



Town of South Kingstown Waterfront Advisory Commission

Regular Session Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 2, 2026 at 7:00 PM
The Neighborhood Guild
325 Columbia St., Peace Dale, RI
www.southkingstownri.gov

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

A. Call to Order & Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm.

All members present.

Staff present: Michael Stach, Harbormaster / NRO

B. Approval of Minutes:

March 5, 2026

Motion by S. Grimley to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by C. Duckworth. Motion passes 7-0.

C. Correspondence & Public Comment:

1. Mazza (Point View) Marina LLC - DEM Water Quality Certification Notice

Provided to the members as a public notice. No action taken/required.

Background provided previously on the mediated settlement for the property. This DEM 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.

D. 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

Tracey Owens, Principle Planner, has begun working on this in her new role and will provide updates to the Commission as they become available. N. Merrill provided data the Commission had worked on to forward to Tracey to be included in the development.

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

CRMC Assent has been received. Vendors have been solicited to perform the site work. The Facilities Department is in the process of building the racks. Will be advertising for people to register for a rack space. Washington Street to follow Lake Ave.

4. Boats and Waterways Ordinance Revisions / Updates

Members will continue to work on this as time allows.

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

Scheduled for the April 13, 2026 Town Council meeting for review of recommendation of bid award.

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 July 1, 2027

The Town has applied for Congressional Directed Spending to construct new docks and related items when the area along the river returns to town control. Chairman Sherry signed letters supporting the request. S. Grimley made a motion to that the Waterfront Advisory Commission supports the request for the CDS grant to improve public boating access at Marina Park and to affirm the positions outlined in the letters to Senators Magaziner and Reed. Seconded by B. Gross. The motion passed 7-0.

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)

Updates provided on the Worden Pond kiosk project and mailers as well as the new Friends Group.

12. Reconstruction of RIDEM Narrow River Boat Ramp @ Mitchell and Pollock Ave

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.

E. New Business:

1. Harbor Patrol / Natural Resource Officer FY 2026-27 Proposed Operating Budget

Members were provided and reviewed the Harbormaster / NRO operating budget for FY 2026-27. Motion by S. Grimley to support the proposed budget as presented. Seconded by N. Merrill. Motion passed 7-0.

F. Harbormaster's Report:

1. Update on New Patrol/Response Boat Construction by SAFE Boats International
The project is waiting for final quality inspection and prep for shipping.

Update provided on the new boat construction. Waiting for the Quality Assurance Team to provide a check-off of the boat. From there, it will be transferred to the Logistics Team for shipping. New pictures were shown.

2. Jet Dock Installation

Jet Dock will come to set the dock up for the boat when the boat arrives.

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

Everything appears in order for when the boat arrives.

4. 2026 Mooring Renewals

Mooring renewals are out.

G. Next Meeting:

May 7, 2026

May 7, 2026

H. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 7:30 by C. Duckworth. Seconded by S. Grimley. Motion passed 7-0.