

Attending: LHewitt, TSlack, JDuane, JRiehl

Excused: TFlynn, JFalcone

- > Call to order 8:50 am

- > Add to agenda Hawes Pond lettr to state agencies (attached)
Approved 4-0

- > Minutes of NRAB meeting, 8/26/2020
Approved 4-0

- > Notes from joint SAB-NRAB meeting, 9/16/2020
Not formal minutes, as NRAB did not have quorum; await SAB minutes
Content points agreed to

- > Harbor Plan drafts review
 - Chapter 1 – current status, need to complete on-going projects

 - Chapter 2 – Outline of current plan
 - agree that concise plan, with key actions emphasized, is appropriate;
Plans from 1995 & 2006 give good broad harbor background

 - Chapter 3 – Climate Change
 - Affects salt marshes, shellfishing, dredging – need for consistency and cross reference
 - Need good supporting data to be convincing
 - Salt marsh risk; need monitoring of elevations and shoreline; biggest risk in Lt Island and similarly exposed marshes
 - Remediation technology, such as Thin Layer Deposition, needs More development; oyster reefs another option
 - Suggest to contact G Peabody & Jo Ann Muramoto for ideas (JWR)

 - Chapter 4 – After Dredging
 - Putting dredging spoils to use
 - Report by AMittermyer very useful (attached)
 - Need selling job, as these concepts are novel

 - Chapter 5 – Shellfishing (L Hewitt & J Duane)
 - Notes from 11/2019 & 9/2020 a good basis
 - Eelgrass & Bay Scallops
 - Long term risk of sea level rise affecting shellfishing sites access
 - Oyster reef needs to be both productive & protective

- Chapter 6 – Curley Report
 - Use previous (1975) outline and siting as basis
 - Key chapters are water quality, finfish, shellfish & vegetation
 - CCS already doing water quality
 - Owen Nichols doing a partial finfish survey related to Herring River
 - Shellfishing comparison to 1975 will be biased due to growth of Aquaculture; need to select “wild” sites
 - Mid-harbor sampling must be co-ordinated with dragging

- Chapter 7 – Access

- Use current draft report to list Town harbor access sites

- > Coments from audience

- Jude Ahern

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- Shellfishing contacts with Constable versus SAB

- HYLTA issues

- > Next meeting November 5; 8:45