



Bank Building, 20 Centre Street, Middleborough, Massachusetts 02346

MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Location: Middleboro Town Hall Selectmen's Room

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM

Wardens Present: Tom Barron, David Cavanaugh, Emily Ryan, Ron Burgess, Brad Day
Carol "Krill" Carson (arrived at 7:14)

Absent: Bill Orphanos

Observers Present: Bruce Chase

Visitors:

Unanticipated:

Dave reported that Bill Napolitano and Emily Vogler were present at the Middleboro Town Hall Meeting and distributed handouts about the Upper Nemasket Project.

Tom mentioned that he was invited to a meeting related to weed removal and the Nemasket Steering Meeting to discuss concerns about Long Pond and flooding.

Tom also attended a meeting with the Lakeville Selectmen on Oct. 29th regarding APC and contributed his knowledge of the varying pond levels throughout the year. The meeting consisted of an APC presentation, tour of the river, discussion of various issue areas of APC, and budget allocation. (Tom clarified he was invited as a Long Assawompset Pond resident rather than as a Herring Commission member)

Tom also attended a meeting on Nov. 9th surrounding the topic of the weed removal project put in place by the Herring Commission.

Dave mentioned that the Herring Commission as well as the town should have been invited to the meeting discussing the APC, especially since the Herring Commission is a major stakeholder. Tom agreed and added that he was not sure if the Conservation Commission was invited either, but believed New Bedford was included.

New Business:

Ron made motion to accept minutes.
Dave Second. Unanimous.

Ron withdrew his name as warden for the Commission. And nominated Bruce Chase as warden.

Dave made motion to put Tom Barron, Brad Day, Bruce Chase forward to selectmen of both towns as wardens.
Ron Second. Unanimous.

Ron volunteered to become an observer.

Brad made motion to re-elect all observers (Allin Frawley, Brian Holman, Janet MacCausland, Cyndy Gendron, Ron Burgess) for a one-year term.
Ron Second. Motion passed 4-2.

Old Business

Tom reported that fry were spotted after the recent big storm where 4" of rain was received. The pond levels are still high.
Dave added that no fry or fish were seen at the Wareham Street ladder.

Dave contacted Chris Peck about trees down at the Wareham Street ladder and asked if he could clear the branches at the top and bottom of the ladder.
Dave also noted that the previously removed tree is beginning to regrow at Oliver Mill Park as well as another tree down in the area, overall, there is some maintenance work that needs to be done.
Ron added that the mill foil patch at Oliver Mill Park has regrown quite a bit after being fully cleared out years ago.

Ron noted that the permit that was received for the work on the Nemasket River does not need to be extended due to an automatic extension related to COVID.

Ron made motion to pay \$1,400 bill from John Crane out of the Lakeville account.
Dave Second. Unanimous.

No further discussion on the sediment trap, currently Rep. Orvall is interested, but there is no further action at this time.

Communications and Bills

Tom noted that the electric bill had been paid and gave copies to Emily.

Dave made note that the Open Space Planning Meeting is tomorrow (Nov 10th) as well as the APC Nemasket Group Zoom Meeting. And the Taunton Watershed Meeting is Saturday. Emails regarding these meetings were emailed to the group prior to the meeting.

Ron made motion to adjourn.
Second by Dave. Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm

