

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES  
for the  
DERELICT AND ABANDONED VESSEL AND OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL COMMISSION  
MEETING  
held on Thursday, January 23, 2020  
At the RIDEM, Wickford Marine Base  
150 Fowler Street, North Kingstown, RI 02852

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:</u></p> Kurt Blanchard, DEM, Div. of Law Enf., Chair Dan Goulet, CRMC, Member Tim Mills, RI Harbormasters Assn., Member Dave Prescott, Save the Bay, Member	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:</u></p> Christine Hoefsmit, Counsel to the DAVOR Comm. JoAnne Scorpio, Secretary to the DAVOR Comm. Dean Hoxsie, Chief of Law Enforcement, RIDEM
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>EXCUSED FROM ATTENDANCE:</u></p> Mac Cooper, RIMTA, Member	

I. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Derelict and Abandoned Vessel and Obstruction Removal Commission was called to order at approximately 9:00am on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at the RIDEM, Division of Law Enforcement, Wickford Marine Base, 150 Fowler St., No. Kingstown, RI. Kurt Blanchard, Chair presided over the meeting. A quorum was present that included the above-listed members.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Proposed Meeting Minutes Review and Vote:

Commissioners reviewed and approved draft meeting minutes from the Tuesday, September 24, 2019 meeting. The Chair entertained a **MOTION** to accept the minutes; Commissioner Dan Goulet moved to **APPROVED** the meeting minutes, Commissioner Tim Mills **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. Vote was **UNANIMOUS**, 4-0 in favor.

2. Application Review:

Commissioners reviewed an application submitted by the town of Little Compton involving an abandoned sailing vessel that ran aground on the sea wall located in Breakwater Pt., Little Compton. The Chair advised the vessel ran aground on May 20, 2019 and was considered for the Commission’s November application period. The cost to the town to remove the vessel was \$1,500. Commissioners then completed the scoring form to evaluate the application.

Commissioner's scores:

	Human Health and Safety	Environmental Hazard	Navigational Hazard	Threat to Economic or Public Benefit	Threat of Vessel Status Change	Cost Benefit	Totals
Dan Goulet	4	0	2	2	2	4	14
Tim Mills	4	2	2	1	3	4	16
Dave Prescott	4	3	2	2	4	4	19
Mac Cooper (absent)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kurt Blanchard	4	2	3	1	1	4	15
Totals	16	7	9	6	10	16	64
Total Cumulative Score	16						

The Chair advised that the score was well within the limitations to grant funds and **MOVED** to approved reimbursement to the Town of Little Compton in the amount of \$1,500 (one thousand five hundred dollars). Commissioner Mills **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. Vote was **UNANIMOUS. 4-0 in favor.**

The Chair then entertained a **MOTION** for the Commission to send a Demand Letter to the vessel owner requesting full reimbursement to the State for the removal. Commissioner Prescott made the **MOTION** to move forward with the Demand Letter, Commissioner Mills **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. Vote was **UNANIMOUS. 4-0 in favor.**

### III. NEW BUSINESS:

#### Application Improvements:

Commissioners discussed ways to improve guidelines for applicants to fill out “Abandoned Vessel Removal Application Forms”. Discussions will continue at the next scheduled meeting.

### IV. 2020 SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

#### Next scheduled meeting:

Tuesday, September 22, 2020 beginning at approximately 9:00 am at the DEM, Div. of Law Enf. Marine Base, 150 Fowler Street, North Kingstown, RI 02852.

### V. MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Mills **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Goulet **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. Vote was **UNANIMOUS, 4-0 to adjourn**. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 a.m.

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