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Subject: history of the revetments at Squibnocket

Dear Jim and Marina:

Regarding the important issue of the existing revetments, we consulted with our advisors (recorded in the meeting of July 8). Their observation was that a history of the revetments in the Squibnocket area would be an important part of any planning effort going forward. Much of this information should be available in the public records at Town Hall including the meeting minutes of the Conservation Commission and the Selectmen as well as the files for any applications to obtain a permit.

I believe that the Squibnocket Town Committee would be best positioned to oversee this effort as only you can coordinate that any and all future proposals take into consideration your findings and recommendations.

Here is our advisor's thinking on proper due diligence (it would probably be useful to separate each revetment into a separate study category):

1. Copies of the minutes from the meetings of the Selectmen and the Conservation Commission where any of the three post-Hurricane Bob revetments were discussed. These revetments include: parking lot, causeway, and Money Hill.
2. Copies of the actual permit applications to the Conservation Commission or to another permitting/regulatory body (including MA DEP Wetlands and Waterways, MVC, etc).
3. The correspondence or records of decisions flowing back from the various permitting organizations, including the Conservation Commission, the DEP, and the MVC.
4. Any correspondence from the Vineyard Open Land Foundation and Squibnocket Farm Homeowners Association on the recent Money Hill revetment application as well as follow-up correspondence when Mass DEP denied permission.
5. Any data on the current 'terms' of the revetment permits (e.g. do these permits 'time-out'?)
6. Technical data: 'as built' plans for the revetments. For example, are the foundations for these revetments set below mean sea level?

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions - I apologize in advance for adding to your work load but there is not (to my knowledge) a complete history of how these revetments have evolved.

Sincerely,

Wendy Jeffers
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