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MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Location: Middleboro Town Hall Selectmen's Room

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM

Wardens Present: Bill Orphanos, David Cavanaugh, Emily Ryan, Bruce Chase, Tom Barron,

Absent: Brad Day, Carol (Krill) Carson

Observers Present:

Visitors:

Unanticipated:

Tom announced he received an email from Abigail Archer with River Herring Network asking if the Herring Commission would be willing to host the next meeting in house. Suggestions were made for locations such as the Middleboro Library, Town Hall, and Lakeville Library.

There was discussion about hosting and all members present were supportive.

Dave made a motion to offer to host the Network Meeting in Middleboro or Lakeville.

Bruce Second. Unanimous.

New Business:

1. Tom made motion to accept minutes.

Dave Second. Unanimous.

2. Discussion about observer term timeframe and participation from current observers.

It was determined that an email will be sent to current observers to ask if they want to continue when their current term ends in September and include expected duties.

Discussion about advertising the Herring Commission to recruit new members. Ideas of adding advertisements to the kiosks and facebook.

3. Tom discussed weed growth he saw from shore on Vaughn Street – lots of growth. The commission decided on August 6th at 10AM to meet at Old Bridge Street to kayak and see the weed growth.

Old Business

1. Tom reported the river is very overgrown with weeds and has low water level throughout the entire river and at both Wareham Street and Oliver Mill Park.

No water flowing through the ladder currently.

Tom showed video of fry he has spotted at his dock.

Dave mentioned a need to re-caulk the wall at Wareham Street and it was determined we need to set a date at the next meeting to look at and work on Wareham Street walls.

Tom added there were no adult herring sightings.

2. Bruce and Tom discussed last night's Board of Selectmen's meeting. SRPEDD/Bruce Chase discussed town will sign for permitting and it was passed at the meeting and the Selectmen endorsed. However, more permitting is needed.

Bruce and Tom attended APC/SRPEDD meeting, lots of concerns over upper Nemasket issues. Bruce was impressed with the research and concern. At the meeting there were four options for the attendees to vote on:

1. Do nothing
2. Sediment Trap
3. Dam Removal
4. Redo East Grove Street bridge/Wareham Street bridge/Train bridge/Old Bridge Street Bridge

Bruce state these four options were not comparable, and the outcome of the vote was not announced.

Discussion about sediment removal and trap plans.

Redlon fencing picked up and sent back

Dave made a motion to send a thank you for use of machinery and silt fence. (And copy both towns)

Tom Second. Unanimous.

Communications and Bills

Tom paid electric bill.

Tom mentioned Pratt Farm cleanup event announcement that was in our mailbox. July 16th and 24th

Tom made motion to send letter to Iman (NB Water Dept Superintendent) thanking them for their support and that they will be sorely missed.

Dave Second. Unanimous.

Bill asked who will fill in for Secretary position, Bruce volunteered.

Dave made motion to adjourn.

Second by Tom. Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm