

COASTAL POND MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

Police Station

Charlestown, Rhode Island

November 4, 2019

Chairman Rob Lyons declared a quorum was present. And called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Present:

Chairman Rob Lyons
Jeffrey Burns
Rich Thomsen
Art Ganz
Robert Krause

Absent:

Bill Wilson
Mike Roy

Guests:

Jim Arnoux

Town Staff:

Justin Vail – Harbor Master

Aquaculture Preliminary Determination

CRMC PD 2019-10-061 East Beach Farms (Ninigret Pond) – 2.6-acre expansion.
Jim Arnoux. Bottom cages (10-14” off bottom).

Upon motion duly made by Art Ganz and seconded by Rich Thomsen it was voted unanimously to support CRMC PD 2019-10-061

Secretary’s Report:

Upon motion duly made by Art Ganz and seconded by Rob Krause it was voted to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2019 meeting as revised.

Upon motion duly made by Art Ganz and seconded by Rich Thomsen it was voted to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2019 Field Trip meeting

Financial Report:

Harbor Master Justin Vail reviewed November 2019 (FY 2019-2020), including overall mooring inventory.

Upon motion duly made by Art Ganz and seconded by Rich Thomsen it was voted to approve the November 2019 (FY 2019-2020) financial report.

Harbormaster Report:

Removing buoys for the winter season. Channel markings will be last. North eastern storms caused minor damage.

New Business

Aquaculture Application Public Notice

CRMC 2019-10-047 East Beach Oyster Co. (Ninigret Pond) – Nick Papa. Shifting and adding 4.91 acres for new total of 15.6 acres. Bottom culture, no gear except for lease markers.

Upon motion duly made by Art Ganz and seconded by Rich Thomsen it was recommended unanimously “no objection” to CRMC 2019-10-047

CRMC 2019-07-003 Scappatura (Quonochontaug) – Public comment period is over. Public hearing to be scheduled by CRMC.

Old Business

Harbor Master Justin reviewed mooring field reconfigurations:

Continued discussion regarding proposed modification of mooring fields in Ninigret and Quonochontaug Ponds

Ninigret

2-6 Hunter’s Harbor – Expansion to approximately 9 moorings. Field to be 300’ from conservation areas.

2-9 Arnolda Boat Cove – Existing supports 1-3 moorings, proposed expansion to support at least 8 more moorings.

Quonnie

1-1 Reduce – WIP for final map

1-3 Shady – Increase – WIP for final map

McKee Craft

Status of McKee Craft sale – Accepting sealed bids. To be advertised in the Westerly Sun.

Public Comment:

None

Upon motion duly made by Rob Lyons and seconded by Art Ganz it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 08:46P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: XX As written
____ As amended

Date: **December 2, 2019**

Rob Lyons