

Narragansett Harbor Mgmt Commission (NHMC) - 2024-Mar-05 app'vd Apr-02

Convene / Roll Call

- **Call To Order @ 19:04h** by Chair Bryan Couture, Site: Narragansett Town Hall, Conference Room
- **Roll Call**, Members: Bryan Couture, Ray Morrocco, Don Vivenzio, R. Rick Black, John Hughes, Jeff Berry, Harvey Cataldo (alternate with full voting powers), Steven Marasco (alternate)
Liaison Staff: Jill Sabo
- **Exhibits Provided:**
 - Agenda for this meeting
 - Narragansett Harbor Management Commission (NHMC) preliminary meeting minutes of 2024-Feb-06 and 2024-Feb-15 as recorded by Secretary
 - RI General Assembly bill “Relating to Waters and Navigation – Harbors and Harbor Lines”

Agenda

- **Item A1, A2, Approval of Minutes (two meetings):**
 - Minutes of 2024-Feb-06: Acceptance as submitted moved by Don Vivenzio, seconded by Ray Morocco. Motion passed 6-0-2 (Couture, Hughes abstain due to non-attendance at said meeting).
 - Minutes of 2024-Feb-15: Acceptance as submitted moved by John Hughes, seconded by Don Vivenzio. Motion passed 6-0-2 (Marasco abstains due to non-attendance at said meeting; Cataldo abstains due to his recusal at said meeting).
- **Item B, Administrative matters:** None discussed
- **Item C1, Pt Judith Pond closures/Water Quality Update:**
 - Testing at Champlin Cove sites completed. No results ready to be presented. Subcommittee meeting is scheduled.
- **Item C2, Harbor Management Plan revision process:**
 - John Hughes reports his subcommittee has made revisions as prompted by meeting with Fire Chief Partington from January NHMC meeting.
 - Proposing following action plan for Plan development leading to official submittal.
 - Send plan as edited to Chief Partington, inviting comment
 - Jill will invite Chief meet with HMP development Subcommittee, for discussion of recommendations.
 - Subcommittee revises as necessary, leading to examination and vote by full NHMC if necessary.
 - Forward plan to CRMC (contact Kevin Cute) for comment.
 - NHMC and Subcommittee revise as necessary, then forward to Town Council for final approval before submittal to CRMC.
- **Item D1, New business:**
 - CRMC Public Notice (File 2024-01-061): Proposal for dock reconstruction in Galilee, at “Pier F” location. No issues seen. Moved by Rick Black to receive and place on file, seconded by John Hughes. Motion passed 7-0-1 (S. Marasco not voting as alternate status).
- **Correspondence:**
 - Jill informs us there is a bill before RI General Assembly to eliminate CRMC and embed its function into Dept of Environmental Management (DEM).
 - Jill distributes copy of bill (cited “Exhibits” above) codifying term “houseboat” and empowering towns to regulate these.
 - Noting Town Council letter of 2024-Feb-22 to CRMC informing of town objection to Dixon aquaculture proposal. This is action item from NHMC recommendation to Council resulting from Feb-15 meeting.

- **Items for next agenda:**
- **Adjournment:** Motion by Harvey Cataldo, seconded by Ray Morocco. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 20:04h.

Respectfully submitted, *Jeff Berry*, NHMC Secretary