

***Narragansett Harbor Management Commission  
Meeting Minutes***

December 3, 2019

**I. Call to order**

1900 hrs: Chairman Harvey Cataldo

**II. Roll Call**

Harvey Cataldo, Ray Morrocco, John Jennings, Joe Hart, Jeff Berry, Brian Couture, Kevin Connors & Jill Sabo

**III. Approval of Consent Agenda**

March Minutes; Harbormaster Report; and, Correspondence

Motion to approve by J. Jennings / J. Hart. Approved 6 - 0

**IV. Open Forum**

- a) N/A

**V. New Business**

- a) **Section 82-123 of Muni Code** – There was discussion between Chair Cataldo and Narragansett Town Liaison J. Sabo regarding the vice-versa attendance of HMC member(s) attending similar HMC meetings in the respective towns of Narragansett & North Kingstown. No vote taken and the NHMC will recognize the discussion.
- b) **2020 Meeting Schedule** – J. Sabo provided a schedule of the 2020 NHMC calendar. Motion to approve by B. Couture / Jeff Berry. Approved 6 – 0.
- c) **CRMC Public Notice** – Discussion of CRMC Public Notice 2019-10-084. Only mentionable discussion is the extension of property lines which will be handled by the abutting properties. Motion to approve by B. Couture / R. Morrocco. Approved 6 – 0.

**VI. Old Business**

- a) **Tidal Gauge Update (it must be noted that in a 6 – 0 favorable motion / vote; this line item was moved to follow correspondence (B. Couture / R. Morrocco))** - Rick Black from the Salt Pond Coalition discussed a report that was completed by the Woods Hole Group that provided tidal ranges / differences between Long Cove and Champlin Cove; these two (2) coves were also compared to a check site of a piling in Galilee. The report stated that there were

**NO SIGIFICANT DIFFERENCES** between the two (2) coves. The study was completed in the fall of 2019 and funded by the Harbour Island Association. It was also noted that a study completed in the spring of 2020 could provide different raw data but to date; no study has been proposed.

- b) **Point Judith Pond Closures / Water Quality Update** – There was continued discussion between the Chair, NHMC members, the Town Liaison and members of the Salt Pond Coalition as to the quality of the waters within Point Judith Pond and this includes the waters of both Narragansett and South Kingstown. The Chair pointed out the fluctuating fecal coliform especially within East Pond. The Salt Pond Coalition made reference to the differences between Long Cove and Champlin Cove especially with regard to salt marshes in Long Cove slowly dying off because of the water not properly rising / falling which allows proper breathing by the marsh. The Salt Pond Coalition made reference that if/when culverts are added to the Foddering Farm Rd causeway, the marshes could improve. All agreed that the waters leaving the Saugatucket could be a main component of negative water quality in the upper pond.
- c) **Mooring Closure changes** – Continued discussion regarding the wording for T.O. 82-203 which outlines the opening date and closing date of moorings within the town. All language to be verified prior to submission for Town Council review.

## **VII. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn: J. Jennings / J. Hart. Approved 6 – 0 @ 2050 hrs. Next Meeting: January 7, 2020

*Joe Hart* / NHMC Secretary