

## Pembroke Herring Fisheries Commission

### Minutes of December 11, 2014 1900

19:05 Meeting underway with Mark Amorello, Art Egerton, Rick Madden, Rob Adams, and Bill Boulter present.

1. Discussion about the fall juvenile migration. It appears that all went well this year with a number of juvenile fish observed at the Oldham Pond / Furnace Pond brook on several occasions by several of the commission members. It appeared that the migration was late this year. We received cooperation this year with Brockton Water about not opening the diversion pipe until after the migration. What was unknown the last several years is how the juvenile fish ended up in Silver Lake. Division of Marine Fisheries reported large groups of juvenile fish seen in the lake. They are working on a smaller screen to cover the diversion entrance pipe to correct this problem.
2. The first week in December a call was placed to Brockton Water indicating the approval to divert water before any flooding problems. Everything went well at Gorham Mill Pond Dam site. Mill Pond Dam site was a little high and required the DPW to insert several sand bags. The grate at the fish ladder was removed until after the water receded as it was slowing the rate of water because of leaves.
3. There was some discussion about dike boards removed between Hobomock St and Mountain Ave. Currently the water is being diverted to another location around the dike. We will check on this to see if it would be better for the fish.
4. Discussion about a joint meeting with area Fish Wardens, Division of Marine Fisheries, Pembroke Watershed Assoc, and the North River Watershed. Meeting would take place after the first of the year.
5. Discussion about the current equipment and if there is a need for other equipment. Anyone with ideas should contact Mark or Art.
6. Some discussion about the taking of water from Furnace Pond this summer. Abington / Rockland Water and Brockton Water said they did not divert any water. Bill Boulter was appointed by the Selectman as the Rep from the Town Board of Selectman to Brockton Water Commission. This will be good for the town by having someone that lives on Furnace Pond and will be notified about water diversion.
7. Discussion about contacting the Plymouth County Commissioners about equipment to remove weeds in the area of the fish runs. Mark will contact the Conservation Commission and Division of Marine Fisheries for approval.
8. Scheduling will take place soon for the cleanup of the streams from Oldham Pond to the North River so as to make sure the herring will have an easier run in the spring. Last year we put a lot of man hours into cleaning the streams. The Division of Marine Fisheries also sent several men to assist.
9. Nothing further to report at this time.