

Narragansett Harbor Management Commission - 2023-Mar-07 apprvd 2023Apr03

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, R. Rick Black, John Hughes, Don Vivenzio, Jeff Berry, Harvey Cataldo (1st alternate with full voting powers)
Liaison Staff: Jill Sabo
- **Exhibits Provided:**
 - Harbor Management Commission (HMC) meeting minutes of 2023-Feb-07
 - Narrow River/Woodsia Road dock construction plan (agenda Item 5R)
 - Agenda for this meeting

Consent Agenda

- **Item 1C, Minutes from 2023-Feb-07:** Minutes distributed before meeting. Modifications suggested to on Reports from Commission/Staff and so marked by Secretary for re-release of minutes to Jill Sabo.
- **Item 2C, Harbormaster's Report:** Kevin Connors provided informal report of activities, as relayed through Jill. Kevin saw no issue with the Narrow River/Woodsia Road dock plan, per upcoming agenda Item 5R.
- **Approval of Consent Agenda:** moved by John Hughes, seconded by Don Vivenzio. Motion passed 7-0 (1 alternate vote included).

Regular Agenda

- **Item 3R, Water Quality:**
 - Meeting of Sunset Farm subcommittee (Ray Morocco, John Thompson, Don Vivenzio), including Jill Sabo, and John Lawless of town engineering held at Farm. It was discussed how farm runoff might be spread out (using "filter strips") and re-absorbed into ground to lessen surface water entry to Pt Judith Pond. John Lawless produced document outlining Best Management Practices (BMP's) for pollution from farms.
 - Among full HMC, uncertainty voiced as to ability of bacterial tests such as we have available to distinguish waste from farm animals (cattle) vs waterfowl (geese). Still it is deemed helpful to utilize our budgeted tests for sites in Champlin Cove to assess runoff from Farm. It would be preferable to coordinate tests with rain events (2 hr after start) to best catch the heaviest pollution influx. Recommended we seek input from NHMC's John Thompson hereto. We could ask Town to direct the BMP document to the Land Trust (managing agency for Farm). Jill will meet with Town Manager as to feasible directions.
 - Jill reports town is pursuing community outreach on elevation and tidal flow enhancement at the Foddering Farm Rd causeway.
 - Jill reports there may be FEMA money available to help safety-related concerns over resilience in view of ocean level rise.
- **Item 4R, Harbor Management Plan (HMP):** John Hughes has drafted a hand markup of the existing HMP (2018) as a starting point. Jill will look into getting this word-processed this into distributable electronic form. The subcommittee (John, Don, Harvey) has scheduled a meeting around Mar-27 to review. We have established an agenda item for next month's meeting to request Bonnet Shores Fire District involvement in the HMP update.
- **Item 5R, CRMC Boating Facility Public Notice** (File #2023-02-052, Narrow River/Woodsia Road): Discussion proceeded without issue. Moved by Harvey Cataldo, seconded by Rick Black to receive and place on file. Motion passed 7-0 (1 alternate vote included).

Reports from Commission/Staff: none

Open Forum: none

Items for next agenda:

- Harbor Management Plan update, as discussed above. We seek outreach to Bonnet Shores F.D. requesting HMP input
- Pt Judith Pond Closures / Water Quality continued
- Presentation from Matt Dowling on Charlestown water quality best-practice measures. Specific requests for Matt's presentation should be directed through Jill.

Adjournment: 20:50h, moved by Ray Morocco, seconded by John Hughes. Approved 7-0 (members and 1 alternate). Next meeting 2023-Apr-05, 19:00h, Narragansett Town Hall, Conference Room, or alternative site as required.

Respectfully submitted, *Jeff Berry*, NHMC Secretary