

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

Guest: Wes Downing

Call to order: 2:00pm

Ponds Management Plan (Hewitt and Gstalder)

Gstalder reported that he and Hewitt are finally deep into writing the Pond Management Plan and that they will have a draft soon.

Harbor

Hewitt thanked everyone who had sent in suggestions for whom Center for Coastal Studies should talk to as part of their review of the Harbor Study. Hewitt sent the list to the Center.

Hewitt reported that following the January 31, meeting, John Riehl (unpaid consultant) did to talk to the Woods Hole Group (WHG) on the concept of creating a downward angle for the flow of sediment from Mayo Creek which would theoretically increase the rate of flow of the sediment through the North Channel and carry it further into the Harbor. The Woods Hole Group said it would be worth doing a feasibility study and submitted a proposal for \$2,280.00. The NRAB has sufficient unencumbered funds (relating to research to reduce the cost/frequency of dredging) to cover the cost of the study. The Board unanimously approved the proposal with Slack's suggested addition that the WHG also estimate the length of time the improvement would last.

Hewitt reported that Jay Norton, Director of Wellfleet, Department of Public Works, will attend the next NRAB meeting to discuss the grant the DPW has gotten for Wellfleet Harbor work. Hewitt called for Board members with specific questions for Norton to send them to her.

Shellfish Advisory Board (SAB)

Duane and Puffer reported on the plans to install one or two ice machines at the Harbor. Duane will draft a support letter to be reviewed at a future meeting.

Duane will continue to monitor the efforts to protect horseshoe crabs in Cape Cod Bay and report to the NRAB at the next meeting.

Open Space Committee

Slack reported that the Open Space Committee did not meet this month and hence he has nothing to report.

Minutes

The Board unanimously approved the minutes from the 1/31/24 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm.