Town of Charlestown

Coastal Ponds Management Commission

Police Station

November 3, 2025

Present: Rob Krauss, Rich Thomsen, Griff Trow and Art Ganz, Also Harbormaster Casey and Steve McCandless GIS Director

Meeting was called to order by Rob Krauss, Vice Chair at 7 pm

Minutes of the October 6th meeting was approved unanimously (Griff motion, Rich second)

Financial Report (no report)

Harbormaster Report

- 14 mooring permits have been canceled, waitlist applicants will be notified during the renewal period
- Clarification of the "no wake" zone along the eastern end of Ninigret were presented for review
- "No wake zones" will be in effect from Memorial Day until Columbus Day
- Navigation buoys will be repaired or replaced over the winter
- Whaler patrol boat will be sold
- New radios to be in compliance with RISCON system are needed, to be submitted as capital expense in the 2026 -7 budget

Breachway Restoration Update

- Permits and contractors are in place
- Mobilization underway
- Rock wall work to begin, working 24/7
- Dredging will begin January 7th
- Approximately 95,000 cu yds to be dredged

- Material used to build three dunes along the west side to be protected and vegetated in the spring

Harbor Management Plan update

- CRMC extended the deadline for submission until March 2026
- The subcommittee will meet to review section updates

Waiting list appeal: Pat Gottschmidt

- Harbormaster Casey presented the issue and supporting information
- After discussion, the Commission recommended that Mr. Gottschmidt appear before the commission, at his convenience
- The motion was tabled until then

CRMC dock application CRMC 2025-09-140

- The commission offered no objection to this application
- The Commission requests that all further CRMC dock applications and related permit applications be forwarded to the Commission for review

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm