



WARREN HARBOR COMMISSION

September 8, 2023

Mr. Ross Singer
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Dear Mr. Singer:

The Warren Harbor Management Commission held its scheduled monthly meeting on September 6, 2023, at Warren Town Hall. Considered at the meeting was CRMC residential dock application **2020-07-031**. Two outstanding issues pertinent to this application were discussed: 1) A non-conforming residential dock float, and 2) a variance request filed subsequent to the original application.

The CRMC has long held the importance of protecting indigenous aquatic vegetation, and as such established a maximum policy of one hundred fifty square feet (150 ft²) for any residential float, regardless whether the applicant was individual or shared. Indeed, no individual or shared application in Warren has been approved in over two decades for any residential dock where its float exceeds 150 ft², and we are loath to see this precedent subverted. The applicant on two occasions (2021 and 2023) has stated that they would reduce their float size to no more than 150 ft² upon request.

The original application encroached upon the mooring field set-back, as documented in the Warren Harbor Management Plan. The applicant has revised their submission to reduce the overall residential dock length, and the Harbormaster has updated mooring field seven identifiers to more accurately reflect its boundaries. The variance supports public waterfront use and private dock placement.

The actions taken by the Warren Harbor Management Commission at its September meeting were to request the CRMC stipulate that the float on the residential dock not exceed one hundred fifty square feet (150 ft²), and that the Commission has no objection to the variance as received from the CRMC on September 5, 2023. These actions will assure consistency of residential applications approved for Warren waters this century.

Very truly yours;

Commissioner Craig Lippman

cc: Warren Harbor Management Commissioners