Pembroke Herring Fisheries Commission January 9, 2019 6:00PM Town Hall Center St Pembroke <u>Meeting Minutes Approved 02/27/2019</u>

Superintendent: Mark Amorello

Present: Mark Amorello, Bill Boulter, Rick Madden, Gino Fellini, and Kyle Stenstrom. Absent: Art Egerton, Matt Queenan, Joshua Rosario, and Brendon Mosher. Also present and requesting to be put on the Volunteer List was: Ronald Boidi and Hanna Brown

Treasurers Report: \$1,099.00

Approve last meeting minutes; October 2, 2018 (Approved)

Items to discuss:

- Discussion about the fall migration of herring. Members observed large amount of JV Herring leaving ponds, brooks, and streams headed for the North River. Several pictures and videos taken.
- 2. Discussion about next year having a Fish Fry with DMF and others.

Several members looking into the possibility of having a Herring Tasting Event with the DMF this year. The Plan is to contact DMF, and contact a business and others and bring information to the Feb meeting.

3. Discussion about the responsibility of appointed positions within the Fisheries such as Sec/Treasurer, Safety Officer, and Junior Commissioners and approved by the membership for the Selectman to approve.

Sec/Treasurer reported that this is almost completed and should be ready for the Feb Meeting to approve.

4. Update on current stream work clearing vegetation blocking the streams and Herring Run improvements for the migration.

Talked with Frank Basker of the Plymouth County and he has placed aside a machine that is able to complete the work needed to get rid of evasive plants that are blocking the waterway on Gorham Mill Pond off Hil's Mill Rd and Cranberry Rd dam area. Also involved is Bill Nineve of Trident Envo and Brad Chase of the Division of Marine Fisheries Meeting set for the 14th of Jan at 2PM. The Herring Run Park Project is an ongoing project that has required DMF Brad Chase, Pembroke Fisheries, and the Selectman's Office to coordinate.

5. Current Log Time by members of the Commission working in streams, other.

2018 Log results indicated **711 hours** that the Commissioners and other volunteers put into work projects, checking and clearing the streams, working with other agencies to complete projects, and attending meetings and other educational workshops. We will be posting the log on the Town Wed site soon.

6. Discussion possible vote regarding Plymouth County equipment & crew deployment. Refer to item #4 for comments

7. Old Business:

Gino Fellini has agreed to make several inserts for the fisheries ladder off Cranberry Rd as they are in bad need of repair. DMF indicated that they will be trying their best to replace the ladder next year with a new aluminum one. Gino was given a big "Thank You" for all the work projects he has taken on and completed this year.

8. New Business:

The Fisheries Commission purchased a used utility trailer and will be doing work on it this winter to be available for transportation of equipment, boats, and to remove items from the streams, brooks, and ponds as needed. Ocean Works Inc has agreed to allow us to work inside and also agreed to power coat the used trailer any color the Commission request.

Bill B had conversation with Peter Stamper 16 Park St Pembroke and requested permission to cross his land to put in a screen at Big Fish Brook next to his property for the Spring Migration. This stops herring from getting into the Bog off Maquan St. Thank you to Ocean Works for donating the screen and labor to build.

Nothing further to report at this time.

Sec/Treasurer Willard J Boulter Jr