

# Narragansett Harbor Mgmt Commission (NHMC) – 2025May06 approved Jun03

## 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, Steve Marasco, Bill Osborne, Jeff Berry. Quorum verified.

Harbormaster Kevin Connors; Liaison Staff: Ryan DiPanni

- **Exhibits Provided:**
  - Agenda for this meeting
  - Minutes from NHMC meeting 2025-Apr-01
  - Harbormaster's report
  - CRMC File 2025-03-047 Public Notice for modification/reconstruction of pier and associated features in Galilee.
  - CRMC File 2025-04-007 Public Notice for modification/reconstruction of pier and associated features in Galilee.
  - CRMC File 2025-04-095 Research / Educational Aquaculture application for study of environmental conditions of oysters in Pt. Judith Pond (late submittal, not on agenda).

## Agenda

- **Item A1; Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of 2025-Apr-01 considered. Corrections noted and recorded. Don Vivenzio moves, Steve Marasco seconds, acceptance of minutes as corrected. Motion passes 5-0.
- Agreed to defer Harbormaster Report until later in meeting
- **Item B2: Chairman Update:** Concerning further development of Indian Trail stormwater BMP, as discussed last meeting. Ryan DiPanni and John Hughes have contacted New England Environmental Finance Center (NEEFC) for help to identify sources of funding, including those for engineering services to update plan. NHMC to appoint subcommittee to approach Town Council for authorization to pursue (action to follow Item C1).
- **Item E1: Correspondence:** Proposed modification of agenda to discuss CRMC File 2025-04-095 (Aquaculture Research proposal). Bill Osborne moves, Don Vivenzio seconds, approved 5-0. John and Cindy West present to speak to project at their site in Pt Judith Pond near Beach Island, being conducted by Robert Rheault, PhD. Purpose is to study environmental conditions in summer months in surface and bottom dwelling oyster cages and relate to oyster development factors. No objections were voiced and we thanked the Wests for their explanation on this project.
- **Item B2: Harbormaster's Report:** Written report from Harbormaster Kevin Connors received. Discussion follows on issue intended for focus on Agenda Item D3, Moorings. Considerations raised as to how town policy on moorings might be executed in view of those waiting for sites. Motion to accept Harbormaster's Report by John Hughes, seconded by Don Vivenzio. Motion passes 5-0.
- **Item C1: Old Business, Indian Trail Stormwater BMP:** In follow-up from Item B2, proposing a subcommittee to meet with Town Council in consideration of restarting Indian Trail stormwater BMP engineering. John Hughes and Don Vivenzio agree to serve in this regard.
- **Item D1: New Business, CRMC File 2025-03-047 Public Notice (Port of Galilee):** Motion to receive and place on file by Don Vivenzio, second by Steve Marasco. Motion approval 5-0.
- **Item D2: New Business, CRMC File 2025-04-007 Public Notice (Port of Galilee):** Motion to receive and place on file by Don Vivenzio, second by Steve Marasco. Motion approval 5-0.
- **Item D3: New Business, Narragansett Moorings:** This item discussed in context of Harbormaster's Report.
- **Item D4: New Business, Outside Groups:**
  - Draft schedule of invitations to extend for group presentation before NHMC:  
2026-Jan, Salt Ponds Coalition  
2026-Feb, Narrow River Preservation Ass'n
  - Others to invite, scheduling t.b.d:

So. Kingstown Waterfront Advisory Commission (SK's group analogous to NHMC)  
Friends of the Saugatucket (river)

- **Item E2: Updates:**

- Harbor Management Plan submittal: Remaining in review at DEM, destined for follow up formal review by CRMC
- NHMC Budget: now \$1,600 left to spend on FY ending 2025-Jun-30. Propose that we conduct approximately 10 biologic water samplings from Sunset Farm / Briggs Farm wetlands with targeting for canine and cattle-sourced fecal pathogens. Lab kits cost \$135 per each sample location and target test conducted.
- Steve Marasco and Don Vivenzio have attended latest Galilee storm resilience planning presentation.
- URI Coastal Planning conference/workshop notice discussion.

- **Adjournment:** Next meeting scheduled 2025-Jun-03 at Narragansett Town Hall, Conference Room. Motion to adjourn by Don Vivenzio, second by Steve Marasco. Motion approve unanimously. Meeting adjourns at 20:25h

Respectfully submitted,  
*Jeff Berry*, NHMC Secretary