

MEETING MINUTES

Middleborough-Lakeville Herring Fishery Commission

9/3/19 Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM. Middleborough Town Hall, Middleborough, MA.
Recorded by MCCAM.

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

Observers Present: Louise Dery-Wells

Visitors: Emily Ryan

Unanticipated:

New Business:

1. Motion by Ron to accept the minutes of the August 6 meeting. Second: Tom. Unanimous.
2. Emily introduced herself and expressed interest in becoming a warden. Four others (Carol Carson, Brian Holman, Bruce Chase, Wally Glendye) also expressed interest, but were unable to attend tonight's meeting. Motion by Ron to recommend Emily for appointment to one of the warden positions. Second: Dave C. Unanimous. Motion by Ron to hold off recommending the second warden until other candidates are explored. Second Dave C. Unanimous.

Motion by Tom to recommend appointment of Cyndy Mattie Gendron, Sargent Johnson, Louise Dery-Wells, Allin Frawley, Janet MacCausland, and David Lemmo as Volunteer Observers. Second: Ron. Unanimous. It is assumed we will have other volunteer observer requests after some others who expressed interest are contacted.

Old Business:

1. -- Ron worked on clearing growth from the top of the Wareham St. ladder. He received calls of no water flowing into the ladder with fish and turtles trapped. He and Dave L. removed boards and propped up the bottom of boards to allow water to flow out. Tom had asked the DPW to lower the dam. Discussion involved asking them to raise it again. No decision was made.
 - Tom noted the ponds dropped approx. one foot during the first week of August. Levels at Oliver Mill dropped also. No explanation.
 - No fry were seen in the ponds or river recently.
 - Louise volunteered to get water quality data from the wastewater plant, to compare to last year's numbers at this time.
 - Fish ladder maintenance still needs to be scheduled.

2. A. Invoices were received from Outback Engineering for \$1800.00 and John Crane for \$500.00. Ron reported awaiting reimbursement from the line item account for three months. In inquiry to Matt Sukeforth, the Town Manager's assistant, he had been holding the reimbursement because he didn't know what account to use. Tom noted that Lakeville officials reported that they had never been asked for payment from the line item accounts, even though our votes were always to pay invoices equally from both Middleborough and Lakeville line item accounts. Discussion noted that our only policy guidance about the line item accounts was a conversation between Louise and the Middleborough Town Manager Bob Nunes, reported by Louise, where invoices would be submitted to the Middleborough Town Manager for payment and he would seek reimbursement from Lakeville.

Motion by Ron to send the above invoices to Lakeville for payment. Amended motion by Tom to send a copy of the bills to Lakeville. Motion withdrawn. Motion by Tom to send the above invoices to Lakeville for payment with a copy to Middleborough. Motion withdrawn. Motion by Dave C. to pay the above invoices, equally from the Middleborough and Lakeville line item accounts, through the Middleborough Town Manager, and send a copy of the invoices to Lakeville. Second: Ron. Unanimous. Motion by Dave C. to send a letter to the Middleborough Town Manager noting that the Lakeville Town Administrator inquired of the Commission why they never received a request for payment from the line item accounts, the timeframe expected for payments, and seeking more formalized guidance in how the invoices were to be paid. Second: Ron. Unanimous.

Ron reported contact with SERPEDD concerning the federal Endangered Species Habitat Permit and SERPEDD knew of a college student willing to work on the permit.

B. We are awaiting action from Janet re: her proposed sign. We previously determined the sign should be 2x3, for inside the kiosk, and we decided the design and wording.

C. Last we had heard, the phase 2 design meeting for Oliver Mill had been cancelled and we had no word on rescheduling.

d. SERPEDD is working on the design for the sediment trap at the Assawompset Dam and questioned if an Endangered Species Habitat Permit would be required for this project also.

Communications and Bills

1. Financial roll ups were received.

2. The Dam management Group is scheduled to meet Tuesday, September 10 at 10:00 AM at the Quitticas plant. We will attend.

3. The Assawompset Pond Complex Management group meeting was moved to October 11 at 9:00 AM We will plan to attend.

Motion to adjourn by Tom. Second: Ron. Unanimous.