

MEETING MINUTES

Middleborough-Lakeville Herring Fishery Commission

3/5/19 Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM. Middleborough Town Hall, Middleborough, MA.
Recorded by MCCAM.

Wardens Present: Tom Barron, Ron Burgess, David Cavanaugh, Bill Orphan.

Observers Present:

Visitors: Sylvester Zienkiewicz, Richard Oakley, Bruce Chase, Selectman Neil Rosenthal.

Unanticipated:

1. Rich Oakley, representing BoroBot, gave a presentation on a national robotics competition where a local team of students will build a small, underwater, robot. He will be at the Herring Run Festival and questioned if there would be a problem demonstrating the robot in the ladder and streaming video to a TV. There was no concern about harming the fish, but discussion centered around the swift current. Mr. Oakley also planned to take video at Wareham St. and is looking for a home for the robot after the completion. He questioned if the Commission or a town department might have use for it. Further discussion is contemplated.

New Business:

1. Motion by Tom to accept the minutes of the February 19 meeting. Second: Ron.
Unanimous.

2. Motion by Ron to support the Oliver Mill phase 2 grant application and send a letter of support. Second: Tom. Unanimous.

3. Dave C. and Tom attended the River Herring Network steering committee meeting on February 28. Topics of the upcoming annual meeting, recruiting and retaining wardens, and the website were discussed. There was great enthusiasm for hearing about herring fry research.

4. The Assawompset Dam Management/water level group meeting for March 5 was cancelled and rescheduled to March 12. The APC Management group is March 13.

5. We will discuss a river survey trip next month.

Old Business:

1. Water temp is currently 38 degrees. Dave Lemmo is diligently looking for the first fish and will adjust boards as needed. No specific maintenance needs were noted. Discussion involved

blocking the other sluiceways at Oliver Mill to keep fish out of unwanted areas, and concern raised for causing possible erosion through the wall stones.

2. We will discuss a river survey trip next month.

3. Project updates:

a. Outback working on the Notice of Intent.

b. 1. The Town Manager forwarded our suggestion of Atlantic Construction to rebuild the Oliver Mill kiosk to the insurance company.

b. 2. Ron noted that he has not heard from the Eagle candidate who worked on the Wareham St. kiosk. He will check with the electrical inspector and the G&E concerning the dusk/dawn timer and the repairs to the electric outlet.

b. 3. Ron will get the kiosk signs already voted. We will wait on the other stand alone sign pending any suggested wording being received.

c. The request for \$5000 line item funding was submitted to Middleborough and Lakeville. No further word.

d. Oliver Mill bridge construction is in progress.

Communications and Bills

1. Financial roll ups were received.

2. Copies of letters from the ConCom in support of the Oliver Mill project were received.

Motion to adjourn by Tom. Second: Ron. Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.