

Natural Resources Advisory Board Minutes April 29 2022; 10:00 am

Attending: Herb Gstalder, Laura Hewitt, Tom Slack, John Duane, John Riehl

> Meeting called to order 10:05 am; no public comments

> Ponds plan reviewed by Gstalder & Hewitt

- Ready for sampling to start, with APCC support
- Concern about cesspools and phosphate remains; further work underway
- Letter to Conservation Agent/Committee, support for ponds study & request for more data
 - * Approved as submitted 5-0 (see attached)
- Future project implementation will probably require outside funding

> Harbor survey Plan

- RFP approved as written; needs further revisions by Town Purchasing Agent
- JDuane agrees to meet with ConsCom on May 18 to seek their input & approval
- Need to educate attendees at ATM; complicated project

> Climate Change Committee.

- Riehl had communication about sea level rise and concern for low-lying Marshes (Duck Creek) and landings (Powers)

> Rights of Public Access Committee

- Project approved with support of MassAudubon to fill “puddle” along marsh edge south of dike

> Use of Town Conservation Properties

- Discussion of broader use of Town Conservation Properties – Cons Com and Wellfleet Conservation Trust. Suggestion of broader environments: open spaces not just Woodlands/forests. Action is to discuss with Open Space Committee.

> Wellfleet Harbor Conference organization

- Initially run by NRAB; currently run by Mass Audubon Wellfleet, subject to a broad base local committee. Donated funds are held by NRAB and administered by the Town, which is awkward. Proposed to shift financial operations to MAS. Concern raised by John Duane that this might weaken Town ownership of the Conference. Motion agreed 4-1.

> Minutes of March 3 2022 approved without change; 5-0

> Adjourn 11:20 am

Approved July 27 2022, vote: 5-0