

## COASTAL POND MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

### Police Station

Charlestown, Rhode Island

November 6, 2017

Chairman Rob Lyons declared a quorum was present. And called the meeting to order at 7:32 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  
Charles Glew  
Leo Manelli  
John Crandall  
Joshua Beuth – DEM Biologist, Wildlife

#### **Town Staff:**

Harbormaster Justin Vail

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

The committee unanimously approved amending the minutes of the October 2, 2017 meeting as offered by Harbormaster Justin Vail.

Upon motion duly made by Rich Phelan and seconded by Bill Thomsen it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2017 meeting.

#### **New Business**

Reviewed the CRMC proposed/draft "Guidelines for Floating Aquaculture Gear" updates to the Red Book (<http://www.crmc.ri.gov/regulations/RICRMP.pdf>). No comments from the CPMC.

Reviewed commission position vacancy and the 2 applications to fill the vacancy.

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

## John Crandall - CRMC 2017-10-079 Preliminary Determination

Dave Beutel provided a summary of the preliminary determination application. The application is for Oysters, Little Necks and Soft shell Clams. The site would be 1-1/2 acres using bottom gear and bottom planting. The landowner that would face the aquaculture has submitted a request to increase length of their dock due to water depth (approx. 1'). Ideally, portions of the aquaculture site closest to the existing dock would be bottom planted and the bottom cages located furthest away. The landowner suggests reducing the area of the aquaculture to minimize impact to landowner water activities. The applicant will use their property (Zoned R3A) for access. Per Charlestown zoning R-3A permits: Agricultural Accessory Use, Agricultural Operations, Crop Farming, Farm Retail, Farm Stand, Gardening, Forestry and Farm Supply Dinner.

Ref: [http://www.charlestownri.org/vertical/sites/%7BDF68A5B8-A4F3-47A1-AE87-B411E21C6E1C%7D/uploads/Charlestown\\_Zoning.pdf](http://www.charlestownri.org/vertical/sites/%7BDF68A5B8-A4F3-47A1-AE87-B411E21C6E1C%7D/uploads/Charlestown_Zoning.pdf)

Bill Wilson reviewed other aquaculture sites from Bills Island to John Crandall's property. The waters in this area are Type 2, low density usage. There is <2% aquaculture leases currently in Quonnie.

### **Financial Report:**

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

### **Harbormaster Report:**

Several boats broke free during the wind storm (Nov 29). Some shore debris is in the process of removal. Justin to send email blast to dock permit holders recommending they inspect their docks. Wait list renewals forms to be sent out. Moorings that held boats during the wind storm should be inspected for wear / movement.

### **Old Business:**

Town Ordinance and Mooring Regulations Changes.

Harbormaster Justin Vail reviewed CRMC / Kevin Cute comments. Reference Kevin Cute email dated 30-Oct-17. Updates are documented in Chapter 96 of the ordinance as marked up by Harbormaster Justin Vail.

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

### **Public Comment:**

See Preliminary Determination notes above

Upon motion duly made by Rich Phelan and seconded by Rich Thomsen it was voted unani-  
mously to adjourn at 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Rob Lyons