Warren Harbor Commission

Minutes from the September 6th, 2017 Meeting

Present

William J. Kemp (chairman)
Don Betts
Bill Hunt
Craig Lippman
Rock Singewald
John Treacy
Ed Cabral – Harbormaster

Absent:

Tom Culora

- 1. Meeting opened by Chairman Kemp at 7:05PM.
- 2. Minutes of August, 2017 meeting approved unanimously.
- 3. Harbormaster's Report
 - a. The grant request being prepared by RI-DEM for construction of transient facilities at Town Wharf has been filed, and is now in its preliminary stage. The grant requires specific transient dockage and restroom facilities. A subsurface investigation at the Warren Town wharf has been initiated.
 - b. HM had a conversation with the Tourister Mill project manager, Chris, who committed to provide some current information. Chairman Kemp, HM Cabral and Secretary Lippman met with the Warren Town Manager, Town Planner and Grant Writer last month. The Mill developer's riverwalk submission was a "planning document" only. It was requested that actual building documents for the riverwalk portion of the Tourister Mills project be produced.
 - c. Oyster Tank Dr. Dale Leavitt delivered fresh oyster seeds 2 weeks ago, and will continue to review and assess the initiative's progress. Filing date for the Oyster Management Area has been revised to September 18; Warren's filing is in process. A special WHMC meeting may be necessary for review the submission.
 - d. Mooring Inspector Standards will be reviewed and set by the WHMC at the recommendation of the Town Solicitor.



- i. Final review may be part of the special meeting noted above.
- ii. Diver for Hire of Rhode Island has applied to be an authorized Warren mooring inspector. **MOTION**: accept Diver for Hire/RI as an authorized mooring inspector <u>unanimously passed</u>.
- e. Tourister Mills Riverwalk and Marina status
 - i. HM Cabral will reach out again to TM project manager Chris and request current information about the riverwalk buildout and the marina proposal.
- 4. Residential Pier Proposal James Barber, 7 Touisset Road
 - a. Application for a 98.5' pier cross dense vegetation and marsh grasses to establish a 150 sq ft float in 18" of MLW depth, submitted August 2, 2017.
 - b. The Commission's concerns include mooring field proximity, Conklin Cove interference, and Kickemuit River residential dock density.
 - c. **MOTION**: the application of James Barker's proposed residential pier unduly encroaches upon the mooring field setback. The WHMC disapproves of this application <u>unanimously passed</u>.
- 5. Harbor Management Plan currently under review by
 - a. Chairman Kemp and Secretary Lippman met with the Town Manager and Town Planner last month, and several changes were suggested. Final document will be ready for review at an upcoming meeting.
- 6. Protecting water access rights
 - a. Request that the DPW install the granite ROW markers produced several years ago and stored at the town yard. These markers include Town Landing and Shore Drive; the blank marker is being reserved for the broken bridge (Parker/Riverview) ROW upon approval.
 - b. The CRMC subcommittee is next scheduled to meet on September 11th.
 - c. Uncertain about the Save the Bay generated improvement proposals for Bridge Street and Palmer.

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- 7. Other Business

- a. Water Quality Testing Commissioner Singewald distributed the current water quality report that was available on the website. Recent rainfall is indicated on this report.
- b. Discussion about access rights to the grassy area adjacent to the German Club.
- c. Discussion about the Warren Land Conservation Trust, and possible Kelly Street launching to the island.

8. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.			
William J. Kemp, Chairman			
Craig Lippman, Secretary			





Conservation Commission

Town of Warren, Rhode Island 02885

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COASTAL RESOURCES

December 19, 2018

Mr. Grover Fugate, Executive Director Coastal Resources Management Council Stedman Government Center Tower Hill Road Wakefield, RI 02879

Re: File Number 2017-12-046 James Barber 7 Touisset Road Warren, RI 02885

Wendy Brennen

Dear Mr. Fugate:

In the case of this application, Mr. Barber has provided to the Commission Revision 1: 8-22-18 by: WFH. The Commission is satisfied that this revised plan would protect the marsh grass and protect the dense vegetation.

The Commission continues its concern regarding the placement of the dock as it would still impact the present mooring field.

Sincerely,

Wendy Brennen

Member



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COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Town of Warren, Rhode Island 02885

January 29, 2018

Mr. Grover Fugate, Executive Director Coastal Resources Management Council Stedman Government Center Tower Hill Road Wakefield, RI 02879

Re: File Number 2017-12-046 James Barber 7 Touisset Road Warren, RI 02885

Dear Mr. Fugate:

The Warren Conservation Commission objects to the Coastal Resources Management Council's propensity for granting variance after variance for docks that exceed the CRMP's standards.

In the case of this application, the proposed dock interferes with an approved mooring field. Actually the encroachment would be more than 14 feet given that as many as four boats could be tied to the float.

The application shows no plans for protecting the marsh grass during construction. In addition, construction in the area of intact dense vegetated habitat could increase soil erosion into the Kickemuit River.

The Conservation Commission recommends denial of this application.

Sincerely,

Jane Harrison

Secretary