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MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, March 14, 2023
Location: Small Meeting Room
Middleboro Town Hall
Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM

Wardens Present: Bill Orphanos, David Cavanaugh, Tom Barron, Bruce Chase

Absent: Brad Day, Ron Burgess

Observers Present: None

Unanticipated:

None

New Business:

1. Tom Barron made the motion to accept the minutes for the meeting of February 14, 2023. Dave Cavanaugh seconded the motion.
Motion passed with a unanimous vote.
2. Dave Cavanaugh presented the request from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management for two loads of 1,000 river herring this spring. It was recommended to allow at least two days' notice prior to the collection of the herring. Tom Barron seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.
3. The 2023 Herring Run Festival is to be held on April 15 – 16. Dave Cavanaugh made a motion for the Middleboro-Lakeville Herring Fisheries Commission participate as an environmental education group. Tom Barron Seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Old Business:

1. Tom Barron described the Nemasket River as doing well with Assawompsett Pond. No Herring have been seen but sea gulls have been near the river.
2. No river work has been anticipated for the immediate future. Tom Barron recommended consideration of a group kayak trip to evaluate the river. He was particularly concerned about the movement of beaver into streams of southeastern Massachusetts and recommended monitoring the river for evidence of beaver.

3. Dave Cavanaugh reported attending a meeting with representatives of the Taunton and New Bedford Water Departments. They reported the pond water level is at 52.7 inches with the target being 51.3 inches. He also reported the Taunton Water Department no wanting water from Long Pond contributing water to Assawompsett Pond due to the risk of contamination.
4. Tom Barron reported on attending the Assawompsett Pond Complex committee.
 - a. There are plans for a recognition of Earth Day in April to be held at Betty's Neck.
 - b. SRPEDD is planning on replacing a culvert
 - c. SRPEDD is planning a presentation to Rochester on municipal vulnerability due to climate change.
 - d. APC is planning a weed harvest program for 2023.
 - e. There is a need for an engineering firm for the sedimentation removal project.
5. Dave Cavanaugh presented a rough draft of the Herring Fisheries Report for the Town of Middleboro Annual Report. Tom Barron made the motion to submit the report as written. Dave Cavanaugh seconded the motion. The motion pass with a unanimous vote.

Communications and Bills:

None

Dave Cavanaugh made a motion to adjourn the meeting
Tom Barron seconded the motion
Motion passed with a unanimous vote

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm