



Jamestown Harbor Commission Meeting
Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
Jamestown Town Hall
93 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown, RI 02835

AGENDA

THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN PERSON ONLY.

THIS MEETING WILL BE LIVE STREAMED: To view the meeting with no interaction:

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- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Approval of Meeting Minutes - Review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote;
 - A. November 13, 2024
 - B. December 11, 2024
- III. Executive Director's Report -J. Heagney
 - A. Dutch Harbor Status
 - B. Kayak Rack Holdouts
 - C. Harbor Plan and Ordinance Update
- IV. Harbormaster's Report - B. Totten
- V. Year-to-Date Financial Report
- VI. Sub-Committee Reports
 - A. Budget - S. Romano and T. Alexander - Review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote;
 - B. Facilities - W. Banks and J. Archibald - Review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote;
 - C. Gould Island Restoration -W. Banks, M. Campbell, and B. Laman - Review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote;
- VII. Liaison Reports
 - A. Conservation Commission - B. Laman - Review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote;
 - B. Town Council - Review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote;
- VIII. Old Business - None at this time;
- IX. Correspondence

- X. New Business
 - A. Discounted Kayak/Dinghy Rack Permits for Mooring Permit Holders - Review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote;

- XI. Open Forum
 - A. Scheduled Requests to Address - None scheduled at this time;
 - B. Non-Scheduled Requests to Address

- XII. Adjournment

Pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-6{c} Notice of this meeting shall be posted on the Secretary of State's website, at the Town Hall, and at the Jamestown Police Station. Notice is also posted at the Jamestown Philomenian Library and on the Internet at www.jamestownri.gov.

ALL NOTE: If communications assistance or other accommodations are needed to ensure equal participation, please call 1-800-745-5555, or contact the Town Clerk at 401-423-9800, via facsimile to 401-423-7230, or email to rfaan@jamestownri.net not less than three (3) business days prior to the meeting.

Posted on the RI Secretary of State website on January 3, 2025.

**TOWN OF JAMESTOWN
HARBOR COMMISSION**

Approved:

A meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission (JHC) was held on Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers of the Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown, Rhode Island.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Chairman Wayne Banks called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Present:

Wayne Banks, Chairman
Jessica McCarthy, Commissioner
Sue Romano, Commissioner
Mark Campbell, Commissioner
Bob Laman, Commissioner

Absent:

Tom Alexander, Vice-Chairman
Jim Archibald, Commissioner

Also in Attendance:

Jim Heagney, Executive Director
Bart Totten, Harbormaster
Joan Rich, Harbor Clerk

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes - Review, Discussion, and/or Potential Action and/or Vote;

A. October 9, 2024

Commissioner Romano moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 9, 2024 with a second by Chairman Banks. There was no discussion. So voted: Chairman Banks, Aye; Commissioner McCarthy, Aye; Commissioner Romano, Aye; Commissioner Campbell, Aye; Commissioner Laman, Aye.

III. Executive Director's Report - J. Heagney

Executive Director Heagney stated he spoke to Graham Jamison of TPG Marinas earlier in the week to find out what the status of closing their marinas for the season. TPG Conanicut in East Ferry is in good shape but TPG Dutch Harbor has been having trouble with the rail system for the past several weeks and there are many boats still in the water. There was some discussion.

IV. Harbormaster's Report - 8. Totten

Harbormaster Totten stated both of the boats have been pulled for the season. TPG is going to winterize the motors and he brought one of the boats over today to have that done. Once both motors are winterized the boats will be shrinkwrapped. The best quote received was from a company owned by a Jamestown resident who makes recyclable shrink wrap. He is also looking at purchasing covers for the boats so they would not have to be shrinkwrapped in the future. Harbormaster Totten also stated that the pumpouts at East and West Ferry have been decommissioned for the season. TPG has pulled the docks out of East Ferry and they will pull the docks at West Ferry as well. He would also like to develop a manual over the winter that would contain operational information, such as vendor phone numbers, who performs what duty, and when it needs to be performed, etc., that will be useful to staff.

V. Year-to-Date Financial Report - S. Romano

Commissioner Romano discussed the current financial statement for FY25. Some line items were not properly budgeted and exceeded the allotted amount, but the over-expenditures will be offset by line items that are not fully expended. Those issues have been addressed in the FY26 budget that has been approved by the Harbor Commission and the Town Council. There was some discussion. Commissioner Campbell asked if any money was recouped from FEMA for storm damage to the Ft. Getty pier. The money to be reimbursed would cover the Foth Engineering study and materials to repair the pier. There was some discussion.

VI. Sub-Committee Reports

A. Budget - S. Romano and T. Alexander - Review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote;

Commissioner Romano went over the budget for FY26 in her remarks on the YTD Financial Report, and indicated that the Town Council had approved the budget and approved the permit rate increases for 2025.

B. Facilities - W. Banks and J. Archibald - Review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote;

Chairman Banks had nothing to report.

C. Gould Island Restoration - W. Banks, M. Campbell, and B. Laman - Review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote;

Commissioner Campbell had nothing to report as no other meetings will be taking place until June, 2025

VII. Liaison Reports

A. Conservation Commission - B. Laman - Review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote;

Commissioner Laman stated that he had nothing to report as the Conservation Commission is not meeting until next week.

B. Town Council - Review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote;

Randy White is no longer on the Town Council and was not in attendance tonight.

VIII. Old Business

None at this time.

IX. Correspondence

None at this time.

X. New Business

None at this time.

Chairman Banks asked if anyone had attended the climate meeting at the library the previous evening. Executive Director Heagney attended and stated a number of people presented about what they are doing around their towns and statewide to help mitigate the effects of future flooding/storm damage. Newport has hired a person to coordinate sustainability initiatives and Jamestown is looking into something similar. Some towns are applying for federal grants, a new dune project for Mackerel Cove was discussed, and others spoke about how Jamestown might deal with future storm events. It was unclear who actually hosted the meeting. There was some discussion.

XI. Open Forum

A. Scheduled Requests to Address- None

B. Non-Scheduled Requests to Address

XII. Adjournment

There being no further business, Commissioner Romano moved to adjourn and was seconded by Chairman Banks. So voted: Chairman Banks, Aye; Commissioner McCarthy, Aye; Commissioner Romano, Aye; Commissioner Campbell, Aye; Commissioner Laman, Aye. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Attest,

Joan Rich, Harbor Clerk

**TOWN OF JAMESTOWN
HARBOR COMMISSION**

Approved:

A meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission (JHC) was held on Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers of the Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown, Rhode Island:

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Wayne Banks called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Present:

Wayne Banks, Chairman

Tom Alexander, Vice-Chairman

Mark Campbell, Commissioner

Jim Archibald, Commissioner

Bob Laman, Commissioner

Absent:

Jessica McCarthy, Commissioner

Sue Romano, Commissioner

Also in Attendance:

Jim Heagney, Executive Director

Joan Rich, Harbor Clerk

II. Public Comment - Preliminary Determination Application for Expansion of an Oyster Farm - CRMC - Benjamin Goetsch

A. Application of Bradley Boehringer for Expansion of existing Rocky Rhode Oyster Co. to grow bay scallops and sugar kelp;

Ben Goetsch from the Coastal Resources Management Council explained the preliminary determination process for an aquaculture application. Bradley Boehringer, the applicant, took over the lease of Walrus and Carpenter Oysters, located on the west side of Jamestown, and has been operating the business for the past year. Mr. Boehringer, who currently operates as Rocky Rhode Oyster Company, has applied to expand his oyster farm from 7.8 acres, by 3.5 acres to the west of the current boundary, for a total of 11.3 acres.

Mr. Boehringer stated the current harvest of his farm is 600,000 oysters, and he is maxed out with the area he currently has. His target is to harvest 1,000,00/year. He wants to focus on oysters but could also grow kelp and scallops in a process called vertical farming, as each species inhabits a different layer of water.

Mr. Boehringer also has an aqua farm in Point Judith Pond, but the water quality in the pond has changed, causing his farm to be closed for weeks at a time. He discussed the process of oyster farming and how he hopes to grow better oysters to bring to market.

There were questions, especially regarding the distance or "buffer zone" between different aquafarms. There was also a question about the hazard to navigation of the equipment to recreational boaters; the concern that there aren't any radar reflectors on the aquafarming equipment; and if radar reflectors are attached to the equipment, how well do they work, including in the fog. There was some discussion.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes - Review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote;

A. November 13, 2024

Chairman Banks made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 13, 2024 and Commissioner Laman seconded. There was no discussion. So voted: Chairman Banks, aye; Vice-Chairman Alexander, abstain; Commissioner Campbell, aye; Commissioner Archibald, abstain; Commissioner Laman, aye. The motion did not carry and the minutes will be voted on again next month.

IV. Executive Director's Report - J. Heagney

A. TPG East Ferry-Dock/ramp removals and moorings winterization - docks and ramps have been removed and two rows of moorings still must be winterized;

B. TPG Dutch Harbor - All boats are out of the water except for the launch, and the docks have been disassembled and moved to moorings to await removal beginning tomorrow. Commissioner Archibald stated he had observed that it appeared some of the sinkholes had been filled in at Dutch Harbor, and Executive Director Heagney stated Mike Gray of Public Works had his crew fill in the holes, and that the repairs to the bulkhead would happen in early spring. There was some discussion.

C. Progress report on Harbor Management Plan -The edits have been completed and the plan will be forwarded to the Harbormaster and Town Administrator for further review.

D. Harbormaster boats update - There is a leak in one of the pontoons in the old boat. An appointment has been scheduled at New England Inflatables in Warwick for the repair.

Commissioner Archibald stated there were some kayaks and dinghies left on some of the racks, and Executive Director Heagney stated he was going to get the permit numbers and contact the owners for removal.

V. Harbormaster's Report- B. Totten

Harbormaster Totten was not present, and Executive Director Heagney included in his report the topics that Mr. Totten would have discussed.

VI. Year-to-Date Financial Report

Commissioner Romano was not present.

VII. Sub-Committee Reports

A. Budget - S. Romano and T. Alexander - Review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote;

Vice Chairman Alexander had nothing to report.

B. Facilities - W. Banks and J. Archibald - Review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote;

Chairman Banks and Commissioner Archibald had nothing to report beyond what had been previously discussed about the Dutch Harbor bulkhead and the vessels left on the beach racks.

C. Gould Island Restoration - W. Banks, M. Campbell, and B. Laman - Review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote;

Chairman Banks stated there was nothing new to report.

VIII. Liaison Reports

A. Conservation Commission - B. Laman - Review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote;

Commissioner Laman stated at the Conservation Commission meeting last night they discussed the Rights of Way program, which had been suspended due to non-compliance of the guidelines. There is still a lot of interest in the program and the Conservation Commission is working to reinstate it. Commissioner Laman is going to talk to the Town Administrator about the revisions to the program, and who has ultimate oversight of the Rights of Way.

B. Town Council - Review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote;

A new liaison has not yet been appointed by the Town Council.

IX. Old Business - None at this time;

X. Correspondence

A. Email from Carol Cronin regarding location of the Harbormaster Boat in West Ferry;

Chairman Banks made a motion to accept the email from Carol Cronin and was seconded by Commissioner Archibald. So voted: Chairman Banks, aye; Vice-Chairman Alexander, aye; Commissioner Campbell, aye; Commissioner Archibald, aye; Commissioner Laman, aye.

B. Email from Marion Falla regarding Insurance Requirement for Commercial Moorings;

Chairman Banks made a motion to accept the email from Marion Falla and was seconded by Commissioner Archibald. So voted: Chairman Banks, aye; Vice-Chairman Alexander, aye; Commissioner Campbell, aye; Commissioner Archibald, aye; Commissioner Laman, aye.

XI. New Business

A. Sunset Oyster Farm Upweller Request - Review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote;

Executive Director Heagney stated that there had not been any issues or complaints over the past year about the upweller at Fort Getty that has been operated by Sunset Oyster Farm. Chairman Banks moved to approve the request by Sunset Oyster Farm to continue to operate the upweller and Commissioner Archibald seconded. Commissioner Campbell asked the applicant, Tony Pinheiro, how the upweller was working. There was some discussion. So voted: Chairman Banks, aye; Vice-Chairman Alexander, aye; Commissioner Campbell, aye; Commissioner Archibald, aye, Commissioner Laman, aye.

B. 2025 Mooring Inspector/Installer Applications - Review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote;

Commissioner Campbell had questions regarding who was performing the mooring maintenance for the boatyards that were on the list, and there was discussion as to what company the boatyards had hired to subcontract the mooring work. The list will be revised to reflect the subcontractors, who had all applied separately to be an approved mooring inspector/installer. There was more discussion. So voted: Chairman Banks, aye; Vice-Chairman Alexander, aye Commissioner Campbell, aye, Commissioner Archibald, aye; Commissioner Laman, aye.

XII. Open Forum

A. Scheduled Requests to Address- None

B. Non-Scheduled Requests to Address

Chairman Banks stated that this would be his last meeting as he is term-limited, but he has sent a letter to the Town Council to serve another term. The Town Council is meeting next on December 19, and they will vote at that time on Harbor Commission applicants. There was some discussion.

XIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Banks moved to adjourn with a second by Commissioner Archibald. So voted: Chairm_an Banks aye; Vice Chairman Alexander, aye; Commissioner Campbell, aye; Commissioner Archibald, aye; Commissioner Laman, aye.

Attest:

Joan Rich, Harbor Clerk

Joan Rich

From: Michael Pinksaw
Sent: Friday, August 23, 2024 9:06 PM
To: Joan Rich
Cc:
Subject: Re: Park Dock Kayak Rack

CAUTION: This email originated from outside the Jamestown email system. Please do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and determine the content is safe.

Hi, Joan.

Why am I being asked to pay for a beach permit for my dinghy? \$60+ for a permit? If such if the case, I will figure out some other arrangements.

The boat won't be used this year, but if the town finds it necessary to charge me and other boaters to leave our dinghies on the beach after never being charged a fee, I object.

I never asked for a dinghy rack. Others did and now I'm "required" to use it.

Also, the racks location is an invitation for fishermen and their families to tamper with and/or use our vessels as tables.

Please feel free to forward this communication to the harbor commission.
I will make every attempt to make the next meeting.

Michael Pinksaw
Jamestown RI 02835
On Fri, Aug 23, 2024 at 16:19, Joan Rich
<jrich@jamestownri.net> wrote:

Good Afternoon Michael,

The new kayak/paddleboard/dinghy rack at Park Dock has been completed, and as a mooring permit holder in the Park Dock mooring field, you have priority for a spot on the rack. If you would like a kayak permit, you can go to Online Mooring and apply in the "Beach Permit" section. With the availability of the new rack, people will no longer be allowed to store their vessels on the beach or along the tree line.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Joan

Joan Rich

From: Michael Pinksaw
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2024 8:59 AM
To: Joan Rich
Subject: RE: Park Dock Kayak Rack

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Good morning, Joan.

Thanks for your reply.

Just to clarify, I'm not opposed to the rack being there. It's great that the town has made some improvements at Park Dock.

My opposition is to the fee attached, being required to use said rack, and where it was positioned.

Mike

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On Mon, Aug 26, 2024 at 8:36, Joan Rich
<jrich@jamestownri.net> wrote:

Good Morning Michael,

The Harbor Commission voted last year to construct another kayak/paddleboard/dinghy rack at Park Dock. I will forward your objection to the new rack to the Harbor Commission members, and I thank you for your input.

Joan

Joan Rich

Administrative Assistant/Harbor Clerk

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