



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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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, September 21, 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 Chateaufneuf

**STAFF PRESENT**

Grover Fugate, Executive Director  
Jeff Willis, Deputy Director  
Laura Ricketson Dwyer, Public Ed/Outreach Coord  
  
Brian Goldman, Legal Counsel

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Wendy Waller, Save the Bay; Doug Groff

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**Call to Order.** Mr. Lemont called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

Mr. Lemont called for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2010 subcommittee meeting.

*Mr. Gomez seconded by Mr. Dawson moved to approve the meeting minutes of August 17, 2010. All voted in favor of the motion to approve.*

**Item 4.A. – Section 210.2 Barrier Islands and Spits**

**Item 4.B – Section 130 Special Exceptions.** 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 so 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. No relief is granted to the state. This change would allow relief to the state. B. Goldman offered that the phrase "...except as provided in D.9" be added to the section 210.2.D.5 sentence that begins with "Therefore" as follows: "Therefore, except as provided for in D.9 below, the construction or expansion of new infrastructure or utilities shall be prohibited on all barriers including water, gas and sewer lines."

*Mr. Dawson seconded by Mr. Gomez moved to begin rule-making on the Section 210.2 and Section 130 revisions as proposed and as amended by B. Goldman. All voted in favor of the motion to approve.*

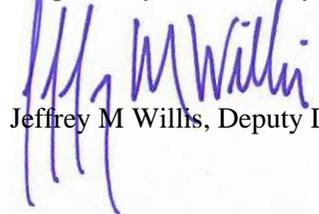
**Item 4.C. – Section 300.6 – Treatment of Sewage and Stormwater.** G. Fugate explained how Jim Boyd and Russ Chateaufneuf worked to integrate the newly revised state Stormwater Manual requirements into revisions for 300.6, which contains the primary regulatory controls for the RICRMP vis-à-vis stormwater. B. Goldman asked how the manual had changed. Mr. Chateaufneuf noted that significant strides in varied technologies to treat stormwater lead many of the revisions. G. Fugate offered that while the new stormwater manual will provide for detailed management of nonpoint pollution issues, council

programs such as the Greenwich Bay SAMP provide for more concentrated and/or flexible NPS efforts within its regulatory jurisdiction. Mr. Gomez asked about staff coordination. Mr. Chateaufeuf replied that there was significant staff coordination over many months with himself and Jim Boyd being each agency's primary point person and that staff workshops to help shape the manual as well as staff workshops to provide consistency training among staff have been and are being held. Mr. Dawson asked how changes would be made should there be a need to do so. Mr. Chateaufeuf explained that anytime changes are to be suggested both agencies staff are brought together to vet them prior to taking them back to their respective agencies for any rule-making processes. Mr. Lemont asked if the regulated community had been brought into any program development discussions. Mr. Chateaufeuf said that yes there have been various meetings with a number of groups but most notably the RI Builders Association, whose concerns have been incorporated as applicable into the manual. Mr. Chateaufeuf also noted that a workshop with the municipalities was coordinated by both agencies. Mr. Chateaufeuf also stated that studies have found that there are no real increased costs with these revised stormwater practices. G. Fugate added that with less surface areas being developed (narrower streets for example) infrastructure costs are usually less. Also, studies show that property values increase when LID is practiced. Mr. Dawson asked if the reference to the VT residential stormwater manual was confusing. Mr. Chateaufeuf replied that because the VT manual addresses stormwater at the residential home level (ie: stormwater for small structures) that is readily handled by the lay individual and does not come with a requirement for a homeowner to hire an engineer to complete the application/work, it has been well received.

*Mr. Dawson seconded by Mr. Gomez moved to begin rule-making on the proposed Section 300.6 revisions. All voted in favor of the motion to approve.*

**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 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by



Jeffrey M Willis, Deputy Director