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# **MEETING MINUTES**

Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2022 Location: Middleboro Town Hall Selectmen's Room Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM

Wardens Present: Bill Orphanos, David Cavanaugh, Emily Ryan, Bruce Chase, Tom Barron, Brad Day, Carol "Krill" Carson (arrived at 7:10)

Absent:

Observers Present: Ron Burgess

Visitors:

## **Unanticipated:**

Emily made announcement about accepting RI Environmental Police position beginning August 1<sup>st</sup>. She will no longer be able to continue her secretary duties after the July meeting, however, would like to stay on as an observer.

Dave sent final counts to John Sheppard. And stated the Oliver Mill Park bid came in above estimate, therefore they will be looking to only fix the two footbridges instead of all the stone work.

#### **New Business:**

- 1. Tom made motion to accept minutes.

  Dave Second. Unanimous.
- 2. Discussion about the Sustainable Fishery Management Plan. Dave made motion to accept the plan as presented and move it forward. Tom Second. Unanimous.

Ron made a suggestion to thank Brad Chase for his efforts on the plan. Dave made motion to send letter to Brad Chase and director of DMF (Dave Pierce) Emily Second. Unanimous.

### **Old Business**

1. Bill proposed a paddle in August to take a look at the river and weed growth since Ecoharvester.

Tom reported seeing adult herring in the box at Quittacas and no schools of fry at Assawompset. Brad Day asked about weed growth at Vaugn Street

Tom and Bill explained the weed growth is still bad and will get worse in August.

Discussion of water level and rain amount.

Tom mentioned silt fence is still up from the Ecoharvester work and he would like to take it down.

Discussion about the possibility to get the Ecoharvester out again. It was determined we would need to see how well it worked before deciding to use it again.

The Commission will pick a day in August to kayak the river and check on weed growth at the July meeting.

Dave saw some small fall backs while counting one day but no fall backs since.

Brad Day asked about removing birch and foliage at the Bascule Dam. Everyone agreed for Brad to remove it.

- 2. a. The Commission will check on the work of the Ecoharvester in August to determine if the weed growth continued or is improving.
- b. Tom attended APC meetings and it was determined that weed removal at Long Pond will be done using Ecoharvester that was used on Nemasket.

Senator Roderick gave funding to have improvements done and it was decided the funding would go towards weed removal at Long Pond. Senator Roderick gave funding to Long Pond Association through SRPEDD.

Sedimentation at various locations was discussed at the meeting as well and the permitting process was discussed.

Nancy Yates discussed increase in budget.

Joint filing will be done in Middleboro and Lakeville for sand removal. Taunton River Watershed provided funding for weed removal.

Discussion of SRPEDD involvement and action/planning being done and discussed.

MBTA will be removing sediment at 495 bridge.

Bruce Chase sat in on the DPW Old Site Project meeting, and reported they are currently removing old equipment at the site and will keep Brad informed as the project progresses.

#### **Communications and Bills**

Tom announced a public meeting sponsored by the SRPEDD on June 28th.

Tom paid electric bill.

Tom made motion to adjourn. Second by Bruce. Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm

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