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MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2023

Location: Ball Room

Middleboro Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

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

Absent: Brad Day

Observers Present: None

Unanticipated:

1. Dave Cavanaugh will be making a presentation at the Wareham Street Fish Ladder at 10 a.m. on April 18 for the Taunton River Watershed Alliance
2. Dave informed the commission of a citizen petition changing the authorization of expenditures. The petition will require two authorizations for expenditures. The petition will be voted upon at the town meeting on April 24.

New Business:

1. Tom Barron made the motion to accept the meeting notes of March 14, 2023.
Dave seconded the motion.
Ron abstained due to not having attended the meeting.
The motion passed on a unanimous vote.
2. Dave presented an invitation to participate in the "Middleboro Cooler Fair" to be held on April 29. The commission decided to decline the invitation at this time.
3. Tom discussed the survey of the herring population by the Division of Marine Fisheries. He talked to Brad Chase about the taking of herring during the earliest part of the run. Ron also expressed concern about removing herring during the earliest part of the migration. It was decided to contact the DMF at the end of the current run.

Old Business:

1. Ron reported the river has dropped three inches in the last two week.
2. Tom reported on limited bird activity at the Assawompsett Pond Complex with no sightings of cormorants.
3. Dave reported that the Wareham Street fish ladder will require more work on clearing the channel connecting the upstream flow to the river. He also reported that tree growth on the Oliver Mill Fish Ladder is restricting flow and the discussed the options for dealing with the D channel.

4. Tom reported on his meeting with SRPEDD . He discussed allowing SRPEDD to use the Commission's weed removal permit for weed removal from the Nemasket River. He also reported it appears unlikely to complete the sedimentation removal project this year.
5. Tom also reported SRPEDD is researching removal of the diversion dam, the bascule dam and reconfiguration of the Assawompsett dam.
6. Dave reported the town is considering form a committee to review options for the reuse of the old DPW building.
7. The 2023 Herring Run Festival is to be held on April 15 – 16.
Volunteers will be available to Oliver Mill Park and the Wareham Street Fish Ladder for both Saturday April 15 and Sunday April 16.
8. Tom wanted to recognize Ron for the work he has performed on maintaining the flow in the Wareham Street fish ladder.
9. Dave wanted to recognize Tom as performing an incredible number of counts during the recent run.

Communication and Bills:

Tom paid the electric bill but did not have any updates on the accounts.

Dave made the motion to adjourn the meeting

Tom seconded the motion

Motion passed with a unanimous vote

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm