

Newport Waterfront Commission

Annual Report

2022

January 2022

- **Transferring Commercial moorings.** From this meeting a subcommittee was create to get public input. Then we developed a plan and eventually a document to give direction to the harbormaster on these mooring transfers.
- Reviewed **CRMC application for NYYC seawall.** Vote was taken and had unanimous approval for the project.

February 2022

- **North Kingston Waterfront Commission and Harbormaster on their houseboat ordince** and appeal to the State House of Representative requesting a change of the law governing motorized houseboats in their harbor. We worked with them to supply information from our investigations of houseboats from around the country and what we implemented into ordinance in Newport Harbor.
- Reviewed and discussed that nonresident property owners have the same statis on the mooring list as residents. The overall consensus from the group was it was reviewed in 2018 when the new ordince for mooring went through and we should not make the nonresident property equal to a resident property owner.

- Began meetings to curb vessel noise specifically from a tour boat called **Bay Watch**. The Commission received several complaints from the public in 2021. We meet in person with the owners of the vessel with the Harbor Master. There was a verbal warning issued and we had minimal complaints concerning Bay Watch during the summer of 2022.
- Dealt with issues of **obscene flags** in front of Ida Lewis YC. The issue was submitted to solicitor Behan and his advice was there was not much we can do about such incidences because of Freedom of Speech Act. In 2022 we had no further issues on this subject.
- **Captain Cooks ship-** Ship was finally identified as the Endeavor. We are concerned about future dives on the site that could be more tourist and site seeing in nature. Such future permits would be governed by the Harbormaster.
- **Large Ship anchorage-** Proposed and discussed with Harbormaster developing a planned area nearer to Newport Bridge for large yachts deciding to anchor, between Goat and Rose Island. ‘

March 2022

- Approved CRMC permit for the **Newport Shipyard** dock expansion.
- Discussed new lottery program for the public Kayak racks.

April 2022

- Reported on subcommittee evaluation of the **Commercial Mooring** transfer document. The document was voted on and approved. Recommended to City Council and given to the Harbormaster for future implementation.
- Discussed over night dinghy dock at Pedrotti Park

June 2022

- Computerizing city rental moorings
- First meeting with Trisha Reynolds introduction to the Transportation Master Plan.
- Sara Bertuccio requested handicap dinghy rack.
- Limit fishing on 3 center spans of Goat Island Causeway

July 2022

- Friends of The Waterfront- Scotts Wharf public access. Smokehouse restaurant has illegally set up equipment not approved by the city essentially on public land. It has been this way for 10 years. We will follow with appropriate departments at City Hall.

- Gary Lash introduce idea of adding a second pier to FT Adams boat ramp
- Pump outs are not being monitored by DEM and we need to make sure all pump outs that marinas have are operable.
- Speed of the shuttles during Festivals need to be monitored.
- Friends of the Stone Pier have been helping to monitor the Stone pier. Keeping engines in down position was very helpful.

August 2022

- Small boat field discussed for Wellington cove area.
- DEM contacted by Paul Harden to expand pier at Ft Adams.
- Reviewing mooring assignments with the Harbormaster and between end 2022 and into 2023, we may be able to issue 50-75 new permits. These are not new mooring permits but ones that have given up and back in circulation.

September 2022

- Meeting not held due to the Boat Show

October 2022

- Stone Pier Dinghy – Drafted and sent a need memo to CRMC to accompany documentation about the pier.
- Mooring documents will now be processed on line in 2023.
- Mooring maintenance service must be maintained by permit holders. The harbormaster proposed pulling mooring for those who do not document service on a year-to-year basis.
- We investigated working with state representatives to strengthen our house boat ordinance. North Kingstown is also involved and we worked to set up a meeting with everyone interested.
- Paul Harden will write a letter to City Council to announce that we propose to limit fishing from the three center spans of the Goat Island causeway.
- Paul Harden sent a letter to DEM about the FT Adams boat ramp expansion.
- Anchor sculpture on Broadway was proposed to be relocated to King Park.

November 2022

- CRMC permit application for New York Yacht Club expansion of the existing dinghy dock was voted on and approved.
- We are working on annual report to City Council
- Harbormaster updated proposal for small boat Mooring field in the Wellington Cove area.

- Reviewed documentation on houseboats.
- Meeting was set in December to meet with DEM about the expansion of the FT Adams boat ramp.
- Meeting was set up with State representatives, Harbormasters and Harbor Commissions from Newport and North Kingstown concerning houseboats.
- Trish Reynolds reviewed Transportation Plan with the Waterfront Commission.

December 2022

- No meeting due to holiday schedules
- Note- John Grecian and Dave Kane sat in on every Transportation Plan meeting the city had during 2022.

Newport Waterfront Commission 2022 Attendance Summary

	Paul Harden (C)	Fred Roy (VC)	David Kane (S)	Bob Anton	Jerry Baum	Henry DiPetro	John Greichen	Gary Lash	Mary Ann Marin	Sara Mariani (city)	Lilly Anderson (city)	Steve Land (HbrMstr)
January	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P			P
February	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P		
March	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
April	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P		P
May	May meeting was cancelled											
June	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P
July	P	A	P	P	P	A	P	P	P			P
August	P	P	P	A	A	P	P	A	P			P
September	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P		P
October	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P			P
November	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			P
December	December meeting was cancelled											
P = PRESENT												
A = ABSENT												
X = NOT A MEMBER AT THAT TIME												
Absences	1	1	2	2	1	1	0	1	4	n/a	n/a	n/a