

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

**December 14, 2016**

The meeting opened at 5:30 p.m. This is the fourth meeting of the calendar year for this Commission.

Present were Bill Boulter, Jim Hackett, Art Egerton, Rick Madden, Mark Amorello, Phil Hoffman from Weymouth, Brian Doucette from Halifax, and Janet Fahey.

Mark thanked the Commission for all their work. However, he wishes that he could have been around during the year more.

**Open Meeting Law:**

There was a discussion of the Open Meeting Law. There was a discussion regarding who should receive a copy of the minutes after they are approved by the Commission. It was decided that Deborah Wall and the Clerk's Office should get a copy of the approved minutes. It will be so done.

**Weymouth Herring Visit:**

Jim Hackett spoke about his visit to the Weymouth Herring area at Durante Pond. He stated that it was a very good visit and a wonderful experience.

**GIS Program:**

Bill spoke with Cathy Salmon regarding the GIS program that she has for the Assessor's Department. Cathy checked with grants for her program and Bill will check with Ed Thorne for our Commission. Phil, from Weymouth, mentioned Weymouth has a USGS Survey program for his town. Mark mentioned that he will contact USGS to speak to Roy Sokilov. He will get in touch with him and then he will get information to the Commission.

**Safety Equipment:**

Currently there is approximately \$1000.00 left in our budget. It was asked of the Committee members what equipment would be needed. It was mentioned that perhaps protection gloves, clippers and loppers are needed. Bill mentioned that he will organize the trailer with new equipment. Rick will finish up with cleaning of the saws. He will take any equipment for repairs to Morgan's in Halifax.

Matt Queenan mentioned that he needs waders. Art mentioned he can use his until they are purchased.

It was also mentioned that perhaps a drone could be purchased. This would have to be brought up at Town Meeting.

**Fish Kill:**

Mark mentioned that the EPO is aware of situation and they are keeping an eye on the bog owner. Mark spoke with Brad Chase regarding this and Brad did a report on this. Brad mentioned that if this occurs again, a warning will not suffice – there will be consequences to the bog owner.

Mark mentioned that many fish got killed and he hopes that everyone has learned from this.

Bill stated that he did a report about this situation. It was the second time that this has happened. Bill asked him to use pump without advising us. Bill also mentioned that the picture taking was for documentation only. This was not intended for criminal documentation. Bill also mentioned that he was upset with the Environmental Police's concerns with the owner. The owner's son had a conversation with Brad Chase and from this point forward they will work together. Bill wishes a copy of his report to be given to Brad Chase. Bill submitted his report for the records.

Mark stated that we have to work with landowners and how to approach them in these types of situations.

Mark mentioned that he will get a letter from Brad and submit it for the records.

Rick mentioned that we need to be proactive about this type of problem in the future.

Mark mentioned that perhaps in the spring meeting we invite Pembroke Watershed and North River Watershed to our meeting.

#### Brockton Water – Silver Lake:

Brockton is diverting water during migration to Silver Lake. They still have not fixed the screen and have been advised several times to do so. Perhaps the Division of Marine Fisheries should be advised of this.

It was mentioned that we need assistance from the State for the water going over the dam – 3,000 gallons daily. Mark will email Brad Chase to get together with him and Bill to resolve this matter. Jim feels that this is extremely important to resolve this. Discussion continued.

#### General Information:

Bill mentioned that there is GIS mapping on the Assessor's Dept. Website. He stated that he brought this to the attention of landowners in case waterways need work.

Bill mentioned that he purchased a new log book that he will put in trailer. Documentation is extremely important. The work will then be put in the computer by the Secretary.

Art Egerton mentioned that he needs reimbursement for monies expended.

Mark mentioned that he is no longer with the Department of Marine Fisheries but still has a contact there if needed.

Art made a motion to approve the minutes of September 16, 2016. It was seconded by Rick and approved by all.

#### Appointed Positions:

Bill stated that he feels every position is now straightened out. Mark will send email to Sabrina regarding this. Mark will also get the list of appointments to the Commissioners and a copy for the records.

Jr. Fisheries Commissioner: Jack Boulter                      This has been approved by the Selectmen

Bill mentioned that he has spoken to the new principal, Mark Talbot, regarding the Commission and what they do and hoping that he can present this information to the students. Bill has also tried to make contact with the asst. principal, but with no success. Bill also mentioned that Brad Chase from the State will give the presentation. The principal is excited about the program and Bill will follow up with him.

**Future Projects:**

Brad and Ed need to be involved in the Hanover/Pembroke Indian Head River run. The State designated that the responsibility is Hanover's. It is their dam. Repairs need to be done to this area for the fish. Resting pools need attention. There was a meeting in New Bedford that several people went to.

Bill plans to work in streams – Cedar Swamp, Hobomock on Mountain Ave, etc.

**Phil Hoffman – Weymouth Fisheries:**

Phil spoke to the Commissioners about all their hard work and congratulates them on a job well done. His biggest wish is to encompass all the surrounding towns in the importance of the Herring. He thanked us for having him.

Motion to adjourn by Rick – seconded by Art.

Meeting closed at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Fahey