

Herring Fisheries Committee Meeting

June 29, 2017

Present were Bill Boulter, Jack Boulter, Kyle Stenstrom, Art Egerton, Rick Madden, Mark Amorello, Matt Queenan, Andrew Queenan, and Janet Fahey.

The meeting opened at 7:06 p.m. This meeting occurred post the migration of thr adult Herring.

The following officers were reaffirmed:

Mark Amorello	Supt.
Art Egerton	Asst. Supt. and publicity
Matt Queenan	Safety Officer
Janet Fahey	Clerk

This was motioned by Bill Boulter and seconded by Rick Madden.

Membership (regular members, alternate members and volunteers) and how it works was explained by Bill Boulter. Mark Amorello will submit required letters for the above.

Brian Druset is interested in helping out. He will be contacted.

OLD BUSINESS:

It was found that the water being high or low at Mattakeesett and Maquan and Indian Head Bog in Hanson (being lifted) was worked out with local authorities by Bill. Conservation and Pembroke DPW pulled the plank they have control over at Mattakeesett and Furnace. Presently there are a lot of fish in Oldham and to Furnace.

NEW BUSINESS:

Culverts:

There is a grant available for culverts Art reported. This is the culvert at Park Street. Art will give this to Ed Thorne to do this with Bill and Mark. Mark will speak to Brad at the Dept. of Marine Fisheries.

Brockton Water:

There has been no response from Brockton. It was stated that there can be no water removed until the screens are repaired. Perhaps court proceedings may be necessary.

Bog Owner next to Dam:

Brad notified this person what measures need to be taken. EPO may need to be involved. He may be pumping by September. The big pump has no screen. Mark will email Brad regarding this. Perhaps he can send letter. We may need to work with police regarding this problem.

Fish Ladder:

Furnace Pond Dam:

Ben, from Marine Fisheries, wants to move rocks this summer on Hobomock Pond. Ben also wants to stage the area at Furnace and Oldham.

Planks:

Bill mentioned that the planks got pulled at Center St. after he had been there to check on them. This happens at other areas too.

Equipment:

Camera-

New equipment is needed. Perhaps cameras can be put at certain locations because of the vandalism that has been happening. Bill has spoken to the Police Chief regarding this matter. Perhaps at the fall town meeting an article can be put in for this item.

Saws-

Bill will, with the approval of the committee, purchase two battery operated saws from Dicks in Hanover. All in agreement.

Stream Cleaning:

Brad, Ben and staff from Marine Fisheries will be helping this year. The dates selected are as follows: July 7, July 29, August 5, August 12, and August 26. Mark will email them regarding this. Bill has some people already set for this. The rocks can be moved at this time also.

Fish Fry:

This conversation will be for the 2018 fish fry in April or May.

Bill wishes to do fish fry at the Historical Society's Fish Fry. Perhaps actual Herring can be cooked. Brad from Marine Fisheries is for this. Mark will send email to Marine Fisheries regarding this.

If the Historical Society is not in favor of this endeavor, perhaps we as the Herring Fisheries Commission, we can do this ourselves at a different time. Plans need to be made if this happens. Mark will contact Marine Fisheries about this too.

Jr. Fisheries Program:

A gift was given this evening to both boys for their hard work in this program. Bill is still working with the High School on beginning a program.

It was thought that the next meeting would be in November, but it is not quite sure of this .

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Fahey, Secretary