

# Narragansett Harbor Management Commission -- 2023-Jan-03 approved

## Convene / Roll Call

- **Call To Order** @ 19:00h by Vice Chair Ray Morocco, Site: Narragansett Town Hall, Conference Room
- **Roll Call**, Members: Bryan Couture, Ray Morocco, John Thompson, R. Rick Black, John Hughes, Don Vivenzio, Jeff Berry, Steven Marasco (alternate)  
Liaison Staff: Jill Sabo, Harbormaster: Kevin Connors
- **Exhibits Provided:**
  - Harbor Management Commission (HMC) meeting minutes of 2022-Dec-06
  - Harbormaster report of 2022-Dec-31
  - Agenda for this meeting
  - HMC Year-end report and member attendance record
  - CRMC Public Notice File 2014-04-106 for Franford / Jonathan Island Oyster project

## Consent Agenda

- **Item 1C, Minutes from 2022-Dec-06:** Minutes distributed before meeting. Approval of minutes as submitted moved by John Hughes, seconded by Rick Black and so marked by Secretary for re-release to Jill Sabo. Motion passed 8-0 (alternate vote included).
- **Item 2C, Harbormaster's Report:** Kevin Connors provided written report. Moved by John Hughes, seconded by Jeff Berry to receive report and place on file. Motion passed 8-0 (alternate vote included).

## Regular Agenda – Old Business

- **Item 3R, Point Judith Pond Closures/Water Quality Update**
  - A meeting on Sunset Farm runoff was held by Bryan Couture, Ray Morocco, and Narragansett Town Manager. Action resulting is to request Jill Sabo to invite town officials from Engineering and Public Works, along with subset of HMC on a field trip of Sunset Farm to witness stormwater runoff southward into Briggs Farm. Tour expected to happen mid-January. Consideration is given to additional water sampling in Sunset Farm and remedial measures to be taken using existing town budget.
  - In response to town IDDE investigations, runoff pollution remediation is being mandated by RI-DEM. Retention basins such as implemented at Circuit Dr. have shown promise.
  - Chair Bryan Couture held meeting with Dan Costa (Galilee Port Manager), Jim O'Connor (dock supervisor) and RI-DEM Emergency Response person ("Andrew", Tel: 401-302-8397) to discuss presence of oil slicks from Galilee witnessed in East Pond, Iron Mine Cove. Specific cause was not determinable and not deemed responsibility of DEM, according to Andrew.

## Regular Agenda – New Business

- **Item 4R, 2022 Year-end Report:** Text of report by Chair Bryan Couture was deemed exemplary. Attached attendance record was requested to include notice of Joe Hart's term ending after May meeting. Acceptance of report moved by John Hughes, seconded by Don Vivenzio. Motion passed 8-0 (alternate vote included).
- **Item 5R, CRMC Aquaculture Public Notice of application (File # 2014-04-106, Franford):** Noted this application is a repeating pattern for this site which is attempting to gain floating gear area to the detriment of recreational boating traffic west of Jonathan I. Action determined to be:
  - Ask CRMC (action, Jill Sabo) to extend deadline for commentary beyond 2023-Jan-12
  - Chair Bryan Couture to write letter to Town Council asking for issuance of letter of objection to CRMC and asking for public hearing on this matter.
  - HMC endorsement of above actions moved by John Hughes, seconded by Rick Black. Motion passed 7-0 (alternate vote not included).

- **Item 6R, Election of Officers:** Nomination of existing slate (Chair: Bryan Couture, Vice Chair: Ray Morocco, Secretary: Jeff Berry) moved by John Hughes, seconded by Rick Black. Nomination approved 8-0 (alternate vote included)

**Reports from Commission/Staff:**

Consideration focusing on 2023 scheduled update to 2018 Harbor Management Plan (HMP). Jill Sabo advises request of \$20,000 budgeted for consultant to detail desired changes. The CRMC website serves as a suitable guide for HMP verbiage. Suggestion made to have statements of specific marine activities (aquaculture, recreation, commercial navigation, etc.) included.

**Open Forum:** none

**Items for next agenda:**

- Harbor Management Plan update, as discussed above.
- Creation of HMC subcommittees for review of continuing issues: Harbor Management Plan, Water Quality

**Adjournment:** 20:35h, moved by Bryan Couture, seconded by Rick Black. Approved 8-0 (alternate vote included). Next meeting 2023-Feb-07, 19:00h, Narragansett Town Hall, Board Room, or alternative site as required.

Respectfully submitted, *Jeff Berry*, NHMC Secretary