

River & Coastal Waters Commission
Approved by the Town Council on March 10, 2014
Revised April 28, 2014 to add Alternate members

River & Coastal Waters Commission (RCWC) Charge:

The River and Coastal Waters Commission (RCWC) advisory to the Town Council will work towards implementation of the Management Objectives and Priorities as outlined in the Harbor Management Plan. The Commission will bring recommendations for policy, oversight and/or action(s) to the Town Council, over time, as appropriate.

Town Council will have ultimate authority over adopting Commission recommendations.

Administrative Matters: RCWC will meet bimonthly, quarterly, or other frequency as determined by the Commissioners and Staff. Commission will elect its slate of officers, at interval deemed most appropriate to its Membership.

Staffing and Membership: The Commission will be composed of Seven (7) Voting Members; Two (2) Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members; One (1) Non-Voting Primary Staff Member, as described below.

Primary Staff will be Brunswick Harbor Master.

Ex-Officio will be two (2) Town Councilors. District 2 and District 3 Councilors will be designated for the initial term.

Other Town Staff and/or representatives of relevant groups may provide support, or consultation as-needed (for specific issues under discussion) when requested by the Harbor Master or Commission.

Seven (7) Voting Members:

Designated Members: One (1) Member from the Parks and Recreation Commission; One (1) Member from the Conservation Commission; One (1) Member from the Marine Resources Committee. (Selected by their respective committees.)

Town Council Appointed Members to be recommended by Appointments Committee for Three-Year Terms:

One (1) Member who represents water-dependent commercial interests.

Three (3) Citizen Members who (preferably) represent different geographic areas of the Town. Appointments committee may give consideration to knowledge and experience that is directly relevant to the issues delineated in the HMP. Diversity of perspective among membership would be advantageous.

Two (2) Alternate Citizen Members for two year term.

Re: Initial Terms:

- (a) 2 Citizen Member seats will each start out as 2-year terms. Thereafter, these 2 seats will become 3-year terms.
- (b) 1 Citizen Member seat will start out, and continue, as 3-year terms.
- (c) 1 Citizen Member who represents water-dependent commercial interests will start out, and continue, as 3-year terms.