

# Narragansett Harbor Mgmt Commission (NHMC) - 2024-Oct-01 corrected Nov-05

## Convene / Roll Call

- **Call To Order @ 19:03h** by Secretary Jeff Berry, Site: Narragansett Town Hall, Conference Room
- **Roll Call**, Members: Don Vivenzio, John Hughes, Jeff Berry, Harvey Cataldo, Steve Marasco. Quorum verified. Noted that Bill Osborne was “absent without excuse”.  
Liaison Staff: Jill Sabo, Ryan DiPanni  
As NHMC is now acting without Chair or Vice Chair, Secretary Jeff Berry asked for one of the members to serve as pro tempore chair for this meeting. Harvey Cataldo offered to serve in this capacity. Motion from John Hughes, Don Vivenzio seconds, to appoint Harvey as pro tempore chair. Motion approved 5-0.
- **Exhibits Provided:**
  - Agenda for this meeting
  - Harbormaster report, 2024-Sep
  - Minutes from NHMC meeting 2024-Sep-03
  - Narragansett\_HMP\_CRMC.comments (from CRMC, Kevin Cute)
  - HMC\_Action\_Plan\_Item (regarding Town Comprehensive Plan)
  - DEM Public Notice / Galilee Permit Narrative Final / Galilee Marsh Restoration Appendix
  - CRMC Assent Application 2024-08-036 (regarding Desjardins dock replacement)
- Before official business proceeded, John Hughes moved for NHMC to issue formal letters of appreciation to former NHMC members Bryan Couture and Ray Morocco for past service. John read the following statement, approval of which will be on the agenda for November meeting: *“The members of the Narragansett Harbor Management Commission publicly thank Bryan Couture and Ray Morocco for their years of service as members of the Commission, including as Chairman and Vice Chairman, respectively.”*

## Agenda

- **Item A1, Election of Officers:** In view of partial attendance at this meeting (3 members missing), it was consensus agreement to defer election of Chair and Vice Chair to a later date.
- **Item A2, Harbormaster Report:** Report submitted in writing and discussed. Acceptance of report moved by John Hughes, seconded by Don Vivenzio. Motion approved 5-0.
- **Item B, Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of 2024-Sep-03 distributed. Acceptance of minutes moved by John Hughes, seconded by Don Vivenzio. Motion approved 4-0-1 (Steve Marasco abstains due to non-attendance at Sep03 meeting).
- **Item C1, Old Business, Harbor Management Plan (HMP):** Kevin Cute of CRMC present by invitation and provides commentary on his mark-up of draft HMP, which was electronically distributed and later forwarded in hard-copy form to John Hughes. Overall feedback from Kevin on the plan was highly complementary. HMC received mark-up and accompanying comment with general approval. Plan of NHMC is to edit in changes per these suggestions, post revised HMP to town website, and publicize discussion hereof on agenda of a future NHMC meeting, thus inviting public comment. Potential revision and submittal to CRMC, DEM, and Narragansett Town Council to follow.
- **Item C2, Old Business, Comprehensive Plan:** John Hughes agrees to be NHMC’s delegate to the Town Comprehensive Plan meeting of delegates from multiple town boards on Oct-03. Discussion proceeded on Comprehensive Plan / Action Plan components and NHMC interest therein.
- **Item D1, New Business, Harbor Management Plan (HMP):** RI-DEM plans to review Water Quality aspects of HMP, and is demanding payment of \$200 by Town for work thus incurred. Motion by John Hughes, seconded by Don Vivenzio to request such funds. Motion approved 4-1 (Hughes, Vivenzio, Cataldo, Berry approve; Marasco opposed).

- **Item D2, New Business, RI-DEM OWR Application 24-137:** Detailed description of plans for enhancement of fresh-water drainage in Galilee Salt Marsh, with goal of enhancing and maintaining its salt-marsh character. Plan is expected to be realized with help from Save The Bay and its volunteers. No objections raised.
- **Item D3, New Business, CRMC Assent Application 2024-08-036:** Description of dock replacement by Desjardin Family Trust at 40 Lakeside Dr at Narrow River upper pond. Motion to receive and place on file by John Hughes, seconded by Don Vivenzio. Motion approved 5-0.

**Correspondence/Updates:**

- Narrow River Preservation Association (NRPA) accepts our invitation and expects to attend December NHMC meeting to present findings and recommendations from water quality testing on Narrow River.

**Items for next Agenda:**

- Election of NHMC officers
- Issue letters of appreciation to NHMC former members Brian Couture and Ray Morrocco
- Discussion on recent press release from Town of South Kingstown
- Ryan DiPanni has identified services capable of distinguishing animal species responsible for pollution in water samples. This had been a strategy proposed for identifying causes of contamination in Sunset Farm runoff to Champlin Cove. Discussion of next steps seen as appropriate.

**Adjournment:** Next scheduled meeting on October-01 (*error here, should have been November-05; but not seen prior to approval at Nov-05 meeting*). Motion by John Hughes, seconded by Steve Marasco. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 20:48h.

Respectfully submitted, *Jeff Berry*, NHMC Secretary