

Narragansett Harbor Management Commission

Oct 5, 2021

- I. **Call To Order @** 1900 hrs. by Vice-Chairman Bryan Couture
- II. **Roll Call:** Bryan Couture, Joe Hart, Ray Morrocco, Rick Black, Jeff Berry, John Hughes, Kevin Connors & Jill Sabo
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** September 7, 2021 Minutes. Motion to approve by R. Black / J. Berry. Approved: 4 - 0
- IV. **Approval of Harbormaster Report:** Motion to approve by J. Berry / R. Morrocco. Approved: 6-0.
- V. **Old Business:** N/A
- VI. **New Business**

3R / CRMC Preliminary Determination (file # 2021-08-09) Aquaculture facility in the Harbor of Refuge. **Motion to move forward to beginning of agenda: R. Morrocco / R. Black. Passed 6 - 0.** Applicant David Blaney stated this application is just an increase in area from his already existing location and operations would be from November 1 through April 30. H/M Connors stated no prior complaints and the applicant has always been in compliance. CRMC representative Ben Goetsch stated the US Army Corps of Engineers may require access to the outer wall but there is enough room between the wall and the proposed site location. He also stated that CRMC supports and encourages the many uses of kelp. RI DEM representative Anna Gerber Williams stated she has worked with the applicant in mapping out the site expansion and believes that the adverse impacts to marine fisheries and their habitat from this prospective site would be minimal. She also stated that the RIDEM Division of Fish and Wildlife said that they believe that sea ducks use this area but that there is no literature that states potential impacts of kelp aquaculture on sea birds, thus they do not have any concerns. Motion to Receive and place on file: R. Morrocco / R. Black. Passed 6 - 0.

4R / CRMC Boating Facility Public Notice (file # 2021-08-044) @ 31 Sunset Shore Dr. No discussion other than the proposed facility being in line with other docks in the area. Motion to Receive and place on file: J. Berry / R. Morrocco. Passed 6 - 0.
- VII. **Open Forum:** Harvey Cataldo from the Galilee Advisory Committee gave a brief overview from the commission that included fishing on the Great Island Bridge and that the former Dutch Inn site is still in talks between Town Council, RI DEM and current lease holders.

VIII. **Reports from Staff:** Town Council meeting on 18OCT21. Objection letter from file # 2002-9-100 to be discussed.

IX. **Motion to Adjourn:** R. Black / J. Hughes. Approved: 6 – 0 @ 2005 hrs. Next Meeting: 02NOV21; site tbd.

Joe Hart / NHMC Secretary