

North Kingstown Harbor Management Commission  
Minutes  
January 12, 2017

On Thursday, January 12, 2017, the Harbor Management Commission convened at the Court Meeting Room, North Kingstown Municipal Offices, 100 Fairway Dr., North Kingstown, RI

**Members Present:**

Eric Collins  
Keith Finck  
Rich Lemieux  
Barbara Ray  
Ernie Wilcox  
John Wilson

**Others Present:**

CJ Doyle, CRMC Applicant Rep  
Ed Hughes, Harbormaster  
Kevin Maloney, TC Rep  
Gail Salzberg, Staff Support

**Call to Order:**

Chairperson, Barbara Ray called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The staff support confirmed posting of the agenda with the Secretary of State.

**Discussions:**

- CRMC File No.: 2016- 09-107 Omar & Rachel Ajaj, 33 Pleasant St, North Kingstown, RI assent to construct and maintain: a residential boating facility consisting of a fixed pier, ramp and float extending 75' beyond MLW=0, requiring a 25' length variance as well as a 35' mooring area setback variance.
  - CJ Doyle, the engineer representing the applicant presented the application.
  - Several questions were asked regarding the application and required variances. Ms. Doyle explained that because of the property lines, the float could not be presented any other way.
  - The Harbormaster noted that this application was not a hazard to navigation. He did however ask that due to the proximity to the mooring field, the owner be willing to move a mooring if it became clear that it was too close to the float.
  - The HMC asked that a letter be sent to the applicant, through CJ Doyle, stating the following: "If a conflict should arise with a riparian mooring owner, then the applicant would be financially responsible for the cost of moving said mooring in cooperation with the NK Harbor Division.
  - Motion for "no substantial objection to CRMC File No. 2016-09-107:
    - Motion: Keith Finck
    - Second: John Wilson
    - Passed: Unanimous
- Review Ordinance changes, P120-145.

- Motion to recommend to Town Council Ordinance changes
  - Motion: Keith Finck
  - Second: Eric Collins
  - Passed: Unanimous

**Recommendation:**

- The North Kingstown Harbor Management commission recommends the Town Council file “no substantial objection” to the CRMC Assent Request for File No. 2016-09-107
- The North Kingstown Harbor Management commission recommends ordinance changes to:
  - Section 7-1 Definitions – Sheltered Waters
  - Section 7-78 (a) (2) – remove and renumber
  - Section 7-80 (c) (2) – Change to read: “In any waters located inside the Wickford breakwater with the exception of Fishing Cove as allowed by Sec. 7-78 (a) (1).”
  - Section 7-107 (d) – remove and re-letter
  - Section 7-108 (m) – remove
  - Section 7-113 (e) – remove sentence: “All mooring floats shall also...sticker”
  - Section 7-113 (g) – remove sentence: “Mooring permit stickers...stakes.”
  - Section 7-118 – remove entire section

**Update:**

- Keith Finck and Ernie Wilcox to attend the Aquaculturist meeting set up by Dave Beutel of CRMC on 1/31/17 at the NK Library at 6 PM, lower level conference room.
- HMC requests are:
  - Reflective tape
  - Radar reflectors on corners
  - Unique color for each owner
- Staff support agreed to email Dave Beutel to let him know who would attend from HMC.
- Request renewal applications from Town Clerk for HMC members whose term will expire 3/1/17.
- Kevin Maloney asked for suggestions of what could be done to make Wickford a friendlier harbor to boaters. HM noted that Wickford already is a destination but because there is no night life/restaurants/etc., boaters leave by evening. This will probably not change until sewers arrive and the village gets “fixed up”.

**Harbormaster Report**

- Mooring inspection report was provided. All mooring inspection providers are now up to date except for Shoreline Diving (owner on vacation) but should be resolved soon.
- Sailboat sank at dock at QDNYC. This is a problem with “winter rentals”.
- Town wharf is sinking, HM is thinking of putting up barriers to prevent parking in areas where it is sinking.

**New Business:**

- Add agenda item for next meeting “What to do about the Town Wharf?”

**Correspondence:**

- Dave Beutel's invitation to Aquaculturist meeting.

**Minutes:**

- Minutes of the December 2016 meeting were approved.
- Moved: John Wilson
- Second: Eric Collins
- Passed: Unanimous

**Adjourn:**

- The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM
- Moved: John Wilson
- Second: Keith Finck
- Passed: Unanimous