

**TOWN OF PEMBROKE**  
**HERRING FISHERIES COMMISSION MEETING**

**September 14, 2016**

Art opened the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Present were Bill Boulter, Art Egerton, Rick Madden, Jim Hackett, Rob Adams, and Janet Fahey.

**Membership:**

There is a new member to the Commission. His name is Matt Queenan. Rick Madden states that he has already been sworn in by the Selectmen.

A memo will be sent to Sabrina regarding the Member List of this Commission.

Jim Hackett will now be the Safety Officer. Bill explained the responsibilities of this post.

Bill mentioned that a Junior Fisheries Commissioner is being appointed. It will be the young Mr. Boulter (Bill's grandson). There was a motion made to appoint a Jr. Fisheries Commissioner to our Board. It was motioned by Rob and seconded by Jim. All in favor. Bill will bring our decision to the Selectmen. Rick feels this is important for the future of the Commission. It was mentioned that the same safety rules apply to this newly appointed Jr. Commissioner. A job description will be submitted to the Selectmen.

Bill spoke to the Selectmen and the new principal at the school about this. All are in favor. Bill wishes to have a program in the schools but he needs to get approval for this by the new principal.

**General Discussion:**

Bill mentioned the budget as of July 1, 2016 will be \$1800.00.

The trailer is in need of shelving storage for equipment. Bill mentioned that Drinkwater Trailer has such storage.

The Commission reviewed the minutes and Jim read the minutes aloud of the previous meeting that was on June 15, 2016. The meeting minutes were approved by Bill and seconded by Rob.

Bill stated that he sent a letter to the Selectmen regarding Silver Lake and Furnace Pond. As of this meeting there has been no response to his letter.

Bill also states that he has not yet had a response from the Town of Hanover regarding Indian Head River's maintenance.

Rick mentioned that there is a by-pass ditch behind Art Egerton's home that needs to be attended to.

Rick mentioned a thought about diverting water with a wooden trough and with sandbags to assist the fish. Discussion continued by the Commissioners regarding this.

### **Log Book Discussion:**

Bill mentioned that the log book should be brought to the meetings so it can be updated and discussed. Rick mentioned that he has pictures with dates to be added to the log book.

### **Future Projects:**

It was mentioned that there should be two ladders at Gorham III Pond. Rob mentioned that specs should be done regarding ladders especially regarding the depth and damage of the same.

Bill mentioned that the data has been collected from Furnace Pond and the engineer has been doing this for 5 years. Ed Thorne has the information regarding this. It was also mentioned that the engineers are now working on Furnace Pond for dredging.

Rob mentioned that data should be done on all the waterways in Pembroke so the Townspeople could be made aware of the conditions of the ponds.

Bill showed the Commissioners the depth levels of Silver Lake. Again, Rob mentioned that the Townspeople should be made aware of this also.

Jim asked how to initialize this plan. Bill stated that the State has money and we should get our foot in the door on these allotted monies.

It was also mentioned that Silver Lake should have a buoy with an automatic read out so information could be collected on a monthly basis regarding the depth of the lake. Perhaps pictures can be taken on a monthly basis at the same location of Silver Lake so the public could be made aware how the water is decreasing on this lake.

Rob asked if the DEP gets involved in this. Bill mentioned that he has a good working relationship with Brockton regarding Silver Lake.

### **New Business:**

#### **Fall Migration:**

Bill states that he has spoken to Brad at the Central Plymouth County Water Commission regarding the diversion of water during fall migration. It was stated that there isn't enough water to do this at this time. We need to be patient and wait. Perhaps in the late fall this could be done.

A letter was sent to the Fisheries Commission regarding Brockton not diverting water in October. At that point of time, the fish will not be ready to leave because of the current water levels.

Rick brought up ideas, but permits would be needed.

A letter needs to be sent to Brockton asking them to delay diverting water and have them commit to this request.

A meeting at the State House on the 24<sup>th</sup> with our Representative will take place regarding this.

Netting will be put in during the fall months for migration.

Repairs to the diversion pipe and screening need to be attended to.

The Department of Marine Fisheries has approached Brockton, but nothing has been done as yet.

It was mentioned that perhaps the State and the Marine Fisheries should be made aware of this above situation.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Rob. Seconded by Rick. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Fahey, Secretary