

MEETING MINUTES

Middleborough-Lakeville Herring Fishery Commission

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Lakeville Town Clerk

12/1/20 Meeting called to order at 7:05 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 November 10 and 19 meetings. Second: Brad. Unanimous.
2. Commission held a joint Zoom meeting with the Conservation Commission on November 19 and discussed the DEP letter to the Middleborough Town Manager. The Conservation Commission voted to present a draft letter. The letter was presented to us and two minor revisions were suggested. Our draft letter to the Town Manager was discussed. Motion by Brad to send our suggestion to the Conservation Commission. Second Krill. Unanimous. Motion by Brad to adopt our draft letter and send it to the Town Manager with cc: to the Conservation Commission, DMF, DEP and Park Commission. Second: Tom. Unanimous.

Old Business

1. a. Tom reported the lakes and river have come up a bit since last week's rain. Fry are in the ponds, but they are still unable to enter the river. The dam is shut and there is no water in the fish ladder.
b. Discussion concerning weeds at the top of Wareham Street noted that the drought has allowed a larger than usual weed growth. The bascule dam is at the lowest setting. Motion by Brad to use the boat/ropes and rake to try and remove weeds by the end of December and purchase 300 feet of suitable rope to be reimbursed. Second: Dave. Unanimous. December 12 at 9:00 AM was set as a work date.
2. a. Bill Napolitano (SERPED) is assisting with the review.
b. No additional updates.
3. Our letter to the EPOs and DMF requesting a Native fishing sign was answered. The environmental police and DMF are working to update signage and will provide signs.
4. Continued discussion re: Lakeville line item funding. Tom spoke with Richard LaCamera (Lakeville selectman) and explained the history. Lakeville chose not to fund any money this year because they had to make cuts. The email string was discussed and discussion of a draft letter detailing line item funding history and why no payments were made by Lakeville yet. Motion by Brad to send the letter to the Lakeville Selectmen and Middleborough Town Manager. Second: Krill. Unanimous. We will keep on the agenda for discussion of whether to request money for FY-22.

Communications and Bills

1. Brad Chase (DMF) was requested to comment on the city(s) water withdrawal permit license. Dave and Tom suggested including language that flow through the dam and into the river be required for herring passage.

Motion by Tom to adjourn. Second: Krill. Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

