

July 2026 PWQC Newsletter



Happy Summer Everyone!!!

There is so much to talk about. Rain gardens are doing their work, they look GREAT! Oysters are growing and filtering nutrients out of our salt water. The new boat ramp is working like a charm. The storm drains are in although there is still work to be done, more on that below. Then there is our Annual Meeting coming up on Saturday August 15. We have one of the best speakers in our history AND we will have a 20 X 40-foot tent for the meeting.



Beautiful Hen Cove sunset after a thunderstorm on July 10. Taken over the water that has been reported by many residents as looking much clearer.

- The rain gardens survived the winter smashing. All of the plants survived. We were able to add more water tolerant, beautiful water filtering flowers to the gardens this spring. And we will be building 2 more rain gardens near the intersection of Pequot and Circuit on the Hen Cove side. This will happen in late August or early September.
- PWQC bought our third batch of oyster spat earlier in 2026. These babies will join our previous 2 years of purchases in filtering up to 50 gallons of salt water a day.
- The new Town of Bourne storm drains are now working to reduce storm water runoff. This project is still a work in progress. Currently the work is waiting for settling before final grade and paving. Settling takes 60 to 90 days before the finished surface can be set. One thing to remember is that these drains DO NOT capture all the rainwater. The first inch of rain takes the harmful materials off the road. The rainwater is then clean of harmful materials, the balance of the stormwater is then healthy. Our rain gardens working with these drains will mitigate what enters Hen Cove.
- The featured speaker for our August 15 6th Annual Meeting will be Joe Costa. Joe is now retired from being the Director of the Buzzards Bay National Estuary Project. Joe's over 30 years of identifying and correcting and reversing damage to Buzzards Bay waters is so impressive. Joe's knowledge of Red Brook Harbor, Hen Cove and Pocasset Harbor. We were concerned about how to follow last years' speaker Congressman Keating. Joe Costa is a fantastic speaker with tons of local knowledge.

- Also, about our Annual Meeting is that we will have a 20 X 40 tent to make being at the meeting much more comfortable. Our VP Bob Dwyer suggested after the 2025 meeting that we reach out to the Barnstable County Sherriff's office. The Sherrif provides a free tent to Cape non-profits. Getting a tent is awesome, getting a free tent is a win, win.



See you at 10:00 AM on Saturday August, 15th.
Usual location 100 Circuit Avenue Pocasset 02559.
Across from the boat ramp.

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