

**SOUTH KINGSTOWN  
WATERFRONT ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**January 7, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** R. Smith, Chairperson, A. Heffron, J. Caron, G. Windhurst, L. Murphy and N. Crook

**STAFF PRESENT:** A. Nota and B. Ennis

**MEETING MINUTES:** There were no minutes submitted from the November 2009 meeting as there were insufficient members present to constitute a quorum. No meeting is customarily scheduled in December 2009.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Harbor Patrol FY2008-09 Budget Status – December 15, 2009

A budget review was provided for the Harbor Patrol program through December 15, 2009. The division has generated \$796 or 5.9% of anticipated revenues and utilized \$13,927.81 or 56.77% of approved expenditures. It was explained that the majority of all revenues generated are tied to mooring fees which are received in the last quarter of the fiscal year.

B. Harbor Management Plan Review Update:

It was reported that the draft version of the Harbor Management Plan was submitted by the Planning Department to CRMC officials. Kevin Cute from CRMC is in the process of reviewing the document and will respond to Town officials with any observations or required amendments.

C. Enforcement and Interpretation of Boats and Waterways Ordinance:

The Commission briefly reviewed a matter discussed in late Fall in which a question was raised regarding an interpretation of the Waterways Ordinance as it relates to speed restriction in “all South Kingstown Waters”. The interpretation of the ordinance was explained by B. Ennis as it related to the (No Wake/5 m.p.h. areas) and its enforcement by Harbor Patrol personnel.

D. Discussion on Existing (No Wake /5 m.p.h. zones) in Pont Judith Pond:

Further discussion occurred regarding the existing speed limitations in Point Judith Pond. It was recommended by the Commission to support the proposed ordinance change to include an additional restriction in the South Kingstown waters, immediately to the South of Snug harbor, extending to the Town Property line. This issue has been discussed for several meetings and was openly supported at a prior meeting in which both Narragansett and South Kingstown Commission members openly discussed the pros/cons of the restriction.

E. U.S Army Corps of Engineers – RI Project Updates:

Information was provided to the Commission regarding several ongoing Army Corps projects in Rhode Island. The project update was reported by the Army Corps through October 2009. Some specific information was included regarding the final phase of dredging in the Harbor of Refuge and Point Judith Pond slated for completion by March 2010. This project involves the removal of approximately 23,000 cy of sandy material.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. 2010 Meeting Calendar:

The 2010 calendar was provided for comment. The calendar was accepted as presented.

B. Open Items:

The Planning Department provided a copy of the CRMC Working Group on Aquaculture regulations. The document was provided to the Commission for review and future comment.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- A. Commission member Nelson Crook announced he would be stepping down from his post effective immediately. He noted that serving on the Commission had been very rewarding experience and that he felt proud to be part of the many improvements made by the Town in recent years to improve our local waterways.

**NEXT MEETING:** February 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Neighborhood Guild.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made at 8:15 p.m. by Commissioner Crook and seconded by Commissioner Caron. The motion was approved 5 - 0.