

# Narragansett Harbor Mgmt Commission (NHMC) - 2023-Dec-05 corrected2024Jan2

## Convene / Roll Call

- **Call To Order @ 19:00h** by Chair Bryan Couture, Site: Narragansett Town Hall, Conference Room
- **Roll Call**, Members: Bryan Couture, Ray Morrocco, Rick Black, Don Vivenzio, John Hughes, Jeff Berry, Steven Marasco (alternate)  
Harbormaster: Kevin Connors, Liaison Staff: Jill Sabo
- **Exhibits Provided:**
  - Agenda for this meeting
  - Narragansett Harbor Management Commission (NHMC) meeting minutes of 2023-Nov-07 as recorded by Secretary
  - Harbormaster report 2023-Nov-30
  - CRMC Notice File Number 2023-09-033, application for residential boating facility at Narrows Road (Harbour Island)
  - CRMC Notice File Number 2023-08-076 application for residential boating facility by Mansfield at Harbour Island Road.
  - Draft revision of Harbor Management Plan (HMP) for consideration at subsequent meeting(s).
  - Proposed NHMC Meeting dates for 2024.

## Agenda

- **Item A1, Minutes:** Content of minutes from 2023-Nov-07 was reviewed. Changes proposed and agreed to. Moved by John Hughes, seconded by Rick Black to accept minutes as amended, including clarification of extra meetings scheduled for Harbor Management Plan update. Motion passed 7-0.
- **Item B1, Harbormaster Report:** Report from 2023-Nov-30 was reviewed and discussed. Moved by Steve Marasco, by Rick Black to accept report as submitted. Motion passed 7-0.

## New Business

- **Item C1, Harbor of Refuge:** Meeting attendee Kevin McEnery introduced himself. He was advocating for the establishment of buoy demarcation parallel to shore between Salty Brine Beach and Roger Wheeler Beach (Sand Hill Cove) in Harbor of Refuge. These buoys had been deployed in an unofficial capacity for protection of swimmers, in the hope it would deter motorboat traffic close to shore. Neighborhood advocates had hoped for establishment of ordinances restricting boating as has been in place at the public beaches. Harbormaster Connors explained under current regulations that there is no ground for restriction of watercraft here, including up to shoreline, absent evidence of reckless operation. Only at the public beaches could this restriction be justified and enforced.
- **Item C2, CRMC Notice File Number 2023-09-033, application for residential boating facility at Narrows Rd, Harbour Island:** Commentary proceeded on inconsistent dock depiction on engineering submittal. Encroachment into congested area of Spring Cove is at issue. It was decided to ask for a correction of seeming discrepancies between aerial view plan and south-viewing north profile view. Moved by John Hughes, seconded by Rick Black to ask for more information resolving this discrepancy. Motion passed 7-0. Jill to forward request to CRMC.
- **Item C3, CRMC Notice File Number 2023-08-076 application for residential boating facility by Mansfield at Harbour Island Road:** Application reviewed. Motion to receive and place on file made by Rick Black, seconded by Ray Morocco. Motion passed 7-0.
- **Item C4, 2024 Meeting Schedule:** Per exhibit circulated, dates met with agreement. Moved by Don Vivenzio, seconded by John Hughes to accept schedule for 2024. Motion passed 7-0.
- **Item C5, Annual Report:** Chairman Brian Couture verbally reviewed high points worthy of mention and items for input needed. Brian will have draft 2023 report ready for review at January meeting. .

## Old Business

- **Item D1, Harbor Management Plan:** Extra meetings have been scheduled (Dec-11 and Dec-19, 6:30 pm) for review of submitted markup amendment of Plan by full commission.
- **Item D2, Water Quality:**
  - No data is available as yet on the Coastal Pond Watch sites, including East Pond #2 sample site promoted by NHMC and funded by Town of Narragansett.
  - Further water sampling of Champlin Cove sites is under discussion.
  - CRMC has given approval for repair of a blocked drainage pipe in Sunset Farm. Jeff Farrell (tenant farm proprietor) is expected to execute this on behalf of Town.
- **Item D3, Harbour Island Storm Water discharge:** Aerial photographs reviewed. There was discussion of how to manage outflow. Steve Daignault of town has talked to Jill on DPW capability for cleaning storm drainage pipes. Commission agreed to monitor pending results.

**Items for Agenda for next month regular meeting:**

Election of Officers  
Water Quality / Pond Closures  
Harbor Management Plan  
Update on CRMC File 2023-09-033 (Narrows Rd dock)

**Adjournment:** 20:40h, moved by John Hughes, seconded by Rick Black. Adjournment motion approved 7-0. Next regular meeting 2024-Jan-02, 19:00h, Narragansett Town Hall, Large Board Room or alternative site as required.

Respectfully submitted, *Jeff Berry*, NHMC Secretary