Natural Resources Advisory Board draft minutes September 23 2021

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

> Call to order 9:05 am

> Status of ATM articles

 - New dredging option – request for proposals nearly ready for mailing; work

 In co-operation with Town Purchasing Agent, Rebecca Slick

 - Harbor survey (“Curley”) – submitted for vote to Selecboard on September 28

> Harbor Management Plan – also resubmitted to Selectboard; if approved to be posted

 on our Town website

> Revised NRAB charter – also submitted to Selectboard for September 28

> Ponds

 - Phone meeting with CCNS, Dr Sophia Fox and Geoff Sanders

 > Wellfleet ponds basically in good shape

 > Temperature rise is concerning, as is rising pH

 > Hg levels continue high for fish

 > Vegetation. Phragmites in Williams & Gull; also Milfoil in places

 > No CCNS monitoring in 2017/2019/2021. No long term guarantee

 > Each pond is unique, with varying ground water flows & depth

 - Phone meeting with Suzanne-Grout Thomas, Beach Administrator

 > Notes are attached

 > Overuse at Duck Pond, Long Pond and Sluiceway remain

 > Hg and fish remain an issue

 > Need a shoreline action plan

> Rights of Public Access Committee

 - Loss of access on “beachway” at Lt Island bridge; sea level rise a likely

 contributer

> Minute of July 8 2021 approved as drafted; 4-0