

MEETING MINUTES

Middleborough-Lakeville Herring Fishery Commission

3/3/20 Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM. Middleborough Town Hall, Middleborough, MA.
Recorded by MCCAM.

Wardens Present: Tom Barron, Ron Burgess, David Cavanaugh, Brad Day, Bill Orphan, Emily Ryan.

Absent: Carol Carson.

Observers Present: Janet MacCausland.

Visitors:

Unanticipated:

New Business:

1. Motion by Tom to accept the minutes of the February 19 meeting. Second: Brad.
Unanimous.
2. Janet provided the second kiosk sign. Motion by Ron to reimburse Janet. Second: Brad.
Unanimous. Motion by Ron to have Janet look into cost, size and amount for smaller handouts of the posters. Second: Tom. Unanimous.
3. We received a request for our second quarter goals achievement by the Middleborough Town Manager. Discussion involved that we are the only appointed volunteer boards with "goals" and we already have publicly stated goals we work on. It is unfair that we have to constantly update goals when nobody other than paid town departments have to. Motion by Ron to send these concerns to the Town Manager. Second: Tom. Unanimous.
4. Mass. Marine Fisheries requested 1000 herring to stock the Three Mile River in Dighton. Motion by Dave to allow the taking of 1000 herring, subject to the availability of fish, at their convenience, with notice to the Commission. Second: Tom. Unanimous.

Old Business:

1. Sand was removed from the box at the Long Point Rd. culvert. Long Point Rd. washout has been repaired, with more rip-rap planning to be placed. Dave and Ron met with a writer who is planning a Boston Globe article on river herring. Herring have been seen at Oliver Mill starting last Monday. Tom saw a few herring below the Wareham St. ladder. We received some useful scrap boards from the DPW which will help with water regulating. Ron will monitor for runoff

from the DPW project which might be detrimental to the ladder. We may need to look into dredging above Wareham St. Ron met with students and a teacher to give a herring talk, and may have some volunteers. We attempted to build a cofferdam at the Oliver Mill D-channel, which did not work. New plan is to raise boards and sandbag the concrete abutments to raise the dam. Motion by Ron to purchase 2x6 boards and 36 sandbags for this project, not to exceed \$350.00. Second: Dave. Unanimous.

Discussion that Ron would be the board adjuster and Dave Lemmo would be the co-board adjuster.

2. a. Ron is monitoring progress on the Natural Heritage permit. He will contact Wrentham to obtain particulars about their machine.

b. Janet presented the final sign, which will zero out the grant account.

c. Ron is monitoring and Outback is working on the sandtrap design.

d. No additional information. The group will prioritize goals at the next meeting.

Communications and Bills

1. Financial rollups were presented.

2. The dam management group will meet March 10 at 10:00 AM and the APC group will meet March 11 at 9:00 AM.

Motion to adjourn by Tom. Second: Ron. Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM