TOWN OF PEMBROKE

HERRING FISHERIES COMMISSION MEETING

February 24, 2016



The meeting opened at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

Present were Mark Amorello, Bill Boulter, Jim Hackett, Rick Madden and Janet Fahey.

Equipment Repair:

Mark asked Rick about the equipment and how much repair is needed to maintain the equipment. Rick made mention of the needs and both Mark and Rick will maintain the equipment.

Stream Maintenance Plan:

Mark mentioned that Brad did this report. Mark also mentioned that we as well as the Conservation Commission will get a copy of this report.

Authority of Herring Run:

There has been no conclusion of who is in Authority of the Herring Run Bill stated. He has asked Ed Thorne several times. The Department of Marine Fisheries is in charge of the Herring Run as last we knew. If the Commission is doing any work within 100 feet of wetlands the Conservation Commission has to be notified of what work is being done. It was also mentioned when work is being done we are to make sure that a canopy is left over the river to protect the fish. The Department of Marine Fisheries has overall power. Mark stated that three years ago the State took authority away from the towns. The Department of Marine Fisheries has to write new rules and regulations.

This is an ongoing issue. Mark will be able to come back at a future meeting with final answers for us. Both Bill and Mark are working on this.

Public Relations:

No report.

Safety Officer:

Bill will call the Police Dept. before he goes out to advise them of what the Commission is doing. This should become regular procedure for all the Committee.

Elected Positions:

It was brought up that the Selectmen should be made aware of this each year.

Fish Counter Training:

This will take place when the Dept. of Marine Fisheries puts the counter in. The training will take place at that time.

Log Book:

A log book will need to be purchased to document what the Commission is doing. A dated book will be purchased by the Secretary.

Brockton Water:

Bill has contacted Brian Creedon from Brockton Water. He has not yet heard back from him.

Fish Ladder:

Mark will check into the fish ladder at the Herring Run and get in contact with Brad regarding this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Motion to adjourn by Mark. Seconded by Jim.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Fahey, Secretary