



Spring 2026 Newsletter

April 27, 2026

Happy Spring! Rough winter here in Pocasset. Two big snowstorms and certainly much colder than normal. Unfortunately, spring is not treating us much better so far.

The Town of Bourne is working on two big projects in and around Hen Cove. The new storm drain installations were postponed in the fall due to the Federal Government shutdown. The Town was fearing not being reimbursed causing the delay. The project is now full steam ahead. It will be starting any day now.

Project number 2 is the deepening of the Hen Cove boat ramp. This has been ongoing since January. Delays due to the snowstorms and ice have pushed back the opening of the new ramp. The ramp is scheduled to reopen before Memorial Day weekend.

Photo taken Saturday April 25, 2025



In January 2026 we reached out to the Association to Preserve Cape Cod (APCC) for guidance in assessing the 2020 BSC Study commissioned by PWQC. It is our feeling that the study did not answer the question we wanted asked: Would opening the flow between Hen Cove, Pocasset Harbor and Wing's Neck correct our nitrogen problem through increased tidal flow and flushing? APCC's suggestion was that sewerage is the cure for our nitrogen problem.

From that conclusion the PWQC Board of Directors held a Zoom Meeting on March 16 to further discuss the water quality issues in Hen Cove and our salt marsh. We were fortunate to have Rachel Jakuba, Director of Bay Science for the Buzzards Bay Coalition, and Matt Creighton, Professional Wetland Scientist, from BSC join us. BSC was the company hired back in 2020 to study the feasibility of reopening the channel between Hen Cove and the marsh.

Our intention was to pursue even further the question: if the original study focused properly on our intention that reopening a channel that was closed by the dredging of Hen Cove in 1960 and reopening the manmade dam at Wing's Neck would help solve our nitrogen problem. The conclusion from our discussion was that a growing population of year-round residents is a key factor in nitrogen pollution. And that older Title V septic systems and cesspools are a major cause also. IA septic systems and/or sewerage would be the most important way to reverse the damage from nitrogen. Followed by restoring the natural flow of the water through our harbor as intended

Save the DATE! PWQC 2026 Annual Meeting will be Saturday August 15. 10:00 AM

The annual appearance of the yellow fertilizer/pesticide signs around Pocasset has begun. Stopping the use of these contaminants can be the first step toward healthy salt water.

We want to recognize loyal PWQC supporter George DuPaul. This week, George's lawn shows the white fertilizer sign seen below. A healthy treatment for his lawn and our water.



We also had an interesting visitor to the beach this winter. A Harbor Seal pup took a few days of rest on the beach. He was checked out and determined to be fine. It is normal for seals to rest for a few days on their journey.



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