

COASTAL POND MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

Police Station

Old Post Road
Charlestown, Rhode Island

June 1 2015

Chairman Rob Lyons called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

Present:

Chairman Rob Lyons
Robert Krause
Jeffrey Burns
Bill Wilson
Rich Thomsen

Absent:

Rich Phelan
Mike Roy

Chairman Rob Lyons declared a quorum was present.

Guests:

Dave Beutel

Town Staff:

Harbormaster Justin Vail
Steve McCandless

Secretary's Report:

The minutes of the May 4, 2015 meeting were reviewed.

Upon motion duly made by Robert Krause and seconded by Rich Thomsen, it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2015 meeting.

Financial Report:

Harbormaster Justin Vail presented an overview of Actual vs. Budget - May 2015 (FY 2014-2015)

Harbormaster Report:

Harbormaster Justin Vail added additional channel markers in Ninigret breachway / channel as well as in Quonnie. All boats commissioned. New mooring permits to be issued for the permits made available.

CleanBays.org, performed garbage cleanup on / around the Ninigret breachway and to move into Quonnie breachway for cleanup. The effort is to be funded by NOAA and State of Rhode Island DEM.

CRMC Applications:

Aquaculture Preliminary Determination Meeting – Dave Beutel provided review of the application process and detailed the Preliminary Determination phase of the process.

Jason Peet File 2015-04-093 – Dave B. reviewed the floating (310 bags) architecture of the proposal. The primary site, near Boulder Cottages is not for use in the winter due to water depth. The winter (Nov 1-April 30) area, 80x70’ is north west of primary site. The stock will be stored in approx. 52 cages on the bottom. The water depth is 5’ in winter location. Typically these use zip ties which is not recommended by CRMC but will be detailed in the CRMC review. This site is located in a mooring field but the field at this location is too shallow for a mooring. The mooring field may need to be adjusted to make room, despite the fact the area is too shallow for a mooring. Floating bags would prevent surface transit by all vessels.

Jim Arnoux File 2015-05-068 – Dave B. reviewed expansion (2.55) to 3.3 acres. The current site is ¾ acres w/ floating gear. The expansion would be for bottom planted oysters (no protection) only. The new design may include temporary gear location for the winter (Nov 1-April 30) (w/in the 3.3. acres). Will be marked with 4 buoy’s. Work boat is moored on commercial mooring. Product is removed via truck at the public ramp.

Old Business:

Harbor Management Plan – Long process for a complete rewrite. A public forum will be scheduled for late summer.

Progress Report

Mooring Inspections

Mooring Inspection Regulation Changes – to be reviewed by the Town Council

Mooring Gear Specification Changes - to be reviewed by the Town Council

Mooring Field Modifications - Still in process

New Business

None

Upon motion duly made by Jeffrey Burns and seconded by Rob Lyons it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:34 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: ___ As written
 ___As amended

Date_____

Rob Lyons