

MEETING MINUTES

Middleborough-Lakeville Herring Fishery Commission

1/8/19 Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM. Middleborough Town Hall, Middleborough, MA.
Recorded by MCCAM.

Wardens Present: Tom Barron, Ron Burgess, David Cavanaugh, Brad Day, Bill Orphan.

Observers Present:

New Business:

1. Motion by Tom to accept the minutes of the December meeting. Second: Ron. Unanimous.
2. Motion by Ron to nominate a slate of officers for the coming year as Bill, chairman; Tom, vice chairman; Dave C., secretary. Second: Brad. No other nominations. Unanimous.
3. Discussion concerning recent communications from the Army Corps of Engineers concerning the small sandbar dredge project below the Assawompset Dam in 2016. The Commission provided records and recollection of events. Mass. Marine Fisheries plans to meet with Corps representatives to discuss policy and procedure for projects statewide.
4. No one was available to attend the dam management group meeting this morning. Tom recapped the December 11 meeting. The Taunton River is high. The dam has been fully open since September. The ponds are high, but still below flood level, though local residents expressed concern to the towns.
5. Dave C. presented an update on the Oliver Mill bridge reconstruction plan. SumCo was picked as the contractor. Water control measures and stonework should not impact the run. Work is hoped to commence soon, even with the high water and be finished in March or early April. We will continue to be a part of the planning group.

Old Business:

1. The river is high and the ladder is running full. Weeds are below the top of the water level at this time.
2. Project updates:
 - a. Wetlands permits: Ron, Tom and a representative from Outback Engineering met with the Lakeville Conservation Commission tonight and outlined the Ecoharvester proposal. The ConCom understands the project and asked a few questions. Outback Engineering is preparing the Notice of Intent.

b. Kiosk and grant work: Ron reported we ordered four signs of the herring narrative; two for the kiosks and two for the stand alone sign posts. We can do whatever we want for the other two stand alone signs. Memembers should think about it and get ideas to Dave C.

Communications and Bills

1. The Assawompset Complex management group meeting is Thursday, January 10.
2. The Middleborough selectmen will host a meeting with Lakeville selectmen on January 14 re: concerns about flooding and mitigation factors. Our voted position is that there must be enough depth, rate and direction of flow not to impede the adult or the fry migration.
3. Financial roll ups were presented.

Motion to adjourn by Tom. Second: Dave C. Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.