

APPROVED MINUTES  
DERELICT AND ABANDONED VESSEL AND OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL COMMISSION  
MEETING

Monday, January 30, 2018  
Held at RIDEM Wickford Marine Base  
150 Fowler Street  
North Kingstown, RI 02852

<u>MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE</u>
Kurt Blanchard, Chair Dan Goulet, Member Tim Mills, Member	Christine Hoefsmit , Counsel to the DAVOR Comm. Jo-Anne Scorpio, Secretary to the DAVOR Comm. Mike Rubin, RI Attorney General Dave Prescott, Save the Bay
Commission Vacancy (2)	Jason Clark, No. Kingstown Police Dept. Mac Cooper, RI Marine Trade Assc. (RIMTA) Mike Jarbeau, Save the Bay Dean Hoxie, RIDEM

1. INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS AND ATTENDEES:

A regular meeting of the *Derelict and Abandoned Vessel and Obstruction Removal Commission* (DAVORC) was called to order at approximately 9:00am on Monday, January 30, 2018, at the RIDEM Wickford marine base. A quorum was present; the members and attendees introduced themselves.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Commissioners reviewed the draft meeting agenda. No requests or revisions were made. The Chair then entertained for a **MOTION** to accept the January 2018 agenda. Commissioner Mills **MOVED** to accept the agenda; Commissioner Goulet **SECONDED** the motion. *Voted 3-0 in favor.*

3. APPROVAL OF PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION’S MEETING HELD ON MAY 2, 2017:

Commissioners reviewed the draft meeting minutes from May 2, 2017. There were no comments or revisions made. Commissioner Mills **MOVED** to accept the minutes; Commissioner Goulet **SECONDED** the motion. *Voted 3-0 in favor.*

4. CONSIDERATION AND REVIEW OF NEW GRANT APPLICATION FOR TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN:

The Chair stated that he received an application and supporting documents from North Kingstown Chief of Police, Patrick Flanagan, seeking reimbursement (\$2,515.82) for costs incurred on a sunken vessel located in Fishing Cove, Wickford Harbor. Commissioners and attendees reviewed and discussed the application. Sgt. Clark expressed the amount of time effort that the town took to haul and secure the vessel. After discussions, the Commissioners took a moment to score the application. The Chair announced each of the commissioner’s final scores and overall averages: •Human Health and Safety - 5.3, •Environmental Hazard - 2.6, •Navigational Hazard - 4, •Threat to Economic or Public Benefit - 2, •Threat of Vessel Status Change - 3, •Cost Benefit - 4. Chair Blanchard stated that the total score of 20.9 was well within the range of approval. Member Dan Goulet **MOTIONED** to

approve the application for funding in the amount of \$2,515.82. Member Tim Mills **SECONDED** the motion. *Voted 3-0 in favor*

#### 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Atty. Mike Rubin (public member, RIAG) announced his retirement and said this was the last meeting he will be attending. He told the Chair that it was not clear whether the AG's office will be delegating another attorney to take his place, however, he will speak to the A.G. on behalf of the commission and express the importance of the commission's work.

#### 6. OTHER BUSINESS:

The Chair advised that the Commission will heed the state guidelines for scheduling future meetings and will have the Commission Secretary file all notices, minutes, and any other meeting documents mandated by the Secretary of State's office.

He also commented on the two commission vacancy seats saying both names being considered were submitted to the Governor's office. One of the candidates may be confirmed soon, however, no other information has been reported to date.

Chair Blanchard gave an update on an application he received (Jan 29) from the Bristol Harbor Master. The vessel was in a public mooring, broke free and sent adrift. It was then towed by the Harbor Master and tide to a private dock. There is no threat of any environmental hazards. No action has been taken on the situation and the town is asking for funds up front. The Chair said he will contact the town to brief them on the application process.

Joseph Thompson update: A emergency took place on the Providence River involving a vessel that sank. The owner of the boat who was on the vessel at the time of the sinking was missing. DEM acted and hauled the boat to safety. The cost to the state was approximately \$8500 financed through the DAVORC Fund. Contact was finally made with the owner of the vessel, Joseph Thompson. Mr. Thompson has cooperated fully and has agreed to settle with the state on a monthly payment plan for an amount less than what it cost the state.

#### NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

Next schedule meeting will be Wednesday September 15, 2018, beginning at approximately 9:00 am at the Dept. of Environmental Management's Marine Base, 150 Fowler Street, Conference Rm., North Kingstown, RI 02852.

#### MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further business, Member Dan Goulet made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting; Member Tim Mills **SECONDED** the motion. *Voted 3-0 in favor*. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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