

COASTAL PONDS MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

Police Station
4901 Old Post Road
Charlestown, RI

December 2 2019

Chairman Rob Lyons called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

Present:

Chairman Rob Lyons
Robert Krause
Rich Thomsen
Art Ganz

Absent:

Jeffrey Burns
Bill Wilson
Mike Roy

Guests:

Town Staff:

Harbormaster Justin Vail

Secretary's Report:

Upon motion duly made by Art Ganz and seconded by Rich Thomsen it was voted to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2019 as written.

Financial Report:

Harbor Master Justin Vail reviewed the November 2019 Financial Report (FY 2019-2020)

Harbormaster Report:

All but inside markers channel markers and hazard marker by picnic rock
In quonny pond.

And Channel markers in Ninigret pond will be removed by 12/6/19

Old Business:

Mooring Field Modifications

Harbor Master Justin presented the new layouts of the changes to both pond Mooring fields that he has sent to CRMC for their input. The next step is present it to the town council.

Upon motion duly made by Art Ganz and seconded by Rob Krauss it was voted to approve the new layouts of the mooring fields.

McKee Craft

Status there were no bids received Justin will talk with the town administrator what to do next, (Craigslist list, E-bay).

New Business:

1st Aquaculture Workshop for Municipal Leaders

Rich Thomsen and Steve McCandless attended from the Town of Charlestown.

It was put on by Sea Grant, URI school of Oceanography, and the Ocean State Aquaculture Association.

There were speakers from

East Coast Shellfish Growers Dr. Robert Rheault

On Overview of Aquaculture in the Northeast and Rhode Island

CRMC Dave Beutel

On overview of the Regulatory Framework for Aquaculture in RI

Roger Williams University & Saltbox Sea Farm, LLC

Lecturer Matt Griffin

Education Exchange Director Cameron Ennis

Both on Environmental and Economic Benefits of Aquaculture

Walrus & Carpenter Oyster Farm Jules Opton-Himmel

On Aquaculture as a business: Portrait of a RI Oyster Farm

The rest of the training was work teams by Towns to discuss

Types of inquiries your Town are receiving

How often do you field questions on Aquaculture and is it changing with time

What role do you play in addressing the inquiries

What support and resources would help you better address these inquiries

And lastly what are the positive aspects of aquaculture as well as the challenging aspects

Hand outs were given out with key topics raised

Public Comment:

None

Adjournment:

Upon motion by Rob Kraus and seconded by Art Ganz it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 08:10PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard Thomsen

Date: 12/4/2019

Approved: XX as written as amended
January 6, 2020