

Narragansett Harbor Mgmt Commission (NHMC) - 2024-Feb-06 approved Mar-05

Convene / Roll Call

- **Call To Order** @ 19:00h by Vice Chair Ray Morrocco, Site: Narragansett Town Hall, Conference Room
- **Roll Call**, Members: Ray Morrocco, Don Vivenzio, R. Rick Black, Jeff Berry, Steven Marasco (alternate with full voting powers), Harvey Cataldo (alternate with full voting powers)
Liaison Staff: Jill Sabo
- **Exhibits Provided:**
 - Agenda for this meeting
 - Narragansett Harbor Management Commission (NHMC) meeting minutes of 2024-Jan-02 as recorded by Secretary
 - Harbormaster report 2024-Jan-31
 - CRMC Public Notice (File #2014-07-067; January 17, 2024), application for modification to aquaculture site by leaseholder Oliver Dixon.
 - CMRC Public Notice (File #2014-07-067; July 31, 2014), predecessor application for the above site as submitted by then-leaseholder Devon Campanale.
 - RIDEM 2022 Office of Water Resources, Shellfish Water Quality Program, Annual Update of Pt Judith and Potters Pond (Area GA10) water quality. Email from office of David Borkman: David.Borkman@dem.ri.gov

Agenda

- **Change of Agenda sequence:**
 - Moved by Rick Black, seconded by Don Vivenzio to move Item D1 to start of agenda. Motion passed 5-0 (Harvey Cataldo recusing for duration of this agenda item).
- **Item D1, CRMC Public Notice File 2014-07-067, aquaculture proposal:**
 - Site leaseholder Oliver Dixon present to accompany CRMC Public Notice and provide explanation. In summary, change is requested from bottom-resident habitat for juvenile oysters to suspended floatation bags. Discussion ensued. Rick Black moves, Steve Marasco seconds continued consideration with scheduled special meeting. Motion passed 5-0. Scheduled date given below.
- **Item A1, Approval of Minutes:**
 - Minutes from 2024-Jan-02 were reviewed. Moved by Steve Marasco, seconded by Don Vivenzio to accept minutes as written. Motion passed 5-0-1 (Rick Black abstained due to absence at this meeting).
- **Item B1, Harbormaster Report:**
 - Report received from Harbormaster Kevin Connors. Moved by Harvey Cataldo, seconded by Steve Marasco acceptance of report. Motion passed 6-0.
- **Item C1, Pt Judith Pond closures/Water Quality Update:**
 - Further tests at Champlin Cove are waiting for proper weather conditions.
 - Results of East Pond Site #2 and other PJ Pond sites as executed by Salt Ponds Coalition are not ready yet.
 - RI DEM report received, cited below under Correspondence.
- **Item C2, Harbor Management Plan revision process:**
 - NHMC member John Hughes has pending edits in response to our last review.
 - Fire Chief Partington, who met with us last month, has expressed a desire that the plan include further definition of the Narragansett Fire Department roles.
- **Correspondence:**
 - Distribution of RI DEM (from David Borkman) Office of Water Resources, Shellfish Water Quality Program – providing 2022 Annual Update to Point Judith and Potters Pond water quality tests. Notably, conditional pond closures up from 21 days in 2022 to 42 days in 2023.

- **Items for next agenda:**
 - Discussion of Dixon aquaculture application continued to special meeting scheduled for 2024-Feb-15, 19:00h at Narragansett Town Hall, Large Conference Room.
 - Next scheduled regular meeting 2024-Mar-05, 19:00h at Narragansett Town Hall, Large Conference Room. Normal standing business to be conducted, including Water Quality and Harbor Management Plan revision process.
- **Adjournment:** Motion by Don Vivenzio, seconded by Rick Black. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 20:20h.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Berry, NHMC Secretary