

**SOUTH KINGSTOWN  
WATERFRONT ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**February 14, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order by Commission Chairman Laramée at 7:08 p.m. at The Neighborhood Guild

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** L. Murphy, G. Windhurst, J. Bedell, B. Laramée, M. Sherry

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** T. O'Neil, R. Smith

**STAFF PRESENT:** T. Murphy, M. Stach, R. Zarnetske

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**GUESTS:** Perry Raso, Residents of Matunuck Village

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**CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Commission Chair directed that names and addresses of all residents who submitted written correspondence be read into the record. (list attached)

**PUBLIC COMMENT** (All items related to CRMC Public Notice 2017-12-086)

John Lee                      218 Peninsula Rd

Expressed opposition to the proposed aquaculture lease on Segar Cove; of the opinion that the applicant did not demonstrate need; or accurately reflect the impact it would have on recreational use.

Diane Rodriguez            Prospect Rd.

Expressed opposition to the proposed aquaculture lease on Segar Cove, noting that it is used all the time for recreation.

Marilyn Mattera

Expressed opposition to the proposed aquaculture lease on Segar Cove, noting that she and others quahog in the area. Also noted that there should be some type of protection of recreational waters similar to SK Land Trust. Asked about safety issues relative to the necessary clearance around the perimeter of the proposed site.

Perry Raso (Aquaculture Applicant)    Comm. Perry Highway

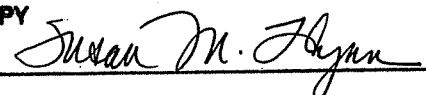
Noted that the proposed oyster/scallop farm adds to the eco system, provides a habitat and bio diversity. The proposed (Segar Cove) has many users and oyster farming should be allowable. Also noted that he chose this site carefully noting that it is too deep for shell fishing; and would still allow enough room in the Cove for recreational use.

Margaret Schwab                      Lake Avenue

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Expressed opposition to the proposed aquaculture lease on Segar Cove. Noted that she has enjoyed the pond her whole life and wants that to continue for others in the future. Witnesses the deterioration of entrance into the cove, over the years. Also noted that she is not against business.

**Tom O'Brien**

Expressed opposition to the proposed aquaculture lease on Segar Cove. Noted that there were over 120 letters of opposition on file at CRMC.

**Michael Mainelli** **Prospect Road**

Expressed opposition to the proposed aquaculture lease on Segar Cove noting that it is a "grab" of three acres for private business; and it is not fitting use of that water.

**Robert Zarnetske, Town Manager**

Clarified the Town's role in the process noting that the Waterfront Advisory Commission would provide an advisory opinion to CRMC and notify the Town Council. The decision ultimately lies with CRMC as the pond falls under its jurisdiction as state waters.

**George Goneconto**

Expressed opposition to the proposed aquaculture lease on Segar Cove; and the balance of how state waters are utilized.

**Maggie Hayes Cody**

Expressed opposition to the proposed aquaculture lease on Segar Cove. Asked if any impact study was done; relative to the impact on abutting properties and surrounding area.

**Perry Raso (Aquaculture Applicant)** **Comm. Perry Highway**

Re-iterated that he selected the Segar Cove location because of his understanding of the area.

**David Latham** **Comm. Perry Highway**

Expressed opposition to the proposed aquaculture lease on Segar Cove. Asked about the "social carrying capacity" of the pond and why that isn't taken into consideration when weighing applications. Also noted there are other ways that oysters can be grown.

**Debra McCurdy** **Prospect Road**

Expressed opposition to the proposed aquaculture lease on Segar Cove. Has lived on the pond for 56 years. Went clamming yesterday. It is an important recreational resource now and should be preserved for future generations.

**Perry Raso (Aquaculture Applicant)** **Comm. Perry Highway**

Mr. Raso expressed that he "truly in my heart" feel it is a proper location. It is out of the way. Has since accommodated for water skiing by pulling in the corner boundaries of the proposed site. Potter Pond is not at the 5% capacity for aquaculture as set by CRMC. Yes, it will benefit the business but is also environmentally friendly.

**Eric Pullasky** **Prospect Road**

Expressed opposition to the proposed aquaculture lease on Segar Cove. Noted that there is not a reasonable margin of safety around the proposed site.

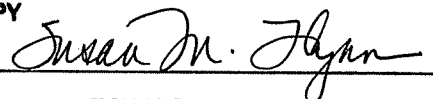
**OLD BUSINESS**

A. CRMC Public Notice – File #2017-12-086 – P. Raso

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Discussion took place. Commissioner Bedell noted that he visited the site and was on the pond recently. He sees the point of safety and saw how the pond could get crowded, creating competition between recreational and commercial use. Commissioner Windhurst also noted that he visited the site and is familiar with the area. Commissioner Sherry noted that he has decades of experience on the pond; and that there is no one looking out for the public's recreational interests. There is immense pressure on Potter Pond due to elimination of other areas where water skiing once took place. Compression of recreational activities is causing overcrowding and serious safety concerns.

Commissioner Sherry made a motion to object to the proposed three acre oyster and bay scallop farm in Segar Cove as detailed in CRMC file #2017-12-086; noting that it would pose significant negative impact on public recreational activity in that area. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Murphy. Motion passed 5-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NO NEW BUSINESS**

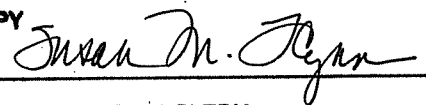
**NEXT MEETING:** The next Waterfront Advisory Commission meeting will take place on Thursday, March 1st, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Neighborhood Guild.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Windhurst and seconded by Commissioner Sherry at 8:25 p.m. Motion passed 5-0.

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Correspondence received after Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Jane O'Leary 173 Washington St.	Joseph & Kathryn Scott 45 Peninsula Rd.	Stephen & Ann Marie Hitchery 92 Peninsula Rd.
Paul Hooper 636 Succotash Rd.	Edward & Carol Wrobel 100 Peninsula Rd.	Marilyn Mattera 62 Park Ave.
Alds Hackney 56 Ninigret Ave.	Janis & Alan Loiselle 218 Peninsula Rd.	Valerie DeMarco 196 Atlantic Ave.
Linda Loiselle & John Lee 218 Peninsula Rd.	Lyse Lepine 27 Ocean Ave.	Julie Cawoski 521 Plymouth Greensburg, PA
Christopher & Jennifer Erickson 29 Ninigret Ave.	Kim D. & Matthew McHugh 95 Peninsula Rd.	Phil Capaldi 15 Baneberry Trail Sauderstown, RI
Mary-Lyn Hedison Flynn 172 Ocean Ave.	Michael Mainelli 142 Prospect Rd.	Joel Thomson 288 Prospect Rd.
Herb Mansfield 20 High Meadow Lane	Stephen & Evelyn Smith Firshein 94 Ocean Ave.	Deb and Terry McCurdy 264 Prospect Rd.
John & Cynthia Larned 11 Ocean Ave.	Gary Enos & Jane Keane Enos 267 Prospect Rd.	Donna McBurney 40 Potter Lane
John Leventhal & Bevery Hodgson 150 Ocean Ave.	Joesph & Carolyn McCooey 138 Peninsula Rd.	Mr. Perry Raso Commodore Perry Hghway. (submitted letter from RIDEM to CRMC)
John & Lorraine Phillips 214 Ocean Ave.	Bob and Cheryl Mahoney 80 Peninsula Rd.	Gary and Jane Enos 267 Prospect Road
Carol Kalfian 200 Ocean Ave.	Margaret and Stephen Wilcox 175 Peninsula Rd.	
Catherine Carey Mercurio 50 Park Ave.	James Dillon 34 Ocean Ave.	
Lorraine & Mark Parsons 53 Peninsula Rd.	Sheila Dillon 34 Ocean Ave.	
John & Kathleen Uhl 8 Peninsula Rd.	Mary Kate Dillon 34 Ocean Ave.	
Leslie Milner 160 Ocean Ave.	Patrick Putnam 34 Ocean Ave.	
Kevin & Kathleen Moore 30 Ocean Ave.	Teresa Dillon 34 Ocean Ave.	

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