

MEETING MINUTES

Middleborough-Lakeville Herring Fishery Commission

(No Meeting February 4th. Lack of quorum)

2/19/20 Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM. Middleborough Town Hall, Middleborough, MA.
Recorded by MCCAM.

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

Absent: Ron Burgess.

Observers Present: Bruce Chase, Louise Dery-Wells.

Visitors: Chance Perks.

Unanticipated:

1. Tom reported that Cheryl Brooks from DCR is overseeing the \$35,000 grant for river weed control.

New Business:

1. Motion by Tom to accept the minutes of the January 7 meeting. Second: Emily. Unanimous.
2. Motion by Dave to attend the Herring Run Festival on April 18 and 19 as an education/environmental group. Second: Tom. Unanimous.
3. Rhode Island DEM requested 2000 herring to restock runs in Rhode Island this spring. Motion by Dave to allow the taking of 2000 herring by RI-DEM at their convenience, depending on the availability of fish, with notice to the Commission. Second: Emily. Unanimous.
4. Tom attended the River Herring Network steering committee meeting. Orleans will host the 2020 annual meeting and we will host the 2021 annual meeting. Topics for discussion were discussed including eels, nutrient loading, updates on Marine Fisheries activities and various pressures on herring. Motion by Dave to host the 2021 meeting at the Lakeville library, with Tom to coordinate. Second: Brad. Unanimous.
5. There is currently only 1 inch of water over the boards at Wareham Street. The DPW is raising the bascule dam at our request. Motion by Dave to name Ron as the board adjuster and expend funds for lumber supplies as needed. Also to name Dave Lemmo as co-board adjuster if he wishes to continue. Second: Tom. Unanimous.

6. Discussion of closing sluiceways and closing the D-channel at Oliver Mill to prevent herring from migrating up the false channels. Brad proposed an idea of building a cofferdam at the D-channel for approximately \$100 for necessary supplies of sand tubes and a tarp. Motion by Tom for Brad to purchase supplies for the cofferdam and purchase 4 sheets of plywood to block the free flowing sluiceways. Second: Brad. Unanimous. Brad will coordinate a work date. Louise will check with the Middleborough Town Manager to see if the contractors who repointed the stonework can replace the dam and/or headwalls.

7. Dave Gould, the Plymouth environmental dept. manager requested a letter of support for an increase in the Marine Fisheries budget of \$200,000 to support fishway construction and maintenance. Motion by Tom to send the letter of support. Second: Dave. Unanimous.

Old Business:

1. We are looking for herring in the river. Dave will send a herring counting refresher to members and count volunteers.

Long Pond Road – the side of the road is deteriorating (Tom passed around photos and proposal) once proposal was put forth by Tom barrels were then put at the site and hopefully something will be done sooner rather than later at this site.

2. a. Ecoharvester –Dave had an email from Tricia Cassidy noting that Wrentham was purchasing an EcoHarvester and wondering if it might be cheaper to rent from them. Tom mentioned Plymouth County had a dredge and renting it was brought up in the past. It would require someone to pick it up and be able to use it. The Town of Middleboro workers will not be able to use it due to liability issues. And it was mentioned that there may not be a time during the year that Wrentham will be able to rent it because they will be using it quite a bit. It was decided to stick with the current plan rather than look into renting.

b. Janet was reimbursed for her kiosk sign.

c. We have not heard back from Outback Engineering re: the sediment trap. harvester but Ron will hopefully have an update when he returns at the next meeting.

d. Tom discussed the status of the APC flood study proposal and that they are currently pushing for flood management, as they are trying to put priorities forward on flood management at the next meeting. They will be taking all information and put it together to get funding once proposal and study are done something can be put forward.

Communications and Bills

1. Conservation sent a notice to all abutting properties at Oliver Mill regarding the dumping of yard waste. Hopefully that will end the illegal dumping.

Motion to adjourn by Tom. Second: Brad. Unanimous.