

# Narragansett Harbor Management Commission -- 2022-Jun-07

## Convene / Roll Call

- **Call To Order** @ 19:05h by Chair Bryan Couture, Site: Narragansett Town Hall Board Room
- **Roll Call**, Members: Bryan Couture, Ray Morocco, John Thompson, Rick Black, John Hughes, Don Vivenzio, Jeff Berry  
Liaison Staff: Jill Sabo; Harbormaster Kevin Connors
- **Exhibits Provided:**
  - HMC Meeting minutes of 2022-May-03
  - URI Watershed Watch Data
  - Agenda for this meeting

## Consent Agenda

- **Item 1C, Minutes from 2022-May-03:** Minutes distributed before meeting. Corrections of a grammatical nature were noted to the Secretary. No other corrections requested. Moved by Ray Morocco, seconded Rick Black to accept report as corrected. Motion passed 6-0 (Jeff B abstain)
- **Item 2C, Harbormaster's Report:** None prepared due to office IT problems. Kevin noted there lies south of the Frank's Neck Road (Great I.) causeway a broken-away float from an unknown dock. It has resided there since March this year but appears in sound, usable condition. He was alerted to this by Narragansett Public Works. Rick Black and Don Vivenzio have also witnessed. This does not seem an emergency and will be monitored. Hopefully the owner will remove and salvage.

## Regular Agenda

### Item 3R, Point Judith Pond Closures / Water Quality Update:

- Rick Black provided historical data leading up to the closure of the East Pond (Bluff Hill Cove) section from Ram Head to Rye Point. Don Vivenzio has been trained and taken on water sampling task for a defined site on Point Judith Neck opposite Frank's Neck. It is noted that spikes in coliform/enterococcus relate to rain/runoff events. The data gathered herein is of educational value only. Lifting of shellfish closures is controlled RIDEM, typically in response to town-undertaken publicity and mitigation measures, followed by DEM's own water sampling. Facilitating progress towards re-opening is clearly a goal of this body.
  - Town DPW has undertaken to witness stormwater drain illegal tie-in's. Qty 12 found on Carver Lane, Robertson Rd, and Durkin Dr. Follow-up calls for sealing these tie-in's. Other significant mitigation measures involve publicity on harmful practices (pet waste in street and lawn fertilization) and marking street drains ("No Dumping" here). Construction of "Tree Box" catch basins to intercept street runoff before it reaches the storm drains is deemed helpful (especially as regards Briggs Farm / Champlin Cove area). News on these measures is expected from Town DPW before September.
  - Briggs Farm mitigation measures point to the need for coordinated town discussion among HMC, Narragansett Land Trust (responsible for Sunset Farm), DPW, and possibly town officials. It is being considered that the next HMC meeting set agenda item specifically calling for Town Manager to call meeting with applicable officials and bodies for water quality improvement measures.
- **New Business:** none.
  - **Reports from Commission/Staff:** none
  - **Open Forum:** none

- **Correspondence:**
  - Noted that a new state bill (H8055) redefines shoreline private/public property boundary as 6 feet inland from the “wrack line” (seaweed etc debris left by high water extent).
  - HMC member and former Secretary Joe Hart has resigned from this commission
  
- **Items for next agenda:**
  - Requesting Town Manager to call departmental meeting for Briggs Farm runoff mitigation measures (discussed above).
  - DPW investigations into undocumented storm drain tie-in’s on Carver Rd and Pond View Rd
  
- **Adjournment:** 20:10h, moved Rick Black, seconded John Hughes. Approved 7-0. Next meeting 2022-Jul-07, 19:00h, Narragansett Town Hall, Board Room, or alternative date as called by Chair.

Respectfully submitted, *Jeff Berry*, NHMC Secretary