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MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, April 6, 2021

Location: Middleboro Town Hall Auditorium (upstairs)

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

Wardens Present: Tom Barron, Ron Burgess, Carol "Krill" Carson, David Cavanaugh, Bill Orphanos Emily Ryan, Brad Day.

Absent:

Observers Present: Louise Dery-Wells

Visitors: Connie

Unanticipated:

Ron encouraged anyone seeing people using nets near the river to make note and report since it is Glass Eel season.

Tom disclosed an encounter with a Native tribal member at Wareham Street who mentioned the tribe would be coming on Saturday to Oliver Mill. Although unsure exactly what that meant, the overall encounter with the tribal member was pleasant.

In response to the encounter Tom had with the tribal member, Ron made a motion to inform EPO of the potential crowd at Oliver Mill. Ron added that we as wardens cannot enforce.

Second: Tom.

The motion was discussed with Dave adding he has contacted the Inland Enforcement Bureau in the past.

Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

1. Motion by Tom to accept the minutes of the March 2nd meeting

Second: Ron. Unanimous.

2. Ron provided update on river restoration. APC put out a document stating silt removal is highest priority. Provided working plan to help receive grants and is advocating for funding due to 'shovel-ready' project status.

(the official document from APC is filed with Herring Commission files)

Our project is on the agenda for the working group meeting and will look for grants/funding. Krill asked if we as a commission could apply for grants for weed removal? Dave replied our role in the weed removal project should be viewed as a test patch and then become a state or regional project based off the findings.

3. Dave spoke about an email that was sent out explaining CPC has funding for various projects on the river. Dave put in the DPW reuse area as a potential project since we had no others planned and the requirement was that they had to be new construction with new plans only.

4. In regards to the Lakeville Open Space Committee Plans, Bill wanted to discuss thoughts from the Commission. Ron made a suggestion regarding runoff near Vaughn Street and will email concern to be considered. Dave had made comments regarding the plans and with no objections Bill will forward those comments to the Lakeville Open Space Committee.

5. The Upper Nemasket Enhancement Workshop was attended by a few commission members and was discussed for those that could not attend.

Old Business

1. Emily R explained response from Emily S regarding zoom meetings and lack of stable internet connection in Town Hall Auditorium. Discussion of possibly holding meetings outdoors at Wareham Street in the future.

2. a. Tom gave update of river conditions, pond level is down and no rain predicted until Sunday. The water was still going over the B channel at the Assawompset dam, overall water level was about 2 inches lower. And although there is no sightings of herring between the lakes, there is evidence of their presence at the dam. (gulls, and cormorants)

b. Dave provided an update from Chris Peck regarding water level and rainfall. Overall, the seasons water levels look good at the run. Agreement from Bill and Ron, with Ron noting lots of stampedes.

Tom noted he encountered a man who may have poached fish after encountering a Native.

c. Dave reported various maintenance needs at the run, the "keep out of water" sign is overgrown as well as other overgrowth issues.

Brad mentioned he will be personally purchasing a pole saw that could be used to help with maintenance issues. Which led to discussion surrounding various maintenance issues the commission plans to address. The maintenance will wait until the herring slow and the water warms up some more.

3. a. Ron gave update that he expects to see the permit before Summer. Corrections were made to the paper submitted by the grad student and it is still in progress. Brad gave update that he reached out to the ecoharvester company and left a message. As discussed last meeting the commission will have the ecoharvester company give us a 'drop-dead' date so we can wait for the permit and still possibly hold the dates in August.

b. Ron had no new updates on the sediment trap we are still waiting for funding.

Communications and Bills

1. Tom presented electric bill as part of the line-item expenditures.

Motion by Tom to adjourn. Second: Dave: Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM