

MEETING MINUTES

Middleborough-Lakeville Herring Fishery Commission

1/5/21 Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM. Middleborough Town Hall, Middleborough, MA.

Wardens Present: Tom Barron, Ron Burgess, David Cavanaugh, Bill Orphanos Emily Ryan.

Absent: Carol "Krill" Carson; Brad Day.

Observers Present: Louise Dery-Wells.

Visitors:

Unanticipated:

1. The Commission was invited to the Middleborough Select Board zoom meeting on 1/11/21 to discuss the run and opening herring catching.

New Business:

1. Motion by Tom to accept the minutes of the December 1 meeting. Second: Emily. Voted 5-0 with one abstention.

2. Motion by Ron to delay the election of officers to the next meeting, final extension, in hopes that all members would be present. Second: Emily. Unanimous.

3. A copy of the Conservation Commission letter to Bob Nunes (Middleborough Town Manager) and copy to DEP was received. No reply to our letter was received.

4. Motion by Ron to accept the draft 2020 annual report. Second: Tom. Unanimous.

5. There was no report from the Dam/Lake group meeting.

6. Tom presented the APC steering committee report. The group is breaking into subcommittees. They are using the MVP and grant funding. They plan to implement procedures as funding becomes available.

7. Ron talked with the Middleborough and Lakeville Town Accountant. They request a letter to roll over the prior years line item funding. Motion by Dave to send the letter. Second: Tom. Unanimous. Motion by Dave to not request line item funding from either town for the next fiscal year. Second: Ron. Unanimous.

Old Business

1. a. Tom reported that the lake levels are currently 52.1 on December 29. The target level is 51.5. New Bedford removed one board on the first three bays of the Assawompset dam. Water is flowing over the dam at the three bays and the fish ladder. No fry were seen.

b. The work party at Wareham St. was cancelled due to weather. No reschedule as yet.

2. a. Ron talked with Bill Napolitano (SERPED) and reiterated that the federal permit has to be submitted soon and to get the ball rolling. There are too many things to line up to have this hanging. The federal review people are willing to help with language.

b. Outback is looking at the project processes and calculating amounts of material that need to be removed.

Communications and Bills

1. Helen Zinkavage posted a zoom link for the next APC work group on 2/10 at 9:00 AM. Members were notified.

2. Financial rollups were presented.

Motion by Ron to adjourn. Second: Tom. Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM