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Fwd: Markey Inquiry re Pink House at Parker River

2 messages

Peterson, Bill <bill_peterson@fws.gov>

Fri, Sep 20, 2019 at 10:28 AM

To: Sharon Ware <sharon_ware@fws.gov>, "Parisi, Maria" <maria_parisi@fws.gov>

Hi Sharon and Maria,

I checked my records and evidently I was wrong about Moulton, Markey, and Warren sending the FWS a letter in Aug, 2016 regarding working with Support the Pink House to resolve their concerns about potentially demolish it. The delegation individually e-mailed the FWS to inquire about the Pink House, but all requests from them to work with Support the Pink House, etc. must have been largely verbal during our call. The below e-mail string will hopefully give you a sense of what transpired three years ago.

Believe it or not, I enjoyed working on the Pink House issue, it was challenging and fairly unique experience for me and I even miss it a little bit!

Bill

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From: **Peterson, Bill** <bill_peterson@fws.gov>
Date: Mon, Sep 12, 2016 at 8:38 PM
Subject: Re: Markey Inquiry re Pink House at Parker River
To: Eustis, Christine <christine_eustis@fws.gov>

Will do Christine. Enjoy your week as Acting ARD. I'll let you know how the tour goes, plus Amy Lavoie will attend (her first Parker River visit) and can share her firsthand experiences with you, too.

Hopefully you'll get a chance to visit one of the Parker River Complex refuges soon!

Bill

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On Fri, Sep 9, 2016 at 1:45 PM, Eustis, Christine <christine_eustis@fws.gov> wrote:

Thanks Bill.

I'd love to attend, but alas, I won't be able to make it. I'm Acting ARD for the whole week as most of our crew is at a workshop and I need to be here for RDT and all of the other irons we have in the fire.

I look forward to hearing how it goes. Thanks for making this a priority.

Christine

On Wed, Sep 7, 2016 at 2:51 PM, Peterson, Bill <bill_peterson@fws.gov> wrote:

Christine,

Sure that would be terrific if you join us! The tour begins at 1 p.m. and ends at 2-2:30 p.m. My tentative plan is to start at the visitor center; do a brief walk-through of the Pink House; visit Parking Lot 1 to discuss public use and piping plovers; hike part of Hellcat Trail and talk about partnerships, Sandy/coastal resiliency projects; visit a refuge cranberry bog to discuss unique refuge habitats; and if time and in visit Stage Island to discuss ongoing public access improvements.

We'll have extra space in the tour van. Please let me know if you're tentatively planning to attend.

Thanks.

Bill

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On Fri, Sep 2, 2016 at 1:30 PM, Eustis, Christine <christine_custis@fws.gov> wrote:

Bill -

Can you tell me more about the Monday, Sept. 19 tour at Parker River? I might try to arrange my schedule to participate.

Do you have a start time and end time?

Thanks

Christine

On Mon, Aug 29, 2016 at 1:59 PM, Peterson, Bill <bill_peterson@fws.gov> wrote:

Christine, Graham, Amy, and Kyla,

Beth and I spoke to Kate Machet from Sen Markey's Office, Adrienne Viarengo from Sen Warren's office, and Morgan Bell from Congressman Moulton's office about the Pink House this morning. I briefed this building/parcel's acquisition history, the refuge's tentative desire to remove the building and manage the site for environmental interpretation, my outreach about the Pink House and work with the "Save the Pink House" group, and my openness to exchanging the parcel for another with greater conservation and/or interpretation value.

As per my earlier conference call with Morgan, I'm agreeing to do anything to the Pink House, unless there is an urgent safety issue, for one year to give Save the Pink House time to initially screen for potential exchange parcels. Within the week, I'll send Kate, Adrienne, and Morgan a signed letter stating re-affirming this and will also e-mail copies to Graham and Amy.

All three staffers were agreeable throughout the call and didn't have any concerns about the Pink House plan or anything else about Parker River. It was good to have the all staffers on the call together. Kate and Adrienne will join Morgan on her Parker River NWR tour on Mon, Sept 19.

Please let me know if you have any questions or want anything else.

Thank you.

Bill

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On Mon, Aug 29, 2016 at 11:48 AM, Eustis, Christine <christine_eustis@fws.gov> wrote:
Thanks Bill. Let me know how the briefing went and if I can do anything to support from here.
Christine

On Thu, Aug 25, 2016 at 6:41 PM, Peterson, Bill <bill_peterson@fws.gov> wrote:
Christine, Graham, Amy, and Kyla,

I spoke to Kate Machet from Sen Markey's Office earlier this week we agreed that a conference call will suffice for briefing her, Adrienne Viarengo from Sen Warren's office, and Morgan Bell from Congressman Moulton's office. We've scheduled the call for 9:30 a.m. on Monday, Aug 29.

Beth Goldstein, who's currently detailing into the Parker River deputy manager position, will also participate.

I'll update you following our call. Please let me know if you have any questions or need anything in the meantime.

Thank you.

Bill

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On Fri, Aug 19, 2016 at 4:48 PM, Peterson, Bill <bill_peterson@fws.gov> wrote:
Christine,

Thanks for forwarding Sen Markey's Office's inquiry to me. This new interest in the Pink House was expected following State Sen Tarr's recent letter (copy attached) to Congressman Moulton and Senators Warren and Markey about the Pink House.

I called Kate Machet and rather than briefing her via phone, I'll brief Kate and potentially Sen Warren's staff in-person at Senator Markey's Boston Office in Sept. Kate will coordinate this briefing and I'll update you when we finalize the specific date.

Please let me know if you have any questions or want any additional information.

Thank you.

Bill

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On Fri, Aug 19, 2016 at 2:59 PM, Eustis, Christine <christine_eustis@fws.gov> wrote:
See inquiry from Senator Markey's office below regarding the pink house at Parker River. I'm on vacation next week and plan to send Kate

an email letting her know that I'm out and can respond when I return. In the meantime, maybe you can share any information on what is going on and we can determine how to respond. I'll be back on August 29. Looping in Kyla just in case it is more urgent but hope it is not.

Thanks

Christine

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From: **Hausman, Alyssa** <alyssa_hausman@fws.gov>

Date: Fri, Aug 19, 2016 at 11:50 AM

Subject: Markey Inquiry re Pink House at Parker River

To: Christine Eustis <christine_eustis@fws.gov>

Hi Christine,

Kate Machet in Sen. Markey's Boston office just called regarding the pink house at Parker River NWR. They've heard from a number of constituents concerned that the house may be torn down and wanted to discuss who's decision it is to tear down the house.

Kate covers DOI issues for the Senator and in addition to discussing this specific question, would love to connect with you for future inquiries.

When you get a chance, can you please get in touch with Kate regarding this issue? Her contact info is kate_machet@markey.senate.gov and 617-565-8519

thank you!

- Alyssa

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