



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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In accordance with notice to members of the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council's Planning and Procedures subcommittee, a meeting of the subcommittee was held on Tuesday, August 17, 2010 at the offices of the RICRMC, Stedman Government Center, 4808 Tower Hill Rd, Wakefield, RI.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Paul Lemont, Vice Chair
Bruce Dawson
Don Gomez
Russ Chateaufneuff

STAFF PRESENT

Grover Fugate, Executive Director
Jeff Willis, Deputy Director
James Boyd, Coastal Policy Analyst
Laura Ricketson Dwyer, Public Ed/Outreach Coord

Brian Goldman, Legal Counsel

OTHERS PRESENT

Wendy Waller, Save the Bay; Doug Groff

Call to Order. Mr. Lemont called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Mr. Lemont called for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2010 subcommittee meeting.

Mr. Gomez seconded by Mr. Dawson moved to approve the meeting minutes of July 20, 2010. All voted in favor of the motion to approve.

Item 4.A. – Section 210.2 Barrier Islands and Spits. G. Fugate explained that it may be necessary to address how the program regulates state infrastructure projects when such are beneficial to the state. In doing section 210.2 as well as section 130 may need to be revised. As now stated no infrastructure project would be allowed on a barrier. After discussion, the subcommittee asked that staff and legal counsel consider possible revisions for discussion at the next meeting.

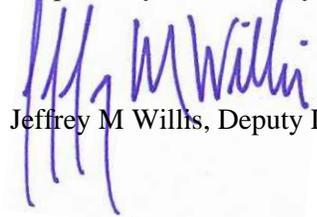
Item 4.B. – Section 300.14 – Maintenance of Structures. J. Willis explained that this item had been remanded back to the subcommittee for consideration. J. Willis and G. Fugate stated that the presentation of both the as-advertised “clean” version of the proposed changes as well as the original version showing all changes being proposed (ie: strikethrough/underline) was a better method to use for rule-making. B. Goldman agreed that both versions should be presented in the public notice used for rule-making. Mr. Chateaufneuff noted that the proposed version better shows what is allowable v. what is not in the 50-foot setback area. Additionally, the subcommittee discussed revising policies and standards for minor modifications to residential structures within the 50-foot setback of dunes along the lines of and including allowances for decks on roofs, widow's walks, and roof-line changes. Mr. Gomez stated that such revisions should not increase the existing footprint no create additional rooms. The subcommittee directed staff to develop said revisions.

Mr. Chateaufneuff seconded by Mr. Gomez moved to begin rule-making on the proposed Section 300.14 using both the original with strikethrough/underline version as well as the proposed clean version. All voted in favor of the motion to approve.

Item 5.A. – Inter-agency coordination for the adoption of the State of Rhode Island Stormwater Manual. Mr. Chateauneuff presented the issue in that Director Sullivan, in speaking with the Chairman would like to see a coordinated adoption of the state Stormwater Manual. Both agency staffs have held numerous meetings to-date to develop the manual and have held joint workshops to present the draft manual to the regulatory and regulated communities. Mr. Chateauneuff noted that these coordinated meetings and workshops have created a stormwater manual that is comprehensive in its ability to address issues faced by both the regulated and regulatory communities. Mr. Chateauneuff stated that while a joint rule-making effort would be ideal, enough “process” differences exist in each agencies that DEM felt that a parallel rule-making effort would work just as well. Mr. Chateauneuff presented the DEM schedule for adoption, noting that a January 2011 date is anticipated for the manual’s effective date. B. Goldman asked who conducts rule-making hearings for DEM? Mr. Chateauneuff stated that staff holds hearings with the Director being the approval authority. G. Fugate noted that a parallel process would require that RICRMP section 300.6 be presented at the September subcommittee meeting and the proposed revisions to the Freshwater Wetlands in the Vicinity of the Coast be brought to the October meeting. Mr. Lemont stated that a parallel track to implementation is important so that both agencies are able to utilize the stormwater manual at the same time. Mr. Gomez asked if the SAMPs are more stringent than the Stormwater manual. G. Fugate stated that in some case that is true. Where a SAMP has specified stormwater requirements these would be the standard for projects within that jurisdiction and elsewhere the Stormwater Manual will be required. The MetroBay SAMP’s UCG was offered as an example. The subcommittee directed staff to continue coordinating with DEM to have the Stormwater Manual be in place at the beginning of the new year.

ADJOURNMENT. Mr. Gomez, seconded by Mr. Dawson, moved to adjourn the subcommittee meeting. All voted in favor of the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by



Jeffrey M Willis, Deputy Director