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Conservation Committee
Wellfleet, MA

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Hillary – we appreciated the comments and interest from you and other Cons Comm members during your March 16 meeting. The NRAB continues to think through the many issues associated with holistic pond health and creating a “Ponds Management Plan” and, as discussed, will come back to the Cons Comm as we get a bit further in the process. During the March meeting, Cons Comm indicated that you have or are working on a census of septic systems (including type/age) and cesspools in properties around the Wellfleet ponds, and particularly those abutting ponds and within the CCNS.

We would greatly appreciate receiving a copy of the septic and cesspool inventory/census if this is already complete. Please send this to Herb Gstadler and Laura Hewitt, as we are the operating Pond sub-committee within the NRAB. If the census is not yet available, do you have an estimated date of completion?

There was also some discussion whether any government authority, committee, or board has authority to require a homeowner to upgrade a “working” cesspool or septic system other than at time of major renovation (requiring permitting) or change in ownership. If you have any specifics on this, we’d appreciate receiving your comments. We are continuing to research IA septic systems as well...

Thanks for all you do for Wellfleet! We look forward to receiving the septic/cesspool inventory and any summary of authority as respects septic/cesspool upgrades.

Regards,

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