

# Narragansett Harbor Mgmt Commission (NHMC) – 2025Jan07 preliminary

## Convene / Roll Call

- **Call To Order @ 19:05h** by Secretary Jeff Berry, Site: Narragansett Town Hall, Conference Room
- **Roll Call**, Members: Don Vivenzio, John Hughes, Jeff Berry, Steve Marasco. Quorum verified.  
Harbormaster: Kevin Connors; Liaison Staff: Ryan DiPanni
- **Exhibits Provided:**
  - Agenda for this meeting
  - Minutes from NHMC meeting 2024-Dec-03
  - Proposed NHMC meeting schedule for 2025
  - 2024 Annual Report draft
  - Excerpt of Town Comprehensive Plan, Action Plan, Natural Resources

## Agenda

- **Item A1; Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of 2024-Dec03 considered. John Hughes moves, Don Vivenzio seconds acceptance of minutes. Motion passes 4-0.

Motion by John Hughes, second by Don Vivenzio, to move Item B2 to next item of agenda. Motion passes 4-0.

- **Item B2; Harbormaster Report:** Harbormaster Kevin Connors indicates his report has been emailed to Commission members. Discussion ensued. John Hughes moves, Steve Marasco seconds acceptance of report. Motion passes 4-0.
- **Item B1; Election of Officers:**
  - Jeff Berry moves, Don Vivenzio seconds nomination of John Hughes to NHMC Chair. Motion passes 4-0.
  - Steve Marasco moves, John Hughes seconds nomination of Don Vivenzio to NHMC Vice Chair. Motion passes 4-0.
  - John Hughes moves, Don Vivenzio seconds nomination of Jeff Berry to NHMC Secretary. Motion passes 4-0.
- **Item B3; 2025 Meeting Schedule:** John Hughes moves, Don Vivenzio seconds adoption of proposed 2025 NHMC Meeting Schedule (1 each month). Motion passes 4-0.
- **Item C1; Old Business, Town Comprehensive Plan:** Starting with the Action Plan (available on town web site), John Hughes proposes NHMC engagement in the following outlined tasks in the “Natural Resources” subsection:
  - Policy NR1.2, Tasks: a, b
  - Policy NR1.3, Tasks: a, b, c, f
  - Policy NR3.1, Tasks: a, h
- **Item D1; New Business, 2024 Annual Report:** Draft submittal received verbal markups from the Commission. John Hughes moves, Don Vivenzio seconds acceptance of report as amended. Motion passes 4-0. Jeff Berry to edit per amendments and pass to John Hughes for submittal to Town.
- **Item D2, New Business, 2025 Goals:** Discussion proceeded on expectations for this year.
  - Harbor Management Plan: finalize, submit to Town Council, receive public comment
  - Water Quality Testing:  
Advocate for continued relevant testing for pollutants in and around Pt Judith Pond to better understand extent and nature of pollution. Attempt to understand process by which affected areas can be retested (by DEM) for potential release of shellfish-prohibited status.
  - Continued examination of dock and aquaculture proposals in town waters in response to applications as forwarded by RI-CRMC.

**Correspondence/Updates:**

**Items for next Agenda:**

- Status of Harbor Management Plan, submitted to RI-DEM
- Update on plans for microbiologic testing of Champlin Cove / Sunset Farm water test sites
- Update on Town Comprehensive Plan – Action Plan steps
- Invitation to South Kingstown planner to present background on pending water quality grant regarding Green Hill Pond

**Adjournment:** Next scheduled meeting on 2025-Feb-04. Motion to adjourn by John Hughes, seconded by Don Vivenzio. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 20:20h.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Jeff Berry*, NHMC Secretary