Town of Charlestown

Coastal Ponds Management Commission

Police Station

October 6, 2025

Present: Rob Lyons, Rich Thomsen, Joe Catalano, Griff Trow, Art Ganz and Deb Carney

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Chm. Lyons

Minutes of July 7th were approved unanimously (Rich motion, Griff second)

Financial: (written report), the treasurer will attend next meeting

Harbormaster report: (written report)

- Ten people came off the mooring wait list, 71 remain
- Most violations were lack of PFD's on kayaks & SUB's

Breachway Restoration:

- Permits in hand
- Out to bids
- Wall work to begin after the camp ground closes
- Dredging anticipated by January

Harbor plan revision:

- Letter to extend the deadline
- Letter to CRMC drafted
    - Letter approved unanimously (Art motion, Rich second)
    - Deb will give it to the Town manager and Town council for approval

Discussion followed regarding the vehicles on the barrier beach

- Unpermitted vehicles, partying and damage to the beach and vegetation
- No enforcement, DEM has jurisdiction but short-handed
- DEM ownership was funded for fishing access

- Deb will talk to Chief Paliotta, but town doesn't have jurisdiction
- CRMC permits vehicles, but has only administrative authority

No Wake Zones: (discussion)

- Residents expressed concern over ambiguous definition within the channel on the eastern-most end of Ninigret
- Harbormaster will correct the ambiguity and clearly define all the no wake zones by next season
    - Low speeds are needed to protect the large number of kayaks and SUB's in the area

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm