

Harbor and Shellfish Advisory Board
Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.
Via Zoom
***HSAB meeting are video-recorded**

Members present: Andy Lowell, Dave Fronzuto, Dave Bossi,
Scott Anderson, Peter Brace

Members Absent: Ginger Andrews, Jim Sjolund

Marine Dept:

Natural Resources Dept:

Others: Kona Hosier

CALL TO ORDER

5:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Unanimously approved, 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Draft minutes of Sept. 5, 2023

Mr. Brace reported that he hadn't completed the minutes of Sept. 5, 2023 yet

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report.

MARINE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

General Marine Department report – Sheila Lucey

No report.

NATURAL RESOURCES REPORT

General Natural Resources Department report – NRD staff

No report.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MARINE DEPARTMENT / NATURAL RESOURCES REPORT

No comments.

OLD BUSINESS

Harbor watershed property owner information forum - Discussion

Mr. Lowell reported on this forum held on Sept. 9, 2023. Mr. Lowell reported that 13 people attended. He added that the Nantucket Shellfish Association (NSA) recently met and discussed helping the HSAB continue to get the forum's message out. Mr. Anderson said he liked that a high school teacher, Jennifer Christianson, invited the HSAB to come to the school to speak to students. Mr. Lowell suggested working with the NSA and the Nantucket Land & Water Council to come up with such a presentation. Mr. Bossi said he'd like to learn what the NSA might be thinking about for a follow-up to this forum. Mr. Lowell suggested working on a presentation that the HSAB could use for lots of groups on the island. Mr. Bossi suggested creating a brochure with the help of the NSA with the essence of the forum's message in it. Mr. Anderson and Mr. Bossi liked Sewer Department Superintendent David Gray's use of storm drain covers. Mr. Fronzuto said that all fuel carriers should be carrying catch basin covers and absorbent pads in case of a spill from their tankers. He added that Harbor Fuel carries this equipment as well and have always been involved in regular fuel spill drills. He added that he would follow up with Harbor Fuel to confirm that these oil spill containment policies still exist at Harbor Fuel. Mr. Lowell liked Mr. Gray's recommendation that storm water control be required on construction sites. Mr. Brace reported that Mollie Glazer really appreciated the forum and told him it helped her decide on which environmentally friendly building materials to use

in building a bulkhead on her property. Mr. Brace suggested that the forum become an annual event and that the HSAB use future buck slips to get information out to the public. Mr. Lowell said he liked the idea of making the forum an annual event. Mr. Brace said the HSAB should try to be presenters at the Nantucket Civic League's June presidents' breakfast. Mr. Anderson suggested also doing a presentation at the middle school level would be a good idea as well.

Green crabs – Discussion

No discussion.

Harbors Action Plan Committee HSAB recommendations – Discussion

Mr. Brace reported on the open meeting via Zoom held on Sept. 18, 2023 by the Nantucket Harbors Action Plan Update Committee (NHAPUC) seeking more public input on what the public wants in this plan. He reported that at least 62 people attended this meeting and that more than 430 people have responded to the online survey seeking the same input. Mr. Brace reported that a public fuel dock at the Great Harbor Yacht Club (GHYC), a public boat ramp at that location, public uses for Petrel Landing were some of the issues raised.

In response to Mr. Lowell's inquiry to mentions of the sediment Transport Study and dredge plan, Mr. Fronzuto said this issue is brought up at every harbor plan meeting. He added that a boat ramp at GHYC or Francis Street Beach isn't going to happen. He said it's possible at a second Steamship Authority pier.

Mr. Fronzuto that Petrel Landing also needs to be considered as critical infrastructure improvement. Mr. Bossi said that discussing this issue should wait until the Nantucket Land Bank settles the lawsuit between it and one remaining abutter that is still fighting development of this Land Bank waterfront property. Mr. Lowell wondered aloud if the Land Bank could reestablish the pre-existing public waterfront access until the lawsuit is settled. Mr. Fronzuto

stressed that this issue needs to be one that is formed into a recommendation to the NHAPUC from the HSAB.

Sediment Transport Study and dredge plan – Discussion

No discussion.

Aquaculture regulations – review and update

Mr. Bossi reminded the HSAB that it put this item off until November when Town Biologist Tara Riley would have more time to dive into it.

Dumpster sticker distribution – Discussion

Mr. Lowell reported that he reached out to Myles Reis who gave the HSAB permission to affix the stickers to all of his dumpsters and that he was very much in favor of having the HSAB apply these stickers to his dumpsters. Mr. Fronzuto asked which side(s) the stickers need to be applied to. Mr. Lowell recommended three or four sides near the top of each side. Mr. Lowell suggested that high school students be conscripted to help apply these stickers to the dumpsters.

HEALTH OF THE HARBORS

No items for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Coastal Resilience Advisory Committee – Update

Mr. Brace reported the Coastal Resilience Advisory Committee (CRAC) is moving forward from creating the Coastal Resilience Plan (CRP) over the last four years to implementing some of the easier of the 40 recommendations in the plan along with engaging in public outreach. The latter includes reaching out to property owners through the Nantucket Civic League.

Mr. Lowell asked which recommendations are being implemented and do they include moving the Salt Marsh Center elsewhere and

also the Marine Department building onto the west side of Washington Street. Mr. Brace explained several near-term projects now in the works. He added that the Land Bank has its own sea level rise resilience plan. Mr. Brace said he would send the most recent CRP project progress chart to the HSAB.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENT

No comments.

RECAP and ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Mr. Lowell said he's heard of the efforts of volunteers working with Ms. Riley and her hatchery staff during the scallop seed stranding cleanup over the weekend. He lauded the efforts of the NSA to support this effort.

ADJOURN

Unanimously approved, 5-0, at 6:19 p.m.

YOUTUBE LINK

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sKK0Px6k6m8&list=PL49sKqpy7VAj6nJnAlrlKlxWm6VQTfuXg&index=1>

Future Meetings:

Oct. 3 and Oct. 17

Respectfully Submitted,
Peter B. Brace, Secretary