

Attending: Herb Gstalder, Laura Hewitt, Tom Slack, John Duane, Jake Puffer  
Guests: John Riehl, Martha Craig (experience with Friends of Herring River)

Call to order 4:05

**Ponds Management** Plan update (Gstalder, Hewitt)

- Since the last update, we met with a citizen from Truro who is working to establish a Truro Ponds Coalition along with three from Falmouth who are working through a number of pond issues and setting up a Pond Coalition there.
- We additionally have received some 2022 surface data from CCNSP. We are still waiting for the historical view (which the Park has been 'scrubbing' for consistency the last couple years) as well as current nutrients summary
- Herb started to lay out some of the initial data for perspective against historical CCNS data provided to GUPACA for Gull Pond.
- Once we receive the additional data and get sufficient understanding of content, we will begin drafting the Plan and bring our draft to the NRAB.

**Harbor Plan** – future of survey update (Duane)

- Harbor Survey planning remains stalled due to lack of certified funds available through the town.
- Martha Craig, guest, has been discussing with John Duane, who has also been pursuing alternate funding options
- John Duane has sent requests to ask Town Purchasing Agent how NRAB can request estimates so NRAB knows how much we will need to request for a full Harbor Survey update
- John has additionally asked how we move forward in line with Town protocols if we can raise some outside funds. K. Bacon received guidance from TA Rich Waldo outlining three stipulations regarding ethics on soliciting funds, and who holds them (Selectboard to hold and approve). Unclear if this requirement may go away if private funding is obtained.
- Interest in pursuing grant and outside funding
- Suggestion to figure out the best way to obtain an estimate on cost
- SPAT (per Jake) is still considering assistance in sponsoring
- Herring River project has done some sampling and surveying so should find out what is already out there (may need a project manager?). Can then determine if need a full replication of the Curley report or something more targeted. Per Herb, John Portnoy also referenced some other recent harbor studies we should review and see relative costs.

Conclusion – need to see what Rebecca Roughly suggests when she's back in the office and then see where and how we can proceed.

**Open Space Committee** update (Slack)

- Review of potential CPC funds coming for Open Space which would allow small projects. Also noted some property being considered by Town for conservation, near other parcels

**Shellfish** update – (Duane) nothing new to report

**Structure of NRAB leadership**

Discussion with conclusion that Hewitt will continue as acting Chair for the January meeting with Gstalder as secretary. Current thinking is Duane will then rotate to run three meetings, followed by Gstalder. Hewitt willing to be secretary starting in Feb.

We will try this for a while and re-evaluate.

**Minutes** - Approval of draft minutes (without change) from 11/10/22, approved 4-0