

COASTAL POND MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

Town Hall

Charlestown, Rhode Island

May 1, 2017

Chairman Rob Lyons declared a quorum was present. And called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present:

Chairman Rob Lyons
Jeffrey Burns
Rich Thomsen
Rich Phelan
Robert Krause

Absent:

Mike Roy

Guests:

Friends of Green Hill – Enid Flaherty (co-moderator), Mary-Gail Smith (co-moderator)

Town Staff:

Harbormaster Justin Vail

Secretary's Report:

Upon motion duly made by Rich Phelan and seconded by Rich Thomsen it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2017 meeting.

New Business

Friends of Green Hill – Reviewed letter requesting funds: \$25K - Town of Charlestown (state match), \$25K - South Kingstown (state match) and \$50K - State of Rhode Island (i.e. DEM) for a study to improve water circulation within Green Hill Pond. Creating a temporary breach of Green Hill pond has been ruled out. Dredging between Green Hill and Ninigret (under Creek Bridge) is a potential option for improved circulation. Due to high levels of pollution, the pond was closed to shell fishing nearly 30 years ago.

Upon motion duly made by Jeff Burns and seconded by Robert Krause, it was voted unanimously to recommend the town council support the Friends of Green Hill request for \$25K town matching funds to complete a study for improved water circulation and flow into Green Hill Pond and the eastern portion of Ninigret Pond via dredging the Creek Bridge channel and to request CRMC remove the barrier blocking a portion of the Creek Bridge channel. These funds would be applied to an equal amount from South Kingstown to match \$50K of state funding, for a total of \$100K.

CRMC Applications/Preliminary Determination:

None

Financial Report:

Harbormaster Justin Vail presented an overview of Actual vs. Budget – April 2017 (FY 2016-2017).

Harbormaster Report:

Mooring renewals are coming in as expected via online registration.

Old Business:

Harbor Management Plan (HMP) – Reviewed mooring permit types

Public Comment:

None

Upon motion duly made by Robert Krause and seconded by Rich Thomsen it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:49 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: **XX** As written
____As amended

Date **June 5, 2017**

Rob Lyons