

# COASTAL POND MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

## Town Hall

Charlestown, Rhode Island

October 2, 2017

Chairman Rob Lyons declared a quorum was present. And called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

### **Present:**

Chairman Rob Lyons  
Mike Roy  
Jeffrey Burns  
Rich Phelan  
Robert Krause  
Rich Thomsen

### **Absent:**

NA

### **Guests:**

Dave Beutel - Aquaculture and Fisheries Coordinator, CRMC  
Karen McArthur - West Beach Road, Charlestown  
Darlene Mahoney - West Beach Road, Charlestown  
Virginia Lee - Charlestown Town Council  
Bob Anderson - West Beach Road, Charlestown  
Jim Arnoux – Preliminary Determination request 2017-09-12  
Mark Keeley – Preliminary Determination request 2017-05-098

### **Town Staff:**

Harbormaster Justin Vail

### **Secretary's Report:**

The committee unanimously approved amending the minutes of the June 26, 2017 meeting as offered by Harbormaster Justin Vail.

Upon motion duly made by Rich Phelan and seconded by Rich Thomsen it was voted unanimously to approve the amended minutes of the June 26, 2017 meeting.

### **New Business**

None

### **CRMC Applications/Preliminary Determination:**

Dave Beutel reviewed the CRMC Preliminary Determination (PD) process. Dave reviewed both PD request forms.

Chairman Rob Lyons read Bill Wilson letter dated 9/27/2017 regarding PD request forms 2017-05-098 and 2017-09-12.

Karen McArthur commented regarding Mark Keeley 2017-05-098 PD request. Specifically regarding close proximity of gear/equipment. Karen and Darlene overall strongly oppose the request due to visible equipment.

Virginia Lee reviewed concerns regarding setting precedent of commercial aquaculture very close / next to residential property. Bob Anderson also expressed similar concerns.

Some highlights below:

Mark Keeley 2017-05-098 – 0.27 acre site in shallow water. Floating bags. Nursery system. Impacts recreational sports (i.e. kayak). Access is via Quonnie breachway.

Dave Beutel read comments from Bill Wilson letter delivered to CRMC regarding East Beach Farms 2017-09-12. Some highlights from Dave:

East Beach Farms 2017-09-12 – 6 acres, bottom planted oysters, no gear/cages. Only visible signs are markers for the 4 corners. The water is 8' @ low tide. No impact to water sports. Would impact shell fishing. Has an existing lease and demonstrated access. James does not intend to fish this location during July / August and Bob Anderson requested of Jim/Dave the possibility of removing the marking buoys during this time frame. Dave indicated there is a variance process for this.

### **Financial Report:**

Harbormaster Justin Vail presented an overview of Actual vs. Budget – July 2017 (FY 2017-2018).

### **Harbormaster Report:**

Wait list renewals to be mailed and mooring map updates with GIS planner

### **Old Business:**

Town Ordinance and Mooring Regulations Changes.

Harbormaster Justin Vail reviewed Chapter 86 and 96 updates/modifications.

Upon motion duly made by Jeff Burns and seconded by Rob Krause, it was voted unanimously to approve the Town Ordinance and Mooring Regulations - Chapter 86 & 96 modifications as reviewed and further detailed in the draft Town Ordinance and Mooring Regulations Chapter 86 & 96 redlines by Harbormaster Justin Vail.

**Public Comment:**

See Preliminary Determination notes above

Upon motion duly made by Rich Phelan and seconded by Rob Krause it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: \_\_\_ As written  
              \_\_\_ As amended

Date\_\_\_\_\_

Rob Lyons