

ARROWSIC FISH COMMISSION

28 MARCH 2024

TOWN HALL

6 PM

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Karen Robbins, Fish Warden
Mike McMahon, Deputy Fish Warden
Jack Witham
Angel Braestrup

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order By Fish Warden Karen Robbins at 6:10 p.m. She reported that Jeff Pinette was unable to attend.
2. **Minutes.** The minutes from the February 23 meeting were reviewed and approved as read by unanimous consent.
3. **Public Comment.** No members of the public were present.
4. **Work Days:** It was agreed that the morning of April 13th and the morning of April 20th would serve as work days to prepare for the installation of the fish counting trap. It was noted that the timing of the tides might affect the start time of the work to be done each day. Warden Robbins offered to reach out to the volunteer group for additional assistance.
5. **Annual Report & Budget:** The annual report to the Town was reviewed and approved by unanimous consent. The potential need for expenditures to repair the pond side of the culvert in the wake of the winter storm damage was discussed. A budget request to the Town of \$500 was reviewed and approved by unanimous consent.
6. **Provisional Harvest:** It was agreed that the provisional harvest would take place on May 18 in a manner similar to that of the 2023 harvest. It is hoped that the run is still plentiful by then as it is the earliest day that regulations allow.
7. **Alewife and River Herring Management:** Karen shared what she had learned about the Atlantic States Fishery Management Commission and NE Fishery Management Council's study of ways to reduce bycatch of river herring (including alewives) and the fact that their decision could affect future management of alewives and efforts to improve the fish passage on the downstream side of Route 127.
8. **Future Meetings:** April 25th and May 23rd at Town Hall at 6 p.m.

9. **Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m. by unanimous consent.