NRAB Minutes June 25 2020

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

Excused: Jim Falcone

Called to “order”, 4:10 pm on Zoom

> Considered minutes from 12/11/2019. Approved 5-0

> Wellfleet Harbor Conference will not take place this year due to Covid. However, to

Cover future expenses, annual $300 donation from NRAB was considered.

Approved 5-0

> For several years John Duane has acted as a fisheries advocate for NRAB. This should continue. Duane authorized to write support letters with appropriate committee

Review. Approved 5-0

> J Falcone had raised several access issues on Lt. Isald:

- track on Audubon land just before the bridge is being degraded

- same issue for track heading south from end of Way 100

- west end of Lt Island Road is blocked by stones not a rail fence; this

Is a potential safety issue for emergency egress off the island

- parking at the SW corner beach, end of Meadow Road. Up to 32 cars observed

at one time last weekend.\, some parked on marsh grass. This is a

popular beach but needs to be balanced with environmental concerns.

J Riehl agreed to follow up with J Falcone about first three issue. SW corner needs more discussion.

> Herring River access. Currrently, the Herring River has four kayak launch sites: the dike, High Toss, Bound Brook and Rt 6. Launches at the dike are part of the restoration plan. Access at High Toss will be loss. J Riehl agreed to advocate for the other two site with

G. Sanders at CCNS.

> Harbor Management Plan #3

- Climate Change (J Riehl)

> Warmer, sea level rise, storms, high rainfall

> Risk to salt marshes being studies by S Smith at CCNS

> Need monitoring plan

> Need to outline options: thin layer deposition, barriers

- Harbor monitoring plan (Culley Report) – J Duane

> On-going work of chemistry (A Costa), bentic topography (M Borelli),

Herring count (Friends), regulations 2.04(d) (ConsCom), fish (O Nichols)

> proposal for additional future work being prepared bu O Nichols

> shellfishing plan is big gap; consult with Shellfish Board (SAB)

- Shellfishing – J Duane & L Hewitt

> warmer temperature bring risk (disease) and benfit (new species – e.g.Blood Clams

> need to learn more about shellfishing in warmer waters: Osterville, Buzzards

Bay, Barnegat

> genetic diversity

> consult with SAB, N Civetta

- Dredging – T Slack

> Finish current dredging

> Investigate sources of current spoils to investigate future options

> A Mittermyer work shows “black mayo” to be all natural materials, no

risk for thin layer deposition

Coastal Access – T Flynn & J Falcone

> map from E Martinson

> review and adjust current CPA plan for appendix

> need new ideas on locations, regulations to protect and enhance citizen access

Next meet about 7/20; adjourn 5:45 pm

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