

## COASTAL POND MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

### Town Council Chambers

Old Post Road  
Charlestown, Rhode Island

December 1, 2014

Chairman Rob Lyons called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

#### **Present:**

Robert Krause  
Jeffrey Burns  
Rich Phelan  
Mike Roy  
Harbormaster Justin Vail  
Chairman Rob Lyons  
Peter Arnold

#### **Absent:**

Bob Smith

Chairman Rob Lyons declared a quorum was present.

#### **Guests:**

Steve McCandless (GIS Coordinator)  
Mathew Behan (Behan Family Farms LLC)(Application - CRMC 2014-10-144)  
Robert Krause (Application - CRMC 2014-10-145)  
John Roberts (Application - CRMC 2014-10-029)  
Dave Beutel (CRMC)  
Richard Sartor (Representing Board of Directors of Salt Ponds Coalition - 450 members)

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

The minutes of the November 3, 2014 meeting were reviewed.  
Upon motion duly made by Rich Phelan and seconded by Jeffrey Burns, it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2014 meeting.

#### **Financial Report:**

Harbormaster Justin Vail presented an overview of Actual vs. Budget - November 2014. Justin provided insight into potential additions to the 2014/2015 budget

#### **Harbormaster Report:**

Harbormaster Justin Vail provided copies of waiting list at the January meeting. Investigating program/training for mooring inspectors, including review of the electronic mooring system. To discuss in detail January.

#### **Old Business:**

## **DOI Marsh Restoration Project**

Steve McCandless reviewed current status

### **Harbor Management Plan**

Steve McCandless reviewed pond image outlining current aquaculture leases, depths, eel grass beds, DEM closed areas, spawning sanctuaries and mooring fields. Steve to incorporate RI State Shellfish Management maps (i.e. wind surfing, recreation shell fish, etc ..). Audience commented on additional updates including shoreline access, traditional fishing. Essentially “zoning” the pond.

### **Town Aquaculture Lease - For public use, no commercial fishing**

Steve McCandless to submit application. Obtained town legal review and approval. The lease request is for 9 acres, rotating 6 acres seeded (3 acres protected w/ netting). To be marked with 4-6 buoys and will be for bottom growth only. Users will require town permit for shellfishing, in addition to any state requirements.

### **CRMC 2014-09-16 Papa New Lease Application - Preliminary Determination**

Still in progress with CRMC, Nick Papa and Steve McCandless and soon to be closed. If full aquaculture application is submitted, 30 day public notice/comment will be issued. Town can request CRMC extension for review of the application. Extension for the town, per Dave B, is often approved.

- SPC Letter

### **Aquaculture Plan**

Aquaculture Plan needs to be reviewed. Town and Salt Pond coalitions may seek leases. Steve McCandless went over current leases which comprise of approximately 21.5 acres or 1.4 percent of pond. Foster cove is included.

## **New Business**

### **CRMC Dock Application**

Teed File 199507189 - No objections from CPMC

### **Preliminary Determination Request Joint Agency Review**

#### **Aquaculture Lease Proposals - Ninigret Pond**

CRMC 2014-10-144 Behan Expansion Application - Preliminary Determination - Current lease is 3 acres. Requesting expansion to 6 acres. Stores boat at Lavin’s Landing and purchases seed from Rob Krause and Nick Papa. Richard Sartor, representing SPC, indicated no objection from SPC. Indicated a good location.

CRMC 2014-10-145 Krause Expansion Application - Preliminary Determination. Robert Krause recused himself to review his application. Comments regarding shape of extensions (difficulty for person to distinguish lines) and proximity to eel grass area. Richard Sartor, representing SPC, indicated no objection from SPC. Indicated a good location.

CRMC 2014-10-029 Roberts New Lease Application - Preliminary Determination. New lease. John Roberts reviewed the gear. To use boat ramp for traversing pond. Area potentially overlaps with recreational shell fishing on the North edge of the application, therefore site should be moved South. Close proximity to an existing lease and audience suggested relocating to ensure 150' separation as John indicated. Peter Arnold recused himself and commented regarding proximity to Arnolda property. Richard Sartor, representing SPC, concerned regarding encroachment on eel grass. Potentially cuts traffic to the South shore in the area. SPC does not support this application.

Upon motion duly made by Jeffrey Burns and seconded by Mike Roy, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:  As written  
 As amended

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Rob Lyons