## **Town of Wareham**

## Marine Resources Commission

Meeting date: April 12, 2017

Attendees: Larry Bearse, Warren Hall, Jr., Don Jepson, Jim Smith, Garry Buckminster

The meeting opened at 5:00 PM

The minutes for the March MRC meeting were read and approved.

The meeting was held at the Harbormaster's workshop off Charge Pond Road.

Garry gave a tour of the facility which included viewing the upwellers his department has made for growing oyster and quahog seed. Garry provided updates on a number of ongoing projects. Garry indicated that work on the Onset boat ramp had been started by the contractor and he expects the work to be completed on time as specified in the contract.

Garry also gave an overview of the proposed reorganization of his department which will include the animal control officer being in his department. The reorganized department will be renamed the Department of Natural Resources. The proposed reorganization is to be voted on at Spring Town meeting.

When queried about whether a response had been forthcoming from the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the Selectmen's request to them to dredge the Wareham River, Garry indicated that no acknowledgement has been received. Garry was asked to follow-up with a letter either by him or the selectmen to get the request acknowledged and acted upon.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

I attest these are the true MRC minutes of the meeting held April 12, 2017.

Donald H. Jepson, Chairman

Please cc: Board of Selectmen, Harbormaster Office.