

COASTAL POND MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

Police Station

Old Post Road
Charlestown, Rhode Island

June 6, 2016

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

Present:

Chairman Rob Lyons
Robert Krause
Jeffrey Burns
Bill Wilson
Rich Thomsen
Rich Phelan

Absent:

Mike Roy

Chairman Rob Lyons declared a quorum was present.

Guests:

Dave Beutel – CRMC Aquaculture Coordinator
Virginia Lee – Town Council Liaison
Nicholas Papa - East Beach Oyster Co. LLC
Jules Opton-Himmel - Walrus and Carpenter Oysters LLC
Josh Beuth – RI DEM Fish and Wildlife (Wildlife Biologist)
Peter Dandurand

Town Staff:

Harbormaster Justin Vail

New Business

Letter dated 5 June 2016 submitted by Peter Dandurand regarding his position on the Charlestown mooring list and impact of combining the Ninigret and Quonnie lists. The lists were combined to improve fairness within the town of Charlestown.

Upon motion duly made by Bill Wilson and seconded by Rob Krause, it was voted to allow Peter Dandurand temporarily use of Jim Servilla's mooring for 6 weeks. Peter to contact Jim to submit a request in writing to Harbor Master Justin Vail.

Rob Lyons recused himself due to conflict of interest
Robert Krause - yes

Jeffrey Burns - yes
Bill Wilson - yes
Rich Thomsen - yes
Rich Phelan - yes

Secretary's Report:

Upon motion duly made by Rich Phelan and seconded by Rob Krause, it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2016 meeting.

Financial Report:

Harbormaster Justin Vail presented an overview of Actual vs. Budget – May 2016 (FY 2015-2016).

Harbormaster Report:

Harbormaster Justin Vail completed channel marking in Ninigret and Quonnie. Justin participated in several CRMC aquaculture tours hosted by Dave Beutel/CRMC. Toured new hatchery located at Ninigret Landing. Mooring renewal period expired 1-June, as result 13 new permits will be issued.

CRMC Applications:

Preliminary Determination Request File # 201604095 – Walrus and Carpenter Oysters LLC
– Jules Opton-Himmel

Discussion – 4 acre expansion. Bottom plant of clams and gear expansion. Clam netting used over hard clams to protect against predator's. The water depth was identified as a concern and was noted the gear cannot restrict navigation of kayak's or other craft drawing < 12". Gear stored / sunk in deep sections of the lease during winter / freezing months. Josh expressed DEM concerns regarding shore impact to wild life feeding (i.e. American Black Duck). Virginia Lee noted this area is Type 1 waters and very sensitive, Type 2 waters reserved human usage. In general, as noted by Jules, Nicholas and Dave B., the goal is to increase flow by increasing size of the lease. The goal is not to increase density.

Preliminary Determination Request File # 201603119 – East Beach Oyster Co. LLC
– Nicholas Papa

Discussion – Josh expressed DEM concerns regarding shore impact to wild life feeding (i.e. American Black Duck) with shallow bottom cultures (< 2'). No gear is involved with proposals; Oysters would be raised on the bottom, which would cover shallow feeding grounds. Area used waterfowl hunters and bottom cultures in the cove could impact hunters/dogs. Nicholas commented the significant clean efforts are result of aquaculture (i.e. raking – picking up bottles, spent shotgun shells). Virginia Lee noted this area is Type 1 waters and very sensitive, Type 2

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Old Business:

Harbor Management Plan – No significant progress since May 2, 2016 meeting.

Dredging RFP's are stalled within Rhode Island state purchasing. Discussed engaging Senator Dennis L. Algieri for assistance.

Upon motion duly made by Rich Phelan and seconded by Rob Krause it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: As written
 As amended

Date: August 1, 2016

Rob Lyons