

**Janice O'Connell**

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**From:** Janet Reinhart <lifexercises@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 26, 2018 12:41 PM  
**To:** Janice O'Connell  
**Subject:** Wellfleet Dredging  
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Good Morning

The Town of Wellfleet desperately needs dredging. The Federal Government has released more funds and we are in a good position to receive them.

Could the Assembly please send a letter of support? I have attached letter of support for a template .

We will then send them on to Sen. Markey who is working with us. This is time sensitive!!!

You could email to:

[Dan.Hoort@wellfleet-ma.gov](mailto:Dan.Hoort@wellfleet-ma.gov)

or mail to

Dan Hoort

Town Administrator

300 Main Street

Wellfleet, MA 02667

and we will send all the letters in one packet.

Thank you,

Janet Reinhart

Chair

Wellfleet Selectboard

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

October 24, 2018

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The Honorable R.D. James  
Assistant Secretary of the Army – Civil Works  
Department of the Army  
108 Army Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20310-0108

Dear Assistant Secretary James,

We write to urge you to include funding for the dredging of Wellfleet Harbor in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers FY19 work plan. Sediment build-up continues to be an issue affecting vessel movements in Wellfleet Harbor, Massachusetts, which is causing harm to commerce, recreation, and safety. Funding for the dredging of Wellfleet Harbor will have real benefits for public safety, public access, and the Outer Cape economy for years to come.

Wellfleet Harbor is the economic engine for the Town of Wellfleet and serves as a regional hub for tourism and commerce. The local shellfishing industry regularly produces over \$4 million of income on a wholesale basis and around \$15 million retail, while supporting over 200 jobs in Wellfleet. Tourism spending provides even more of an economic boost. The Town's population swells from less than 3,000 year-round residents to well over 20,000 on any given day during the ten to twelve-week summer season. In 2016, visitors to Wellfleet spent more than \$6 million for lodging and over \$16 million at local restaurants. This spending is tied to activity in the harbor. The Town estimates that this dredging project will have net benefits of more than \$36 million and a benefit cost ratio of at least 8.2.

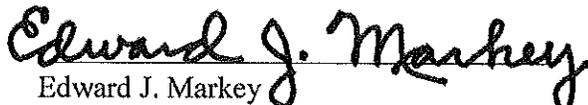
Sediment buildup at the Harbor not only harms the economy, but it also has a significant impact on search and rescue operations. Wellfleet's Harbormaster is an integral part of the Cape and Islands Maritime Response System (CCIMRS) with responsibility for search and rescue, to prevent loss of life at sea and to protect the maritime environment for Wellfleet Harbor and Cape Cod Bay. Regrettably, the Harbormaster is unable to offer full protection to the thousands of mariners who use Wellfleet and surrounding waters because of extreme silting in the harbor. Not only does this put these people in jeopardy, it affects Wellfleet's federal designation as a harbor of refuge for other ships in distress.

Importantly, the Town of Wellfleet and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts plan to make a substantial investment in this federal project. While the total cost of the dredging project is \$20

million, Wellfleet Harbor is only seeking \$5 million. Moreover, the town has a plan for maintenance dredging over the long-term, eliminating this federal obligation.

Maintenance dredging of Wellfleet Harbor is long overdue. We hope you will dedicate sufficient funding to this project. If you have any questions, please contact Daniel Greene in Senator Markey's office at (202) 224-2742.

Sincerely,

  
Edward J. Markey  
United States Senator

  
Elizabeth Warren  
United States Senator

  
William R. Keating  
Member of Congress

cc: The Honorable Mick Mulvaney, Director, Office of Management and Budget