

MEETING MINUTES

Middleborough-Lakeville Herring Fishery Commission

4/2/19 Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM. Middleborough Town Hall, Middleborough, MA.
Recorded by MCCAM.

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

Observers Present:

Visitors: Bruce Chase, Dick Turner.

Unanticipated:

1. Our line item funding request is on the Selectmen's Town Meeting warrant hearing 4/8/19.
2. Louise Dery-Wells requested the Commission discuss the possibility of placing a "moonglow" light in the tunnel under Wareham St. She felt it would stop herring backing up in the ladder because of not wanting to pass a dark area. Ron mentioned it to John Sheppard. Marine Fisheries has no specific info that it would help or hurt. Motion by Ron to approve an experiment for placing a light under the bridge. Second: Dave. Unanimous.
3. Motion by Dave C. to send a letter of thanks to outgoing selectman John Knowlton for his support over the years and his personal assistance with Commission maintenance projects. Second: Tom. Unanimous.
4. Dick Turner expressed several concerns to the Commission. He suggested that the spillway at Assawompset dam needs to be much lower. He felt the town should hold as much acreage at the DPW site as possible when the new DPW is moved and at the old cranberry bog near Haanfords, to place river dredge material.

New Business:

1. Motion by Tom to accept the minutes of the March 5 meeting. Second: Brad. Unanimous.
2. Dave C. reported that the talk at the Science Café went well. Ron and Tom were present and assisted in the presentation. Two or three people expressed interest as volunteer counters.
3. Ron, Tom and Dave C. attended both the dam management group and APC management group meetings. The dam is wide open, the ponds are dropping a bit. There is no problem passing herring.

Old Business:

1. a. Water levels are good. River is dropping slightly.
b. Brad reported that he is unable to clean out the H-channel due to excess growth and wood debris. Discussion involved nailing a plywood panel to the headwall to close the channel. Motion by Dsave C. to close off the H-channel. Second: Ron. Unanimous.
c. RI will be taking fish on the 9th and 10th. MA will be taking fish on the 11th.
d. Dave C. proposed a new style board which might raise the Oliver Mill dams if needed.
2. Discussion involved a river survey trip on Memorial Day weekend.

3. Project updates:

- a. Ron met with Outback. They are working on the Notice of Intent. They will probably file with both Lakeville and Middleborough. There is no need to file with the Corps of Engineers following discussion with them. Filings to MEPA and Natural Heritage will be within the next week or two. Redlon volunteered a bobcat to use to offload river weed cuttings.
- b. Dave C. proposed several wording suggestions for the second stand-alone signs. Motion by Brad to use proposal # 1 and the detailed Nemasket map. Second: Tom. Unanimous. There is no word yet from the Town Manager re: insurance money for the kiosk rebuild. Motion by Dave C. to purchase a sign for each kiosk with the Commission logo and mission statement. Second: Tom. Unanimous.
- c. The request for \$5000 line item funding was submitted to Middleborough and Lakeville. The warrant hearing for Middleborough is April 8.
- d. Oliver Mill bridge construction is in progress. Many emails have been flying back and forth re: stonework and masonry. There is an on-site meeting scheduled for April 4.
- e. Ron talked with SRPEDD. Bill Napolitano is looking into the history of the Assawompset dam sand trap proposal and is seeking funding and updated design work.

Communications and Bills

1. Financial roll ups were received. We spent \$3070 to date on weed removal permitting work. The Middleborough Town Manager will bill Lakeville for their half at some point.
2. A copy of a letter was received from the Middleborough ConCom re: their concerns with the Island Terrace development proposal.

Motion to adjourn by Dave C. Second: Tom. Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.