

Narragansett Harbor Management Commission -- 2022-May-03

Convene / Roll Call

- **Call To Order @ 19:05h** by Vice-Chair Ray Morocco, Site: Narragansett Town Hall Board Room
- **Roll Call**, Members: Ray Morocco, Joe Hart, John Hughes, Don Vivenzio, Rick Black, Jeff Berry; Liason Staff: Jill Sabo; Harbormaster Kevin Connors
- **Exhibits Provided:**
 - HMC Meeting minutes of 2022-Apr-05
 - Briggs Water sam.pdf: results from lab testing on samples collected by Ray Morocco
 - 3410.pdf: Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program slideshow; example of CA citizen-monitoring program
 - South End Drainage Maps, pages 12, 13, 21, 22, 23, 31, 32, encompassing Briggs Farm plat
 - Agenda for this meeting

Consent Agenda

- **Item 1C, Minutes from 2022-Apr-06:** Minutes distributed before meeting. No corrections requested.
- **Item 2C, Harbormaster's Report:** Report distributed before meeting. Pt Judith Pond Harbormaster boat is berthed at Ram Point Marina at no charge to the town.
- **Approval of Consent Agenda:** Moved by J. Hughes, seconded R. Black to accept these reports. Approved 6-0

Regular Agenda—

- **HMC Budget:** Noted that recent Town Council meeting the \$2,800 request was provisionally amended to \$2,500. This as well as all other line items awaits final passage upon formal budget enactment for the fiscal year beginning 2022-Jul-01. As of that date funds may be requisitioned by HMC.
- **Town of South Kingstown, Waterfront Advisory Commission:** As planned, Chairman Bryan Couture along with R. Morocco and D. Vivenzio attended as Narragansett liason to this body on matters of shared concern. General approval from all parties voiced with plans to continue this liason.
- **Old Business Item 3R: Pt Judith Pond Closures/Water Quality update:** Discussion proceeded as to facilitating pollution remediation for areas in Bluff Hill Cove (near Frank Neck/Rye Pt) and Champlin Cove (near Briggs Farm neighborhood landing).
 - Member Don Vivenzio has received training in collection of water samples. We expect to sample in Bluff Hill Cove in vicinity of Meadow Road, which is well centered in the closure area. J. Berry has secured pond access with locals who have docks in this area. The end of one of such docks shall serve at the sample point to be used by Don whether he chooses to arrive by car or boat. Jeff will introduce Don to these homeowners when appropriate. Rick Black indicates that sampling can start in 2 to 3 weeks when materials are available.
 - Ray Morocco has taken the initiative to sample fresh surface runoff in Briggs Farm and transport to lab (RI Analytic Laboratories Inc.). Lab findings, at Ray's personal expense, are included in the exhibits. The 4 test sites are marked on Secretary's copy of South End Drainage Maps. Noted that samples taken Apr-19 after heavy rainstorm, so high pollution not a surprise. Not all streams are flowing on dry days.
 - Consensus was to seek advice from RI Analytic Labs as to best sampling practice. Perhaps have them attend one of our meetings. Also request Tom Rogers of Narragansett Conservancy Trust (authority managing town-owned Sunset Farms, adjacent to Briggs plat) to attend as allied partner in our efforts.
 - One of noted requirements to re-opening closed zones was the distribution of publicity to abutting homeowners. Such publicity needs to advise on best practice for lawn fertilization, discard of pet

waste etc. to lessen pollution impact by residents. Jill Sabo notes that Charlestown has been doing the best job among locals here. Ray Morocco would like to see this happen in the Briggs Farm area.

- **Reports from Commission/Staff:** none
- **Open Forum:** none
- **Correspondence:** none
- **Items for next agenda:** Continuation for Pt Judith Pond Closures/Water Quality update. Noted that we are expecting input from Narragansett Public Works:
 - Storm drain camera findings from Carver Rd and Pond View Rd outflow pipes
 - Data on 12 inch pipes
 - Tree-box culverts
- **Adjournment:** 20:20h, moved J. Hughes, seconded J. Hart approved 6-0. Next meeting 2022-Jun-07, 19:00h, Narragansett Town Hall, Board Room

Respectfully submitted, *Jeff Berry*, NHMC Secretary