

Narragansett Harbor Mgmt Commission (NHMC) – 2025Mar04 rev'd Apr01

Convene / Roll Call

- **Call To Order** @ 19:00h by Chair John Hughes, Site: Narragansett Town Hall, Conference Room
- **Roll Call**, Members: John Thompson, Don Vivenzio, John Hughes, Jeff Berry, Steve Marasco, Bill Osborne (alternate). Quorum verified.
Liaison Staff: Ryan DiPanni
- **Exhibits Provided:**
 - Agenda for this meeting
 - Minutes from NHMC meeting 2025-Feb-02
 - Excerpt of Town of Narragansett, Comprehensive Plan, Action Plan including Natural Resources items NR1, NR2, and NR3, with markup of proposed NHMC engagement items
 - Indian Trail “Best Management Practice” proposed drainage plan from Fuss & O’Neill c. 2018

Agenda

- **Item A1; Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of 2025-Feb-02 considered. Corrections noted and recorded. Steve Marasco moves, Don Vivenzio seconds, acceptance of minutes as corrected. Motion passes 5-0-1 (John Thompson abstaining due to absence at that meeting).
- **Item B1; Harbormaster Report:** Kevin reported verbally to Ryan DiPanni of his activities. Included among Kevin’s comments is the understanding of the Harbor of Refuge foghorn condition as covered later in Item C2.
- **Item B2; Update from the Chair:** information provided in discussion of Item C1 (below)
- **Item C1; New Business, Indian Trail Stormwater BMP (Best Management Practice):** Ryan DiPanni and John Hughes report having met with Dr. Berounsky (NRPA consulting scientist, ref 2024-Dec presentation before NHMC) and Mike DeLuca. Purpose was to trace previous history regarding stormwater mitigation measures proposed (ref Fuss & O’Neill exhibit) for Indian Trail but never implemented. Noted that other drainage BMP sites had been constructed in the Mettatuxet area over 2005-2010. There is interest in reviving this proposal, possibly to begin by engaging Fuss & O’Neill for update of the subject plan. Alternative funding sources discussed. John Hughes moves, Don Vivenzio seconds that we explore revival of the Indian Trail Stormwater BMP. Motion passes 6-0.
- **Item C2; New Business, Harbor of Refuge Foghorn:** The status of breakwater-located foghorn has been in the news lately. This has been sounding continuously (every 30 sec) regardless of weather conditions. Such operation has brought complaints from residents. The US Coast Guard is responsible for this infrastructure. Harbormaster Kevin Connors reports the Coast Guard has told him it will initiate repair of the foghorn control when weather conditions permit.
- **Item D1, Old Business, Town Comprehensive Plan:** The assembled members of NHMC provided Ryan DiPanni with an overview of our planned engagement in the Action Plan (Natural Resources section) items of designated interest (ref NHMC minutes, 2025-Jan-07, agenda item C1). Ryan will keep us informed of developments which call for our participation.
- **Item E1, Updates, Invitation to So. Kingstown Public Service Director:** Richard Bourbonnais has agreed to attend the NHMC meeting of 2025-Apr-01 to discuss the recent SNEP grant received for water quality improvement in Green Hill Pond.
- **Item E2, Updates, Harbor Management Plan as being reviewed by RI-DEM:** Ryan reports that RI-DEM is backed up in its review of all submitted town HMP’s. Our HMP appears to be second in the reviewing queue. Ryan will track this development.
- **Item E3, Updates, Water Quality Testing:** We expect arrival of the LuminUltra microbial water test kits in time for upcoming water sampling in the Sunset Farm / Briggs Farm wetlands. This is being planned for 2025 March-April-May time span.
- **Item:** Resolved that we invite local environment advocacy bodies for continuing periodic (suggest annual) discussion. Two such organizations which have attended and presented before us are Salt

Ponds Coalition and Narrow River Preservation Association. We were highly impressed with the quality of their work. Potential attendance of other groups was discussed.

Adjournment: Next scheduled meeting on 2025-Apr-01. Motion to adjourn by Don Vivenzio, seconded by Bill Osborne. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 20:17h.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Berry, NHMC Secretary