

Narragansett Harbor Mgmt Commission (NHMC) – 2025Jun03 mod'fd 2025-Sep-02

Convene / Roll Call

- **Call To Order** at 19:00h by Chair John Hughes, Site: Narragansett Town Hall, Conference Room
- **Roll Call**, Members Present: John Hughes, Don Vivenzio, John Thompson, Steve Marasco, Bill Osborne, Jeff Berry. Absent: Harvey Cataldo. Quorum verified.
Harbormaster Kevin Connors; Liaison Staff: Ryan DiPanni
- **Exhibits Provided:**
 - Agenda for this meeting
 - Minutes from NHMC meeting 2025-May-06
 - Harbormaster's report

Agenda

- **Item A1; Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of 2025-May-06 considered. Corrections noted and recorded. Steve Marasco moves, Bill Osborne seconds, acceptance of minutes as corrected. Motion passes 6-0.
- **Item B1: Harbormaster's Report:** Written report discussed. Kevin Connors reports 2 mooring service contractors are fulfilling the required inspections. They are Tri-State Diving and Pleasant Street Wharf, as had been anticipated. Don Vivenzio moves, John Hughes seconds to receive Harbormaster's report and place on file. Motion passed 6-0.
- **Item B2: Update from the Chairman:** nothing outside agenda to report
- **Item C1: Outside Groups of Interest:** The following list of groups has developed, with delegated contact person from NHMC to contact and schedule speaker at possible future NHMC meeting dates:
 - Salt Pond Coalition, 2026-Jan, Don Vivenzio
 - Narrow River Preservation Assoc, 2026-Feb, John Hughes
 - Friends of Saugatucket (River), 2026-Mar, Steve Marasco
 - David Borkmann of RI-DEM, 2025-fall, John Thompson or Ryan DiPanni

It was stated that we have an agreement with S.K. Waterfront Advisory Commission to name a delegate for attendance at their meetings. Further pursuit of this to be undertaken at future NHMC meeting.

- **Item C2: Indian Trail Stormwater BMP:** Appointed NHMC subcommittee has requested meeting with Town Manager to gauge town interest in restarting plans for stormwater improvements.
- **Item D1: 2024-2025 Microbial Testing:** Concerning further testing of Sunset Farm / Briggs Farm runoff water. Further surface water samples acquired around 2025-May-22. Samples have been submitted to Lumen-Ultra. Planned path forward is for Subcommittee to schedule teleconference with LumenUltra to discuss findings of latest tests.
- **Item D2: Budget:** Ryan reports budget for Fiscal Year 2026 includes \$3,200 for water testing. This includes \$800 for water sampling and testing at East Pond (Bluff Hill Cove) Site #2 which is executed by Salt Pond Coalition during the summer months.
- **Item D3: Summer Schedule:** Moved by Don Vivenzio, seconded by Jeff Berry to suspend scheduled NHMC meetings during July and August. Motion passed 6-0.
- **Updates:** Ryan reports latest Harbor Management Plan submitted to RI-DEM as pending review. 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 in engineering services to update plan. NHMC to appoint subcommittee to approach Town Council for authorization to pursue action as cited in Item C2).
- **Next Agenda:**
 - Water Quality Testing: Noting presence of dog-waste-sourced pollution in Site 5 samples prompts consideration of publicity and signage in the Briggs Farm area to encourage proper pet

management. This finding may justify alternative animal species focus on other test sites in the area.

- Consideration of outreach to US Senators and Congressmen concerning progressive deterioration of the Pt Judith Harbor of Refuge center breakwater. John Thompson has offered to draft letter of concern to the Congressional delegation.
- **Adjournment:** Next meeting scheduled 2025-Sep-02 at Narragansett Town Hall, Conference Room. Motion to adjourn by Don Vivenzio, second by Steve Marasco. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourns at 19:43h

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Berry, NHMC Secretary