulations and many thanks.

Jane

Sent from my iPhone

> On Feb 4, 2020, at 11:17 AM, Gerry Stahl <Gerry@gerrystahl.net> wrote:

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Cheryl - Gmail <lubincheryl@gmail.com>

To: Jane & Nick Harris <nickharris@comcast.net> Cc: Gerry Stahl <Gerry@gerrystahl.net>, Bob Lear <roberttlear296@gmail.com>, Dave McNally <DavidBMcNally@gmail.com>, Dorothy Bassett <ExecutiveDirector@ccfinc.org>, Gary Toenniessen <gary.toenniessen@gmail.com>, Julie Baca <LandSteward@ccfinc.org>, Paul Chamberlin <nrchamb@yahoo.com>, Jeffrey Mason" <JMason@ene.com>, "Katie Tims" <katiertims@gmail.com>, April Wobst <awobst@apcc.org>, Bryan Horsley <bhorsley@apcc.org> Great news! Congratulations. Thank you for spear heading this important project! Sent from my iPhone > On Feb 4, 2020, at 12:29 PM, Jane & Nick Harris <nickharris@comcast.net> wrote: >

> Great, great news Gerry. Congratulations and many thanks. [Quoted text hidden]

**Cheryl - Gmail** <lubincheryl@gmail.com> To: Gerry Stahl <Gerry@gerrystahl.net> Tue, Feb 4, 2020 at 12:44 PM

Re 5 C's Janet Williams a good friend of mine. Glad to see you're part of the effort, I am as well. One of the conservation objectives coming out of that is to connect land trusts to climate change effort. Both of CCF s initiatives check that box (salt marsh task force and tree planting. A great example to others on Cape! Could get some mileage but also a go-to for how to do it. Nice!!

Thanks, Gerry! Cheryl

Sent from my iPhone

> On Feb 4, 2020, at 11:17 AM, Gerry Stahl <Gerry@gerrystahl.net> wrote:

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Dorothy Bassett <ExecutiveDirector@ccfinc.org>

Tue, Feb 4, 2020 at 2:45 PM

To: Cheryl - Gmail <lubincheryl@gmail.com> Cc: Jane & Nick Harris <nickharris@comcast.net>, Gerry Stahl <Gerry@gerrystahl.net>, Bob Lear <roberttlear296@gmail.com>, Dave McNally <DavidBMcNally@gmail.com>, Gary Toenniessen <gary.toenniessen@gmail.com>, Julie Baca <LandSteward@ccfinc.org>, Paul Chamberlin <nrchamb@yahoo.com>, Jeffrey Mason" <JMason@ene.com>, "Katie Tims" <katiertims@gmail.com>, April Wobst <awobst@apcc.org>, Bryan Horsley <bhorsley@apcc.org>

This is wonderful news, thank you for your hard work Gerry!

Best, Dorothy

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Dorothy Bassett

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**David McNally** <davidbmcnally@gmail.com> To: Gerry Stahl <Gerry@gerrystahl.net> Wed, Feb 5, 2020 at 5:31 PM

Hi Gerry,

Congratulations on the CPC grant. I believe the approval at town meeting will be perfunctory.

We may be at a point where a high level project plan (or timeline with milestones) would be useful. I got the impression that APCC would like to develop and manage the plan; but I don't think there's money for that just yet. Let me know if you want to discuss further.

By the way, I have collected some nice otter scat that includes fish scales and bones. I believe the scales are unique to each species and may not require a DNA test. Anyway, I'm happy to box them and ship them to whoever offered the possibility of DNA tests. Can you see if this is possible?

Dave [Quoted text hidden]

**Gerry Stahl** <Gerry@gerrystahl.net> To: David McNally <davidbmcnally@gmail.com> Wed, Feb 5, 2020 at 8:36 PM

I think this grant could mark a turning point for CCF. We are starting to discuss real issues like climate change mitigation at the Board meeting.

I think any detailed planning will have to wait for the Town Meeting, even though I agree it will be perfunctory. I am driving off to Florida this week until May,

There is money in the grant for APCC to manage the plan. They just have to sign up a contractor to do the hydraulic study. Meanwhile, they are developing a useful set of GIS maps of our properties to analyze potential land acquisition and marsh rehabilitation sites.

We can keep in touch by email. -- Gerry

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