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MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 Location: Small Meeting 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: None

New Business:

- Ron Burgess made the motion to accept the meeting notes of March 14, 2023.
 Tom Barron seconded the motion.
 The motion passed on a unanimous vote.
- 2. There was an extensive discussion of the weed control agent Procella COR. Ron Burgess emphasized the need for the approval process involving Division of Marine Fisheries, Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, and the Natural Heritage program. Dave Cavanaugh informed the commission that the product was used in the Charles River last year approval from the Division of Marine Fisheries and the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

The commission agreed to continue researching Procella Cor particularly in respect to safety, expense, and effectiveness.

Old Business:

- 1. On June 4 Bill Orphanos and Bruce Chase kayaked from Vaughn Street to Oliver Mills. They commented on developing weed growth and dropping water levels.
- 2. Tom reported Assawompsett Pond has eight feet of exposed shoreline with two boards and the herring ladder open. Herring Fry are being seen but in small schools
- 3. Dave reported that the Wareham Street fish ladder will require more work on clearing the channel connecting the upstream flow to the river.
- 4. Ron reported that the Wareham Street fish ladder will need several boards replaced and offer plans for the project.
- 5. It was agreed to schedule three work dates in the late summer at the next meeting in July.

Communication and Bills:

- 1. Tom will pay the electric bill tomorrow.
- 2. Dave informed the commission he has been invited by the Lakeville Historical Society to speak on herring and the Nemasket River on June 28th.
- 3. Dave also discussed a request for the Wareham Street fish ladder construction plans from 1996. The plans were found in the filing cabinet.
- 4. Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm

 Dave seconded the motion and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm