

Narragansett Harbor Mgmt Commission (NHMC) - 2024-May-07 rev'd 2024-Jun-04

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, John Thompson, R. Rick Black, Don Vivenzio, John Hughes, Jeff Berry, Steve Marasco (alternate)
Harbormaster: Kevin Connors; Liaison Staff: Jill Sabo
- **Exhibits Provided:**
 - Agenda for this meeting
 - Narragansett Harbor Management Commission (NHMC) draft water quality report, focusing on water sampling in the Sunset Farm – Briggs Farm area draining into Champlin Cove.
 - Narragansett Harbor Management Plan draft with inclusion of latest comments, received May-06.
 - Harbormaster report of 2024-Apr-30
 - CRMC Aquaculture Public Notice of a modification (File #2014-07-067 Re-Notice), Dixon
 - CRMC Aquaculture Public Notice of a modification (File #2004-05-024 Modification), West

Agenda

Motion from Ray Morocco to move up Items D1, C2, and D2 (in that order) for immediate business. John Hughes seconds. Motion approved 7-0.

- **Item D1, New Business; Salt Ponds Coalition water testing report for 2023:** Presentation by Alicia Schaffner, executive director of Salt Ponds Coalition. She presented excellent summary of water quality factors considered and specific site data recorded from Pt Judith Pond. This data included the East Pond Site #2 sampling being funded by Town of Narragansett on recommendation from NHMC. All present expressed appreciation for this body of work.
- **Item C2, Old Business; CRMC Aquaculture Public Notice of a modification (File #2014-07-067 Re-Notice)**, from Oliver Dixon, applicant: Detailed plan for floating gear in north end of site. Motion by John Hughes to receive and place on file, and additionally to remove letter of objection from NHMC filed to Town Council 2024-Feb-22 in response to earlier plan submitted by this applicant. Motion seconded by Don Vivenzio. Motion approved 7-0.
- **Item D2, New Business; CRMC Aquaculture Public Notice of a modification (File #2004-05-024 Modification)**, from John & Cindy West, applicants: Detailed plan for modified bottom-dwelling gear in zone described. Motion by Ray Morocco to receive and place on file. Motion seconded by Rick Black. Motion approved 7-0.

Resuming rest of business from agenda

- **Item A, Approval of minutes:** Corrections to 2024-Apr-02 minutes proposed and agreed by consensus of commission. Acceptance of amended minutes moved by John Hughes, seconded by Rick Black. Motion approved 7-0.
- **Item C1, Old Business; Harbor Management Plan:** At this stage of development, sense of NHMC was to submit current draft to Kevin Cute of CRMC for informal review. So moved by Don Vivenzio, seconded by John Hughes. Motion approved 7-0.
- **Item B, Administrative:** Harbormaster Kevin Connors submitted written report and elaborated therefrom.
- **Item D3, New Business; HMC Subcommittee on Water Quality Testing:** Draft reviewed. Focus was on nature of surface water (6 points sampled over 2023-May through 2024-Feb) flowing into Champlin Cove and Long Cove. Sense of future work was to develop Areas of Concern for Sunset Farm operations.

- **Item D4, New Business; Planning Board Letter Request:** Accordingly, Chair Bryan Couture volunteers to attend Planning Board meeting of 2024-Jun-12 as liaison from NHMC. Though not attending, John Hughes expressed interest in this process of Narragansett boards being promoted here.
- **Correspondence/Updates/Items for Next Agenda:**
 - Chair Brian Couture attended the South Kingstown Waterfront Advisory Committee as Narragansett's liaison with the neighboring town and found it a constructive relationship.
 - Regarding pending RI legislation on houseboats (cited 2024-Apr NHMC Meeting), bill (2024-H7892, 2024-S2629) has been held for further study this General Assembly session. Bryan notes the SK Harbormaster (Mike Stack) has been an active lookout for this recent development.
 - Next month's Agenda: Steve Marasco requests review of status on the Harbour Island outflow into Wheatfield Cove.

Adjournment: Motion by Rick Black, seconded by Don Vivencio. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 21:12h.

Respectfully submitted, *Jeff Berry*, NHMC Secretary