



Town of South Kingstown

Waterfront Advisory Commission

Regular Session Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 6, 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 by S. Grimley at 7:04pm

B. Approval of Minutes:

June 4, 2026

Motion by C. Duckworth to approve June 4, 2026 minutes. Seconded by J. Nuzzolillo. Motion passed 5-0.

C. Correspondence & Public Comment:

1. Narragansett Harbor Commission Agenda / Minutes

Provided to members for ex officio status.

D. Old Business:

1. Harbor Management Plan Update

M. Stach provided the most recent correspondence from DEM attorney to the Solicitors' office. Brian Wagner, Deputy Town Planner and Solicitor's office, is working on a response to DEM. Water Quality Certificate is the last piece needed before Town Council adoption.

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

Tracey Owens, Principle Planner for South Kingstown, showed the members her work on developing a GIS-based mapping program to show the public coastal access points in South Kingstown and solicited feedback on the properties and design that the members would like to see.

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

Waiting on CRMC permit.

4. Boats and Waterways Ordinance Revisions / Updates

Members will 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

Staff working to complete work to send out to bid.

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

The Parks Department will be replacing the post and rail fence and adding post and rail to the east side of the lot along the newly planted grass. Signage and divider fence will also be added as time allows.

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

Staff will look into whether this project can begin with the partial funding that has been received.

8. Formerly Leased Waterfront Area Along Saugatucket River Adjacent to Marina Park Green Space — Returning to Town Operations July 1, 2027

Members will work on recommendations to the Town Council for use of this area.

9. Development of Indian Lake Management Plan (June 25, 2026 6:30pm Public Meeting at Town Hall)

Public meeting held with contractor working on the plan. Project moving forward.

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

RIDEM to work on this project.

11. Hydrilla

M. Stach reported that the town is completing its final year of treatment of hydrilla at Indian Lake, funded by a RIDEM BWRP grant. RIDEM has secured some funding from SNEP for next years treatment but the balance will need to come from other sources. Greaterers are working at the boat ramps, hired by RIDEM.

Funding has been secured to begin treatment of hydrilla at Worden Pond. RIDEM secured funds from USDA for one year of treatment.

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

M. Stach reported that there has been new correspondence between DEM and NRPA relating to some legal work on the ownership issues of the site. The town has a meeting scheduled for August 26, 2026 to discuss some of the titling and property issues with the site.

E. New Business:

1. New Harbormaster Boat Christening — August 19, 2026 @ 12:30pm

Christening Ceremony scheduled for August 19th at 12:30. All are invited.

2. CRMC Application for State Assent-Swim Float-257 Walmsley Ln

M. Stach presented a CRMC application for a swim float adjacent to a private property on the Narrow River. CRMC has a process to administratively approve this without going through the 30-day public comment. Presented to the Commission for their review to provide feedback to CRMC if necessary.

After review of location and potential effects on navigation, seeing none more than a boat on a mooring would present, C. Duckworth made a motion that the Commission does not have an objection to the application as presented. B. Gross seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

F. Harbormaster's Report:

NBMTF and Harbor Safety Committee Town Council - New Boat New Vessel Security Coverage of Station Pt. Judith AOR for RB-S During Sail 250 USCG Sector - New Boat Blessing of the Fleet USCGC Eagle Matunuck Surf Shop Paddle Board Race

M. Stach provided updates on NBMTF meeting, Harbor Safety meeting, the new boat and its updated role in the area,

recent response and activity, and upcoming marine events in town.

G. Next Meeting:

September 3, 2026

September 3, 2026

H. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 8:16pm by B. Gross, seconded by J. Nuzzolillo. Motion passed 5-0