

COASTAL POND MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

Town Hall

Charlestown, Rhode Island

June 26, 2017

Chairman Rob Lyons declared a quorum was present. And called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

Present:

Chairman Rob Lyons
Mike Roy
Jeffrey Burns
Rich Phelan
Robert Krause
Rich Thomsen

Absent:

NA

Guests:

Bill Wilson
Charles Gereg

Town Staff:

Harbormaster Justin Vail

Secretary's Report:

Upon motion duly made by Rich Phelan and seconded by Jeff Burns it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2017 meeting.

New Business

Mooring Field Changes - Harbormaster Justin Vail provided a proposal for modernizing the mooring field layouts and sizing to improve flexibility of the space and accommodate the swing of boats with average length of 30' and better accommodate existing and new docks.

Charles Gereg (Pond Shore Drive) has a private mooring and desires to have house tenants use the mooring. Charles has been allowing tenants to utilize the mooring for 26 years. Charles at one time did have a commercial mooring permit but at some point converted back to non-commercial mooring permit. Charles does not have riparian rights, that is, the house is not water-front.

Upon motion duly made by Jeff Burns and seconded by Rich Thomsen it was voted 4 (yes) to 2 (no) in favor of approving Charles Gereg's request for temporary usage of his mooring for a period, starting date and ending date identified with the Harbor Master Justin Vail for his tenants, including vessel details, in accordance with the current Charlestown Coastal Ponds Mooring Regulations, Chapter 7: Occupancy of Mooring, paragraph B).

Votes

Rich Phelan – Yes

Jeff Burns – Yes

Chairman Rob Lyons - Yes

Mike Roy - No

Rob Krause – No

Rich Thomsen - Yes

CRMC Applications/Preliminary Determination:

None

Financial Report:

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

Harbormaster Report:

Ordinance changes are with the town solicitor. Harbormaster Justin Vail attended Marine Sanitation Device (MSD) training class for MSD inspections. A boater caused a channel marker to break free that will need to be repaired. Justin observed a 40' log in Ninigret and was able to attach the log to a mooring for removal.

Ref: <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/benviron/water/shellfish/pump/pdfs/pumpcomp.pdf>

Old Business:

Harbor Management Plan

Final Review

Mooring Type Definitions

Mooring Ordinance & Regulation Changes

Upon motion duly made by Rich Phelan and seconded by Mike Roy, it was voted unanimously to approve the Town Ordinance and Mooring Regulations Changes as reviewed / modified noted below and further detailed in the draft Town Ordinance and Mooring Regulations document red-line authored by Harbormaster Justin Vail:

1. Eliminate reference (page 74) to remove 3rd sentence in paragraph 4 “Establish Aquaculture Mooring Sites with Landside Support”. Replace “co-op” in paragraph 3 with “LLC”
2. Update MSD wording to remove language that implies all vessels require MSD (page 6)
3. Update OWTS – 2nd paragraph (page 3), eliminate “largest”, “by 50%”

4. Remove language under Fertilizer and Pesticides (page 4) after last paragraph 14%.

Upon motion duly made by Rob Krause and seconded by Rich Phelan, it was voted unanimously to approve the Town Ordinance and Mooring Regulations as amended, for submission to the Town Council for public notice announcement at the July 10 Town Council meeting.

Public Comment:

None

Upon motion duly made by Jeff Burns and seconded by Rob Krause it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: ___ As written
___As amended

Date_____

Rob Lyons