

COASTAL PONDS MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

Police Station
4901 Old Post Road
Charlestown, RI
May 6, 2019

Present: Chairperson Rob Lyons, Robert Krause, Rich Thomsen, Mike Roy
Bill Wilson, Art Ganz

Absent: Jeffrey Burns

Quorum: Rob Lyons declared a quorum present and the meeting to order at 7:30 pm
Welcome Art Gantz to the CPMC

Guests: None

Town Staff: Justin Vail – Harbormaster

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the April 8, 2019 meeting were reviewed.
Upon motion to accept the minutes, Rich Thomsen, and seconded, Robert Krause, the minutes were unanimously to approve.

Financial Report: Harbormaster Justin Vail provided report for April 2019.
Amended 2019-2020 Budget – No significant modifications requested by Town Adm.

Harbormaster Report: Mooring registration going well, 17 new permits anticipated. Waiting list includes 68 requests and will go down as new permits are issued.
HM boats to go in the water next week. Channel Buoys in place. At the Quonnie Pond dredge site no additional markers will be added.

Old Business:

Aquaculture Preliminary Determination Review Reports

Glew 2018.12.071 – CRMC PD consistent with information provided at the last meeting.

One exception, existing recreational use did not include Fishing.

Scappaturra 2019.02.01- CRMC PD consistent with information provided at the last meeting.

Papa 2019-02-078 - CRMC PD consistent with information provided at the last meeting.

HMP Amendment & Extension

Justin Vail requested an extension to the 1-year requirement to comply with changes requested. He indicated that CPMC would like to update the Mooring fields and would prefer to present both changes at one time to the TC and Public Hearing. Extension was granted to a date not decided on this fall.

New Business:

Mooring Fields – Justin plans to complete redesign this summer. Steve McCandless is assisting in providing GPS support and mooring location mapping. Smaller boats will have smaller mooring radius and will be placed closer to shore, larger boats will be placed further from shore with a larger mooring radius. Discussion that redesign is for the purpose of eliminating unacceptable locations and to provide safe mooring radius between boats. With larger boats requiring larger mooring radius all available mooring space will be needed in the future and some fields may need to be enlarged to accommodate current moorings.

Bill Wilson volunteered to follow-up with RIDEM Office of Water Resources to determine if/how additional moorings can be allowed. During discussion the committee was asked to think about how many moorings do we want? The Ponds should not be converted into one large mooring field.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: As there are no additional agenda items to discuss, Rob Lyons Commission Chairperson, adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

William H. Wilson

Date: June 2, 2019