

# Narragansett Harbor Mgmt Commission (NHMC) – 2025Sep02 appv'd 2025-Oct07

## Convene / Roll Call

- **Call To Order** at 19:01h by Chair John Hughes, Site: Narragansett Town Hall, Conference Room
- **Roll Call**, Members: John Hughes, Don Vivenzio, Steve Marasco, Jeff Berry. Quorum verified. Absent members: Bill Osborne (had issued pre-notification); Harvey Cataldo (absent by cause, convalescence)  
Liaison Staff: Ryan DiPanni
- **Exhibits Provided:**
  - Agenda for this meeting
  - Minutes from NHMC meeting 2025-Jun-03
  - Harbormaster's report
  - Open Meetings Act Checklist from RI Dept of Attorney General

## Agenda

- **Item A1; Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of 2025-Jun-03 considered. Corrections noted and recorded. Don Vivenzio moves, Steve Marasco seconds, acceptance of minutes as corrected. Motion passes 4-0.
- **Item B1: Harbormaster's Report:** Written report submitted by Harbormaster was discussed. Observations recounted on coastal pond boating activities over the summer. John Hughes moves, Don Vivenzio seconds to receive Harbormaster's report and place on file. Motion passed 4-0.
- **Item B2: Update from the Chairman:** Commentary on vacancies on NHMC.
- **Item C1: Indian Trail Stormwater BMP:** There is interest in restarting plan for pollution abatements at Indian Trail leading to northern reaches of Narrow River. History of project to its current status is recounted. It is resolved by NHMC to inquire town department heads to assess interest in further development towards this plan.  
Agreed that we move Item D2 up for discussion
- **Item D2: 2025-2026 Water Quality Testing:** Concerning further testing of Sunset Farm / Briggs Farm runoff water. Discussion proceeded from John Thompson's report recommendations as to sites and species targeted testing. Resolved that we sample Sites 3, 4, and 5 and target test for avian, canine, and cattle waste origins.
- **Item D1: Budget:** In view of above discussion, it is decided to budget \$2,200 for procurement of 8 additional Lumen-Ultra test kits for the above testing. This allows for continuing \$800 allocated to Salt Pond Coalition for the East Pond (Bluff Hill Cove) Site #2, and an additional \$200 yet to be allocated in order to fit within the \$3,200 Professional Services budget line item. Motion by John Hughes, seconded by Don Vivenzio to budget accordingly. Motion passed 4-0.
- **Item D3: Water Quality Working Group:** Agreed that this group will continue as a NHMC subcommittee and shall consist of Don Vivenzio, John Hughes, and Jeff Berry. Future meetings with Ryan at this level are recommended.
- **Item D4: Harbor of Refuge Center Wall:** It is thought worthwhile to reach out to the RI Congressional Delegation to solicit repair of the deteriorated breakwater. State manager of Galilee port facilities, Dan Costa, is seen as a key facilitator towards this. Steve Marasco will solicit him in this regard. It is deemed helpful to enlist former NHMC member John Thompson for advice on composing letter to the RI Congressional Delegation. Further action on this initiative shall be discussed next month pending these responses.
- **Item E1: Harbor Management Plan:** Continue pending DEM response to our updated HMP submittal.
- **Item E2: Invitations to outside groups of interest:** Ryan to reach out to David Borkmann of RI-DEM regarding possible presentation to NHMC. Presentations from Salt Ponds Coalition, Narrow River Preservation Assoc, and Friends of Saugatucket (River) are scheduled upcoming Jan-Mar already in plan, per June NHMC Minutes.
- **Adjournment:** Next meeting scheduled 2025-Oct-07 at Narragansett Town Hall, Conference Room. Motion to adjourn by John Hughes, second by Don Vivenzio. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourns at 20:25h

Respectfully submitted,  
*Jeff Berry*, NHMC Secretary