

# MEETING MINUTES

## Middleborough-Lakeville Herring Fishery Commission

8/6/19 Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM. Middleborough Town Hall, Middleborough, MA.  
Recorded by MCCAM.

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

Observers Present:

### Unanticipated:

1. Tom reported the state budget was approved by the senate which includes the \$35,000.00 for Nemasket weed clearing. He also heard the senate proposed \$100,000.00 for a comprehensive study. Consensus was that a watershed study is sorely needed.

### New Business:

1. Motion by Tom to accept the minutes of the July 2 meeting with one correction. Second: Ron. Unanimous.

### Old Business:

1. a. The Assawompset dam has been open since last October. The pond and river are still high.

b. Gary Santos (New Bedford Water) asked if sand removal at the Long Point Rd. culvert would adversely impact herring fry. The consensus at the time was that it would not. Motion by Dave C. to ratify the decision that sand removal would not adversely impact migration. Second: Ron. Unanimous.

c. Fry are in the ponds. There is no restriction to entering the river.

d. Vegetation is very thick above the ladder. No fish migration is possible and canoe passage may be impossible.

e. The Wareham St. ladder still needs maintenance scheduled.

f. Brad reported that the tree down above Old Bridge St. should be cleared back as it will trap debris and cause passage problems.

g. Brad suggested asking New Bedford to close the dam, to see how that affects weed growth at the time the EcoHarvester would be working. Tom felt the lake was too high for New Bedford/Taunton to agree.

2. a. The Order of Conditions from both Middleborough and Lakeville has been signed and received.

b. We may need a Commercial Scientific Collection Permit to move any possible cooters from Natural Heritage. The permit would expire on Dec. 31, so we shouldn't apply until next year. A 7/26/19 conference call with USFWS, NE Regional office of USFWS, Endangered Species

Program noted we need a Habitat Conservation Plan under Sect. 9 of the Endangered Species Act. It is site specific and technical. USFWS and the state are willing to help with the plan. Ron will attempt to find a master's degree student willing to help. Dave C. felt such plan was not required.

c. Ron will ask Outback Engineering for an invoice for work done to date.

d. Nobody knows if the Town Manager has requested any reimbursement from Lakeville

Re: The line item accounts.

B. The Eagle Scout for the Oliver Mill kiosk has procured a new plaque (which was damaged when the kiosk was destroyed) and will install it.

C. The phase 2 meeting for Oliver Mill reconstruction was cancelled.

D. No new information.

### **Communications and Bills**

1. Financial roll ups were received. Dave C. questioned that all transactions for the grant were posted to the grant account to zero it out?

2. A letter from Lakeville reported that their Town Meeting approved a \$5000.00 line item account.

Motion to adjourn by Tom. Second: Dave C. Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.