



# Town of South Kingstown Waterfront Advisory Commission

Regular Session Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, March 5, 2026 at 7:00 PM  
The Neighborhood Guild  
325 Columbia St., Peace Dale, RI  
[www.southkingstownri.gov](http://www.southkingstownri.gov)

Michael Sherry, Chairman  
Connor Duckworth  
Samuel Grimley  
Barry Gross  
Sara Mariani  
Nathaniel Merrill  
Joseph Nuzzolillo

## A. Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:03pm.

## B. Roll Call:

All members present.

Staff: Michael Stach, Harbormaster / NRO

Guest: Elizabeth Gardner

## C. Approval of Minutes:

February 5, 2026

Motion by N. Merrill to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by C. Duckworth. Motion passes 7-0.

## D. Correspondence & Public Comment:

Elizabeth Gardner comments relative to her family history. Inquiring about materials in dock construction, wind energy, plat ownership of Lake Ave and Washington St ROW ownership and proposed improvements. Discussion about her lineage and heir rights to waterways, deeds for the proposed dock applications on the agenda.

### 1. US Army Corps of Engineers Public Notice

Permit Application No. NAE-2011-01436 (Mazza Marina LLC & Perrywinkle Realty LLC)

M. Stach provided background on the mediated settlement for the property. This public notice is required for work to commence on the property. A new marina perimeter will be established and public parking spaces will be provided by the applicant on the private marina lot for the public ROW at Perrywinkle Rd.

### Work to Commence on CRMC Public Notice for Application (Previously Reviewed)

**File#:** 2024-08-045

**Application Name:** Mazza Marina LLC

**City/Town:** South Kingstown

**Description:** Assent to combine the Perrywinkle, LLC Marina Perimeter Limit (MPL) with the Mazza Marina MPL to establish a new marina perimeter.

Perrywinkle Road Public Access Parking Improvements Pursuant to Settlement Agreement

## E. Old Business:

### 1. Harbor Management Plan Update

No new update.

Submitted to CRMC on April 6, 2023. Waiting for the approval of RIDEM to issue a Water Quality Certificate. Waiting for approval from CRMC.

## HMP Review Chronology

4/6/2023 HMP submitted electronically to Kevin Cute at CRMC via email of FTP link to proposed plan.  
 6/6/2023 Town follow-up with Kevin Cute at CRMC on ETA for a decision on the HMP.  
 6/12/2023 DEM date stamp on original draft HMP (*from CRMC?*)  
 6/13/2023 Emails with Kevin Cute at CRMC re:  
 Completed CRMC review of HMP with comments  
 Requirement for WQC review by DEM8/\_\_\_/2023 WQC Application submitted to DEM

8/30/2023 Revised HMP submitted to Kevin Cute at CRMC via email of FTP link with changes in response to  
 6/13/2023 CRMC comments.  
 10/30/2024 DEM – First unacceptable response to review of HMP for WQC  
 1/16/2025 SK written response to 10/30/2024 DEM letter, with FTP link to revised HMP  
 6/6/2025 1/16/2025 materials uploaded to new DEM permit portal  
 7/9/2025 DEM review of HMP received by email from Rebecca Russell  
 8/6/2025 Revised HMP submitted to DEM permit portal in response to 7/9/2025 comments  
 10/21/2025 DEM review of HMP received by email from Chuck Horbert

Matter forwarded to town legal counsel for discussion with DEM

## 2. Development of Online GIS Based Map Showing South Kingstown Rights of Way to Shore

A new GIS Coordinator was hired in the Planning Department. Discussions are currently underway with staff to determine path forward to develop this project.

3. Public Right-of Way Access at Locations 10 and 11. Re: Boats and Waterways Ordinance 4-14: Rights-of-Way to the Water – Boat Storage
  - PA Site 10: Washington Street, Location: Matunuck, Water Area: Segar Cove, Assessor's Plat: 87-4, Recorded Plat: LE34 / 78
  - PA Site 11: Lake Avenue, Location: Matunuck, Water Area: Segar Cove, Assessor's Plat: 87-4, Recorded Plats: LE33 / 416, PB6 / 436, and PB7 / 487

Awaiting approval from CRMC of the submitted buffer zone management site plan which includes storm water management, invasives management with native plant replanting and kayak rack construction and installation. SKHS CTE program is no longer interested in building the racks. The Town Facilities Department will construct them.

Harbormaster will open registration with Lynx Log once CRMC approval is received.

## 4. Boats and Waterways Ordinance Revisions / Updates

Due to agenda length, members will look at in future meetings.

5. Coastal Road and Public Right-of Way to the Water Survey and Monumentation; Charlestown Beach Road Survey Status

In review process with Public Services and Purchasing to move towards soliciting bids.

## 6. Expansion of Parking Lot at Marina Park West Lot to Accommodate Increased Seasonal Activity

Staff is revising plans due to cost of bids received being over the current available budget.

## 7. Marina Park / Town Farm Park Master Plan w/Connectivity to Downtown Wakefield

First available funding proposed in 2026-27 CIP budget.

## 8. Formerly Leased Docks Along Saugatucket River Returning to Town Operations

Returning to Town Control July 1, 2027.

9. Development of Indian Lake Management Plan (Kick Off Meeting 1/14/26, Grant Funded)

No new updates. RIDEM vendor working on development of the document.

10. Planned Development of a Saugatucket River Watershed Plan by RIDEM

RIDEM planning to start work on this in the near future.

11. Hydrilla
  - a. Wood Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Grant Update for Worden Pond Education Project
  - b. Development of Friends of Worden Pond 501c3 Organization (wordenpondfriends@gmail.com)
  - c. 2025 Indian Lake Hydrilla Treatment and Survey Report from Pond and Lakes Connection (vendor)

a. Staff working on closing out the project. Sign to be installed at Worden Pond ramp kiosk that was constructed. Postcards have been mailed to abutters.

b. New community organization Friends of Worden Pond is working on becoming a 501c3 organization.

c. 2026 treatment will commence once growing season begins. Report issued from last year indicates no presence of hydrilla in Indian lake.

12. Update on Reconstruction of RIDEM Narrow River Boat Ramp @ Mitchell and Pollock Ave Related Deed Issues

RIDEM boat ramp on the list to be reconstructed. The current barriers are deed issues and funding. The fund that provides for boat ramp work is depleted.

#### **F. New Business:**

1. **CRMC Public Notice for Application Pending**  
**File#:** [1995-08-050 \(Modification\)](#)  
**Application Name:** William and Bria Wilbur  
**City/Town:** South Kingstown  
**Description:** Modification to existing residential boating facility to extend the existing 30" width of the fixed pier/ramp to current standard 4'.

C. Duckworth made a motion, that there are no objections to the plans as presented. Seconded by S. Grimley. Motion passes 7-0.

2. **CRMC Public Notice for Application Pending**  
**File#:** [2026-01-077](#)  
**Application Name:** Nest Properties RI LLC  
**City/Town:** South Kingstown  
**Description:** Remove existing grandfathered dock and replace with new residential boating facility consisting of a pier, ramp and terminal float.

Motion by N. Merrill that there are no objections to the plans as presented. Seconded by C. Duckworth. Motion passes 7-0.

3. **CRMC Public Notice for Application Pending**  
**File#:** [2026-01-045](#)  
**Application Name:** Jill Marquardt-Scola

**City/Town:** South Kingstown

**Description:** Construct and maintain a residential boating facility with pier, access ramp, and terminal float with pilings.

Motion by N. Merrill that there are no objections to the plans as presented. Seconded by S. Grimley. Motion passes 7-0.

4. **CRMC Public Notice for Application Pending**

**File#:** [1983-07-020 \(Modification\)](#)

**Application Name:** Bruce Smith

**City/Town:** South Kingstown

**Description:** Modification of an existing grandfathered dock to include replacement of the existing fixed upland landing, to an access ramp to a terminal float.

Motion by C. Duckworth that there are no objections to the plans as presented. Seconded by B. Gross. Motion passes 7-0.

5. **CRMC Public Notice for Application Pending**

**File#:** [1996-01-037 \(Modification\)](#)

**Application Name:** Sandra Crevier Dec. of Trust

**City/Town:** South Kingstown

**Description:** Replace existing grandfathered dock with a new pier, ramp and terminal float.

Motion by S. Grimley that there are no objections to the plans as presented. Seconded by B. Gross. Motion passes 7-0.

6. **CRMC Public Notice for Application Pending**

**File#:** [2026-01-070](#)

**Application Name:** Richard and Lyse-Anne Lepine

**City/Town:** South Kingstown

**Description:** Construct and maintain a residential boating facility with pier, ramp and terminal float.

Motion by N. Merrill that there are no objections to the plans as presented. Seconded by S. Grimley. Motion passes 7-0.

**G. Harbormaster's Report:**

1. Update on New Patrol/Response Boat Construction by SAFE Boats International  
The project is currently undergoing sea trials and then will move to final quality inspection and prep for shipping.

M. Stach updated Commission members on the status of the new patrol and emergency response boat construction and showed photos of the current construction.

2. Jet Dock Installation

Jet Dock is in the water. Once the new boat arrives, Jet Dock will return and set up the dock for the new boat.

3. Status Update on New Slip Assignment for New Patrol/Response Boat at Ram Point Marina

Ram Point assigned the new slip for the new boat in December.

4. 2026 Mooring Renewals

Mooring Renewals have been sent out. Due June 1.

**H. Next Meeting:**

April 2, 2026

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**I. Adjournment:**

C. Duckworth made a motion to adjourn at 8:14pm. Seconded by N. Merrill. Motion passed 7-0.