Natural Resources Advisory Board

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

- > Call to order 4:05 pm
- > Announcements
 - State of Wellfleet Harbor Conference, on-line, Saturday mornings in November; final agenda to be circulated
 - Selectboard formally approved 2021 Harbor Management Plan; now posted on NRAB web-page
 - Energy & Climate Committee (D.Elkin, Chair) also interested in a Town "Climate Change" Committee; concept also referenced in 2010 HMP
 - -Growing Selectboard interest in restoration of Brook Trout in Fresh Brook; would also increase Wellfleet's salt marshes
 - Rights of Public Access Committee dealing with access issue at LtIsland bridge; apparently due to sea level rise
- > Ponds; meetings with Seashore (CCNS), Town Beach Administrator (Suzanne Thomas) and future with APCC
 - Reaffirmed need for more testing; CCNS did not test in 2017/2019/2020, only partial in 2018; no long term guarantee
 - -Clarification needed as to which "ground-water" flows into ponds are key: surface, septic depth, deeper flows
 - Higher temperatures, especially overnight, are a concern
 - Invasive vegetation remains an issue
 - Lack of life saving guards and parking still issues at Gull & Long Ponds
 - Access at Long and Dick Ponds a concern; a plan exists for Long Pond
 - Late afternoon use at Long Pond an on-going issue
 - NRAB may need to take a clearer & stricter view of ponds issues; Wellfleet ponds are in good shape ... but are at risk conversely due to high clarity
 - H Gstalder to organize meeting with APCC; discussed issues to be clarified
- > Revised NRAB charter
 - Brief discussion with Selectboard; NRAB needs to take leadership in harbor issues; J Riehl to write a revised charter draft for next meeting
 - Need to work with Shellfish Board on a Town shellfishing plan
- > HDLTHA
 - Selectboard requesting plan for use of HDLTHA purchase off Indian Neck; guidance expected from Shellfish Advisory Board

- > Dredging alternative, approved at June ATM, is out for bids; harbor survey ("Curley") is tentatively approved for December ATM; publicity needed
- > Minutes of September 15 approved, with corrections from H Gstalder; 5-0 Minutes of September 23 approved as drafted; 5-0

> Meeting adjourned 5:45 pm