

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

Guest: John Riehl, Kathleen Bacon, Diane Brunt

Call to order: 10:35

Ponds Management Plan (Hewitt and Gstalder)

Hewitt and Gstalder met and assigned tasks for data needed to finish a presentation to the Selectboard: lab costs, cost of a part time Ponds Manager position, and historical data on the ponds.

Harbor

The Board discussed the continuing search for a consultant to survey existing studies of the harbor. Duane reported Ryan Curley had stepped back as co-sponsor, citing other time commitments. Hewitt has reached out to Assistant Town Manager David Colton for a meeting to discuss possible candidates on the suggestion of Rebecca Eldridge. She invited John Duane to join her. In the discussion of approaching John Estey as a candidate, Bacon said the NRAB would need to file a disclosure of conflict of interest form with town clerk. The goal is to have a proposed agreement with a consultant to present at the Spring 2024 Town Meeting. In answer to Duane's subsequent question, Bacon responded that she did not believe the Selectboard had a response from the DMF on the question of whether they had a consultant who could work on this project, and suggested that would be another question for David Colton.

Riehl and Hewitt reported that the town has signed and sent the letter to the Woods Hole Group authorizing the project to study what happens to the black custard as Wellfleet proceeds with the restoration of the Mayo Creek Marsh.

In answer to a question from Gstalder, Bacon reported that the Selectboard did not endorse the dredging plan (losing potential Corps of Engineers offer) and that it will not take place this Fall. She guessed that it will be on a town meeting warrant for Spring 2024.

Duane reported that he does not know of a consensus of the effect of limiting the range for keeping striped bass to 28 to 31 inches. This will be a possible topic for the state of the Wellfleet Conference.

Open Space

Slack said that the Open Space Committee had not met in August and consequently there was nothing to report.

Kathleen Bacon said this would be her last meeting as she was retiring from the Selectboard.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20AM