

MEETING MINUTES

Middleborough-Lakeville Herring Fishery Commission

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10/6/20 Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM. Middleborough Town Hall, Middleborough, MA.

Wardens Present: Tom Barron, Carol "Krill" Carson, David Cavanaugh, Brad Day, Bill Orphanos, Emily Ryan.

Absent: Ron Burgess.

Observers Present:

Visitors:

New Business:

1. Motion by Tom to accept the minutes of the September 8 meeting. Second: Emily. Unanimous.

2. Lakeville asked if we wanted to request a \$5000 line item for their expected November special Town Meeting. We did not request money from either town earlier, but Middleborough put it on the warrant for the annual Town Meeting and voted favorably. Motion by Tom to request \$5000 from Lakeville for weed removal and weed surveys in the Nemasket River. Second: Brad. Voted 5-1 in favor.

3. Motion by Brad to name Ron and Tom as members in charge of monitoring financial accounts of the Commission. Second: Dave. Unanimous.

Old Business

1. a. Tom reported there are fry along the Assawompset shore. They are unable to enter the river. The dam is shut and there is no water in the fish ladder due to lake levels being low. The levels are as bad as 2016.

b. Oliver Mill sandbags will remain for the time being.

c. DMF worked on board slots at the Wareham Street ladder. No specifics on what was done. Nothing was done with the gaps in the concrete.

d. Discussion on work above the Wareham Street ladder will be kept on the agenda. Discussion involved how bad weeds and muck were getting above the ladder and the channel to the river; and if pulling/cutting after they die back would be an option. A work party is scheduled for Saturday, November 7 at 10:00 AM to try and pull a test patch and survey the work needed.

Krill suggested letters to DMF and the local legislative delegation to inform them about the weed issues and work needed. Motion by Dave to send the letter. Second: Tom. Unanimous.

e. Dredging the channel above the Wareham Street ladder was discussed. Permits and money will be needed for any such project.

2. a. The Natural Heritage permit application is being reviewed at the state level before submission. Brad suggested a drone survey in other parts of the river, either by SRPEDD or contracted, to assess other potential obstructions.

b. We have the soil and plant survey for the sediment trap project. Nutshell is that there are no contaminants. An informal check with Byrne S&G revealed they would be very interested in the dredged sand. There is a market. So far we have paid \$18,500.00 from the \$35,000 state appropriation for planning and surveys.

c. Tom reported on the APC sub-group for the flood study project. There is an additional \$123,000 in grant money approved. The group will meet every couple of months and is compiling a project list.

3. Consensus is to look into the offer by Lakeville of a recording secretary after the first of the year.

4. Discussion about a sign at the ladders notifying the public about Native American fishing rights and whether we should foot the costs. Motion by Tom not to install a sign. Second: Brad. Motion lost 4-2.

Communications and Bills

1. Financial rollups were presented.

2. The September 10 dam group meeting was cancelled.

Motion by Tom to adjourn. Second: Brad. Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

