

Narragansett Harbor Management Commission

May 5, 2020 (via ZOOM)

- **Call To Order** @ 1906 hrs. by Vice-Chairman Bryan Couture
- **Roll Call:** Harvey Cataldo, Bryan Couture, Joe Hart, Ray Morrocco, John Jennings, John Thompson, Jeffy Berry, Kevin Connors & Jill Sabo
- **Approval of Consent Agenda:** April 28, 2020 Minutes, Harbormaster Report **, and Correspondence. Motion to approve by B. Couture / J. Hart. Approved: 7 - 0
- **Open Forum:** N/A

- **New Business**

5R / CRMC Boating Facility Application @ 166 Waterway Dr – No discussion. Motion to Receive and place on file J. Jennings / R. Morrocco. Passed 6 - 0.

6R / CRMC Boating Facility Application @ 2 Woodsia Rd – No discussion. Motion to receive and place on file J. Hart / J. Berry. Passed 6 - 0.

7R / CRMC Boating Facility Application @ 15 Narrows Rd – Only discussion was that it will not be an obstruction to the channel. Motion to receive and place on file J. Berry / J. Thomspen. Passed 6 - 0.

8R / CRMC Preliminary Determination for New Aquaculture Site – In attendance was applicant Andrew Van Hemelrijck, CRMC member Dave Beutel, and DEM member Anna Gerber Williams. Recusing from discussion was NHMC Chairman H. Cataldo.

Applicant stated that he currently possesses an aquaculture area north & east of the proposed location that he uses in the summer months. It was learned that his license for this area had expired yet all tackle remains. Applicant stated that the new proposed area would be used in the winter months

only in an area just west of Little Comfort Island. Applicant also stated that this area is a known channel; used primarily in the winter months. Applicant stated that the application is desired for November through March but change it to December through March. Applicant is seeking a total of .60 acres between an enlarged existing site (.55) and a new proposed site (.05).

NHMC has much concern for both areas. The winter site (.05) would be in the middle of a channel that leads from the west side of Little Comfort Island and meets that main Pt Judith Pond channel just east of High Point. NHMC stated that even though this may be used less often in the winter months, it is still used and remains viable. The existing site as stated by the NHMC is an area of recreational use which could be impacted by the proposed size (.55). Lastly, NHMC asked for GIS mapping of all existing aquaculture sites on Pt. Judith Pond.

DEM had concerns over the use of larger sites as they recognized this area as recreational. DEM also had concerns over the origin of seedings as they do not want foreign or diseased aquaculture being developed in Pt Judith Pond.

CRMC had concerns that the proposed power washing would be held on the water and stated that this would not be approved. CRMC also added that this winter site would be a back-channel obstruction. CRMC continued that only .68 acres remain on Pt Judith Pond and that this proposed area of .60 acres would most likely prohibit any further aquaculture sites. Lastly, CRMC re-acknowledged that the applicant is not currently licensed and that any/all existing tackle would have to be removed, possibly by a date of June 15, 2020. Applicant acknowledged all aforementioned comments.

9R / CRMC Public Notice for Dredging near the Jerusalem Bulkhead – No discussion / all in favor / no vote required.

- **Old Business:** N/A
- **Motion to Adjourn:** B. Couture / J. Jennings. Approved: 7 – 0 @ 2035 hrs. Next Meeting: June 2, 2020.

Joe Hart / NHMC Secretary

**** Harbormaster verbal report**

- The Main Harbormaster boat has been commissioned and launched.
- The Narrows River Harbormaster boat will be commissioned soon.
- 7 new mooring permits have been issued.
- All mooring renewals were sent out; processing is slow due to a lag in returns as well as COVID-19 logistical in receiving the actual renewals to date.
- Mooring inspections are moving forward yet no reports have been received to date. Also, it is exactly unclear if all inspections are performed as “on-deck” inspections. H/M Connors to follow-up.