

Narragansett Harbor Management Commission -- 2022-Dec-06 appvd Jan-03

Convene / Roll Call

Call To Order @ 19:00h by Chair Bryan Couture, Site: Narragansett Town Hall, Conference Room

Roll Call, Members: Bryan Couture, Ray Morocco, John Hughes, Don Vivenzio, R. Rick Black, Jeff Berry;
Liaison Staff: Jill Sabo, Harbormaster: Kevin Connors

Exhibits Provided:

- HMC Meeting minutes of 2022-Sep
- HMC Meeting minutes of 2022-Nov
- Harbormaster report of 2022-Nov-30
- Agenda for this meeting
- Engineering drawing for New Business Item 6R residential boating facility modification (Coastal Coasters LLC)
- 2022 Bacteria Data, RI Coastal Salt Pond sites up to final Oct-12 findings

Administrative Matters

- **Item 1C**
 - **Minutes from 2022-Sep-06:** Noted that due to technical non-compliance with procedures preparatory to the Sep-06 meeting, the notes therefrom could not qualify as official minutes, but instead constitute a record of an unofficial meeting of NHMC. Motion to approve by Ray Morocco, seconded by John Hughes. Approved 5-0-1 (J Berry abstain).
 - **Minutes from 2022-Nov-01:** Corrections noted and shall be so made for official submittal. Moved by John Hughes, seconded by Ray Morocco to accept reports as corrected. Motion passed 5-0-1 (J Berry abstain).
- It is noted there are two new NHMC members appointed: Harvey Cataldo (returning after hiatus) and Steve Marasco. Membership should become official by next meeting.
- Moved by Ray Morocco, seconded by Rick Black to move agenda Item 3R up as a courtesy to Tom Rogers, chair of Narragansett Land Conservancy Trust, supervisory town body for Sunset Farm. Motion approved 6-0.
- **Item 3R, Point Judith Pond Closures / Water Quality:** Welcomed Tom Rogers to meeting. Discussion involved effects of Sunset Farm storm runoff on bordering Briggs Farm and Champlin Cove waters. Possibility of water sampling at various land-based accumulation points and entries to Salt Pond considered. Considerations indicate we should call on town engineer or alternative expertise to recommend new sampling sites. Action item is for Jill Sabo to investigate possible town responses.
- **Item 2C, Harbormaster's Report:** Kevin Connors provided written report. Moved by Rick Black, seconded by Ray Morocco to receive report and place on file. Motion approved 6-0.
- **Item 4R, 2022 Year end Report:** Chair Brian Couture is willing to author this. Secretary Jeff Berry shall provide month-by-month HMC attendance records for Brian to include.
- **Item 5R, CRMC Boating Facility (File # MOD 1994-09-082, Long, 130 Marine Dr):** No issues found. Moved by John Hughes, seconded by Rick Black to receive and place on file. Motion approved 6-0.
- **Item 6R, CRMC Boating Facility (File # MOD 2002-09-100, Coastal Coasters, 1201 Succotash Rd):** Objections voiced to the proposed tie-off pilings (qty 3) approximately 16 ft easterly from end of dock "L-head". This is seen as encroaching on the main harbor channel as it has shoaled and moved westerly. Objection takes same form as that issued on preceding proposal at same site from 2021-Sep.

Moved by Rick Black, seconded by Ray Morocco for Harbor Master to issue letter of objection to Town Council. Motion approved 6-0.

Reports from Commission / Staff

- Jill Sabo reports plans for restoration in Pettaquamscutt Cove have received funding approval. This takes the form of drainage channels (“runnels”).
- Chair Brian Couture has spoken with Port of Galilee manager Dan Costa on the recently observed oil slick seen in East Pond. It is noticed that responsiveness to such events had been lessened by equipment and personnel cutbacks.

Correspondence

- Final public presentation of Resilience Planning for Galilee (URI Landscape Architecture group project) is scheduled Dec-20, 5:00-7:00pm at Narragansett Town Hall.
- Noted that the Town website needs an update on the active mooring maintenance vendors. Only Nick Hentschell of Tri State Dive Services (for PJP) and Pleasant Street Wharf (for Narragansett Bay) are authorized.

Items for next Agenda

- Next meeting 2023-Jan-03, 19:00h, Narragansett Town Hall, Board Room or alternative site as required.
- Plans for update to 2019 Harbor Management Review

Adjournment: 21:00h, moved by John Hughes, seconded by Rick Black. Approved 6-0.

Respectfully submitted, *Jeff Berry*, NHMC Secretary