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**To:** Tim Carroll; Brian Howes  
**Cc:** Assistant Exec Secretary  
**Subject:** Re: MEP in Town of Chilmark (BOS Mtg DEC 20)  
**Attachments:** MEP update\_Chilmark BOS\_120811.pdf

Hi Tim and Dilly,

As we spoke on Monday and at your request, I have condensed the summary I previously prepared for you into something I think may be more digestible for the BOS. Please include in their next briefing packet in advance of the Dec 20 meeting.

Brian will come prepared to present a 15 minute powerpoint on the project, its accomplishments to date, which towns are moving forward based on MEP results, where things stand with the MEP in Chilmark and steps moving forward.

He is also likely to come with some preliminary data collected under the MEP that indicates that the Menemsha/Squibnocket system as a whole is showing signs of nutrient related impairment, counter to what some may believe. Eelgrass area alone, as an indicator of habitat health, has dropped by 108 acres between 1995 to 2006 according to the MassDEP Eelgrass Mapping Program and technical collaborator on the MEP. He is sure to offer other clarifications as to why the Town may not want to hesitate in having the system evaluated by the MEP.

If there is anything else you think would be helpful to them, please let me know and I will do my best to assemble in advance of DEC 20.

I will contact you the week before the meeting to arrange logistics for getting Brian picked up at the ferry and brought to the meeting place.

I sincerely hope you find this helpful. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any further questions.

Respectfully,

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