

NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes

October 23 2019

Attending: Laura Hewitt, John Duane, Tom Slack, Tom Flynn, John Riehl

> Call to order 6:00 pm

> Ponds – summer 2019

- Continued heavy load at Long Pond, Gull Pond, Sluiceway
- Duck & Great more manageable
- Letter to Beach Administrator raising the issue of parking supervision until 5 pm at Long, Great, Gull Ponds (see attached) – approved 5-0

> Shellfish Board joint meeting

- Need to listen to concerns
- Introduce “Curley” report concept

> Open Space Committee

- Good history from OSC, Wellfleet Conservation Trust, WBWS & CCNS for shoreline Protection
- Need due to sea level rise
- Investigate & make map showing protected parcels and future possibilities
- Shellfish access to be included

> Harbor plan

- Brief review of issues; more detail after Shellfish meeting

> Minutes of September 17 2019 approved – 5-0

> Note :Wellfleet Harbor Conference, Saturday November 2 2019

> Meeting closed

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Suzanne -

Members of NRAB made a special effort this summer to visit and monitor Wellfleet great ponds. There is good evidence of progress in vegetative restoration and in parking management. We appreciate all the good work that has been done by your office and others.

However, ponds use is still at a very high level.

The parking attendants at the ponds were observed by several of us to be absent in the latter part of the afternoon. The result was a significant increase in late afternoon ponds use, especially at Gull and Long Ponds.

It remains part of the NRAB pond strategy to keep ponds use at a reliably managed level in order to help protect the long term health of these important Town features.

We recommend a three year trial that ensures parking attendants in place until at least 5 pm ... and preferably 6 pm ... throughout the summer season.

We recognize that there would be an increased cost to implement this initiative. We are writing now so that this cost could be included in next years budget.

Thank you for your consideration.

John Riehl - for NRAB

Cc: Dan Hoort, Hillary Lemos, Herb Gstalter

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Approved November 20 2019 : 5-0