

APPROVED MINUTES
DERELICT AND ABANDONED VESSEL AND OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL COMMISSION
MEETING

Tues, January 10, 2019
Held at RIDEM Wickford Marine Base
150 Fowler Street
North Kingstown, RI 02852

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Kurt Blanchard, DEM, Div. of Law Enf., Chair
Dan Goulet, CRMC, Member
Tim Mills, RI Harbormasters Assn., Member
Mac Cooper, RIMTA, Member
Dave Prescott, Save the Bay, Member

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Christine Hoefsmit, Counsel to the DAVOR Comm.
Jo-Anne Scorpio, Secretary to the DAVOR Comm.
Margret McGrath, Boat Reg. & Lic., RIDEM
No. Kingstown Harbor Master, Jim Broccoli
No. Kingstown Police, Dep. Chief, Steven St. Onge

1. INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS AND ATTENDEES:

A regular meeting of the Derelict and Abandoned Vessel and Obstruction Removal Commission was called to order at approximately 9:00am on Thursday, January 10, 2019, at the RIDEM Wickford marine base. A quorum was present; the members and attendees introduced themselves.

2. PROPOSED MEETING MINUTES REVIEW AND VOTE:

Commissioners reviewed the draft meeting minutes from the September 28, 2018 meeting. There were no comments or revisions. The Chair entertained a **MOTION** to accept the minutes; Commissioner Goulet **MOVED** to approved, Commissioner Mills **SECONDED** the motion. Vote was **UNANIMOUS**, *Voted 5-0 in favor.*

3. APPLICATION REVIEW:

- No new applications were received for this period.
- Pending Applications:
The commissioners reviewed an application from the town of North Kingstown. The Chair advised that the vessel in question was a 24-ft. derelict and abandoned sailboat located in a mooring in Wickford Harbor right in the path of the town beach. He advised that there were environmental-hazard concerns associated with the vessel; however, it was never fully determined whether the boat leaked any fuel. The town then got actively involved and secured the boat to help prevent any further threats. The Chair then stated that after he reviewed the application, he felt the town met all the conditions for an award. After discussions concluded, Commissioners scored the matrix. Scores are as follows:

	Human Health & Safety	Environmental Hazard	Navigational Hazard	Threat to Economic of Public Benefit	Threat of Vessel Status Change	Cost Benefit
Tim Mills	4	2	2	2	3	1
Dave Prescott	6	4	4	2	3	1
Dan Goulet	6	2	4	2	3	2
Kurt Blanchard	6	4	4	2	3	2
Mac Cooper	6	4	2	1	3	1
Total	28	16	16	9	15	7
Total Cumulative	18.2					

Chair Blanchard went on to state that previous awards had scores between 14.75-20.0 so this award scored well above the approval range. The town selected the most qualified vendor at the best price for the removal of the vessel. He then entertained a motion to vote for an approval. Vote was **UNANIMOUS**. *Voted 5-0 in favor* to award funding to the Town of North Kingstown.

Atty. Hoefsmit advised that the commissioners take another vote so they can move forward to begin the process of filing a claim for reimbursement through the A. G's Office. The Chair then asked if there was a **MOTION** to approve that Atty. Hoefsmit draft a letter to the A. G's Office. Vote was **UNANIMOUS**. *Voted 5-0 in favor*.

4. 2019 SCHEDULE MEETINGS:

Next schedule meeting will be Tuesday, September 24, 2019 beginning at approximately 9:00 am at the DEM Marine Base, 150 Fowler Street, Conference Rm., North Kingstown, RI 02852.

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

No new business.

6. MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, The Chair **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting; Member Tim Mills **SECONDED** the motion. *Vote was UNANIMOUS, 5-0 in favor*. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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