

Narragansett Harbor Mgmt Commission (NHMC) – 2025Feb04 corrected Mar-02

Convene / Roll Call

- **Call To Order @ 19:00h** by Chair John Hughes, Site: Narragansett Town Hall, Conference Room
- **Roll Call**, Members: Don Vivenzio, John Hughes, Jeff Berry, Steve Marasco, Bill Osborne (alternate with full voting powers). Quorum verified.
Liaison Staff: Ryan DiPanni
- **Exhibits Provided:**
 - Agenda for this meeting
 - Minutes from NHMC meeting 2025-Jan-07
 - CRMC Assent Application File 2024-11-060, for facility at 31 Mollusk Dr (Cehanowicz property)

Agenda

- **Item A1; Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of 2025-Jan-07 considered. John Hughes moves, Steve Marasco seconds acceptance of minutes. Motion passes 5-0.
- **Item B1; Harbormaster Report:** Harbormaster Kevin Connors not present, no written report. Kevin reports verbally that Pleasant Street Wharf (Wickford) has indicated intent and readiness to provide services on behalf of Narragansett mooring holders in 2025.
- **Item B2; Update from the Chair:** Dr. Veronica Berounsky of Narrow River Preservation Association is in contact with NHMC Chair John Hughes regarding storm water drainage in the Forest Lakes neighborhood near Narrow River. There is interest in future water sampling in this area.
- **Item C1; New Business, CRMC Assent Application 2024-11-060 (Cehanowicz property):** Discussion proceeded on plans for residential boating facility. Jeff Berry moves, Bill Osborne seconds, to receive and place on file. Motion passes 5-0.
- **Item C2; New Business, So Kingstown Water Quality Grant:** Town of So. Kingstown has a \$250K SNEP Grant from Fish and Wildlife, “Restore America’s Estuaries” to test measures for pollution abatement in Green Hill Pond. Suggested that we invite Mike Stack (SK Harbormaster) to present at future NHMC meeting. Motion by Don Vivenzio, seconded by Steve Marasco to issue such invitation to Mike at a regular NHMC meeting. Motion passes 5-0. Steve to contact Mike as first step towards this.
- **Item D1, Old Business, Town Comprehensive Plan:** Areas of engagement for NHMC in this process as defined at last month’s meeting discussed. Ryan will pass on to NHMC any outreach from Planner as appropriate.
- **Item E1, Updates, Harbor Management Plan:** Ryan informs Commission that draft HMP is before RI-DEM, which is looking to streamline its examination process. They intend to proceed with review in 2 weeks. Process thereafter for requisite public engagement and Town Council approval of plan was discussed. Ryan will inquire as to appropriate means for us to facilitate these steps.
- **Item E2, Updates, Water Testing:** There is interest for cost sharing between Narragansett Land Trust (manager of Sunset Farm) and NHMC on future microbial assessment of surface water samples in Sunset Farm/Briggs Farm. This would amount to total \$2,200 shared together. The Land Trust expects resolution so that this interest can be realized. Required testing kits can then be procured and utilized.

Items for next Agenda:

- Pending arrangement, Mike Stack (SK Harbormaster) can report on Green Hill Pond pollution grant.
- Forest Lake (Narrow River site) water quality update
- Harbor Management Plan update

Adjournment: Next scheduled meeting on 2025-Mar-04. Motion to adjourn by Don Vivenzio, seconded by Steve Marasco. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 19:56h.

Respectfully submitted, *Jeff Berry*, NHMC Secretary