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## Newport Waterfront Commission

31 December 2024

Honorable Members of the City Council,

Per your instructions I am submitting a summary of the significant votes, discussion items, and accomplishments of the Newport Waterfront Commission during the year 2024.

- Completed and published the Newport Harbor Management Plan.
- Continued working with Rep. Lauren Carson and the RI Marine Trades Assoc. (RIMTA) regarding creating and passing a bill that would regulate houseboat and floating "Air B&Bs" in Newport harbor.
- Considered CRMC application for pier construction at 80 Washington St. (approved)
- Considered CRMC application for pier construction at 96 Washington St. (approved with conditions)
- Considered CRMC application for modification and expansion of the marina perimeter wharf at Waites Wharf. (approved)
- Considered CRMC application for improve dock access for 22 Bowen's Wharf. (approved)
- Created a digital archive for all old hardcopies of minutes, agendas, applications and relevant records.
- Considered revisions to approved mooring types and required weight for vessels in Newport harbor; specifically, which mooring designs provide the greatest holding power with minimum length of chain/swing circle while simultaneously allowing the harbormasters office flexibility in mooring placement.
- Explored funding options for reconstruction of Elm St pier after it suffered extensive storm damage.
- Opened a second, new and expanded Stone Pier dinghy dock with ADA compliant access ramp. Revised and improved the regulations for use of both Stone Pier dinghy docks. Dock

was dedicated to the memory of longtime local resident and waterfront advocate Kevin Sheekey.

- Addressed revisions to and enforcement of City Ordinance 12.28.074, liability insurance for vessels on private or seasonal rental moorings.
- Revisited city ordinances covering the transferal of commercial (rental) moorings; specifically to ensure that Newport complies with the word and intent of CRMC regulations.
- Contributed in developing new, detailed guidelines for sailing vessels engaged in racing in the south bay, specifically regarding their interactions with large commercial vessels which carry potentially dangerous cargoes. This effort was in collaboration with the Narragansett Bay Yachting Association, Sail Newport, Northeast Marine Pilots, shipping companies, local yacht clubs in Newport and Jamestown as well as the US Coast Guard.
- Established a new and closer relationship with Newport Friends of the Waterfront in an effort to better align common goals and improve communications.
- Discussed and considered possibilities for further market research efforts regarding the economic impact of the numerous clubs, organizations, businesses, regattas, marine events, and programs around Newport Harbor. This effort is in collaboration with the Newport Maritime Alliance and continues into 2025.

Attached below please find a summary of membership attendance for the year.

Thank you,

David Kane, Chair

## Newport Waterfront Commission 2024 Attendance Summary

	David Kane (C)	Gary Lash (VC)	Fred Roy (S <sup>1</sup> )	John Kokulis (S <sup>2</sup> )	Bob Anton	Jerry Baum	Henry DiPietro	John Greichen	Mark Marosits	Steve Land (HbrMstr)
January	P	A	P	P	A	A	P	P	P	p <sup>TL</sup>
February	A	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
March	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
April	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
May	P	A	P	A	P	P	A	A	P	p <sup>TL</sup>
June	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
July	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
August	P	P	P	P	A	A	P	P	P	A
September	P	P	A	P	P	P	A	A	A	P
October	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
November	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	A	P	P
December										
Total Absences	1	2	3	2	5	2	2	3	1	1

**Notes:**

(S<sup>1</sup>) = Fred Roy resigned as Secretary in August 2024

(S<sup>2</sup>) = John Kokulis assumed the position of Secretary in August 2024

(P<sup>TL</sup>) = Steve Land was absent but the office of the HarborMaster was represented by Deputy HarborMaster Tristan Loughlin