



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 Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at the offices of the RICRMC, Stedman Government Center, 4808 Tower Hill Rd, Wakefield, RI.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Anne Livingston, Chair
Paul Lemont, Vice Chair
Bruce Dawson
Don Gomez
Russ Chateaufneuf

STAFF PRESENT

Grover Fugate, Executive Director
Jeff Willis, Deputy Director

Brian Goldman, Legal Counsel

OTHERS PRESENT

Doug Groff

Call to Order. Ms. Livingston called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Ms. Livingston called for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2011 subcommittee meeting.

Mr. Dawson seconded by Mr. Lemont moved to approve the meeting minutes of July 27, 2011. All voted in favor of the motion.

Item 4.A. – Section 120 - Variances. J. Willis and B. Goldman presented that section revisions are primarily editorial with one better explaining the purpose of how a variance is granted. J. Willis explained that existing language may give the impression that an Assent will be granted when the Council finds that the variance criteria are met. This is not the case as Assents may not be granted for other programmatic reasons even though variances issues may have been met.

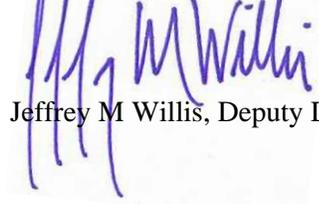
Mr. Lemont seconded by Mr. Dawson moved to approve the proposed revisions as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

Item 4.B. – Ocean SAMP – Chapter 8 – Renewable Energy and Other Offshore Development and Item 4.C. - Ocean SAMP – Chapter 11 – The Policies of the Ocean SAMP. G. Fugate presented issue of Site Assessment Plan studies being vetted and decided upon at the executive director level. This will help keep process of track. Mr. Chateaufneuf asked if such a decision is appealable. G. Fugate and B. Goldman both responded that an appeal will go in front of the full council. Mr. Gomez stated that after the council hears the appeal the issue can be further appealed at Superior Court. B. Goldman agreed. Mr. Lemont asked is the phrase “on behalf of the council” is redundant. The subcommittee discussed and felt that it wasn't. Ms. Livingston made grammatical edits.

Mr. Lemont seconded by Mr. Dawson moved to approve the proposed revisions as presented with edits. All voted in favor of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT. Mr. Lemont, seconded by Mr. Dawson, moved to adjourn the subcommittee meeting. All voted in favor of the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey M. Willis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

Jeffrey M Willis, Deputy Director