

In accordance with notice to members of the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council, a meeting was held on Tuesday, August 22, 2006 at 6:00 PM at the Narragansett Bay Commission Boardroom – One Service Road, Providence, RI.

MEMBERS

Mike Tikoian, Chair
Paul Lemont, Vice Chair
Dave Abedon
Bruce Dawson
Neill Gray
Dir. Michael Sullivan

STAFF PRESENT

Grover Fugate, CRMC Executive Director

Jeff Willis, CRMC Deputy Director
Ken Anderson, CRMC Senior Engineer
Dave Alves, CRMC Dredge Coordinator
Laura Ricketson, CRMC Public Educator and Information Coordinator.

Brian Goldman, Legal Counsel

1. Chair Tikoian informed the applicants/attorneys present that the council only had six council members present for this evening's meeting. Chair Tikoian requested that the record indicate that as of yesterday 10 members indicated to the CRMC staff in Wakefield that they would attend. Chair Tikoian said out of the 10, six are present the four members that said they would attend that are not here are Thomas Ricci, Joe Shekarchi, Ray Coia and Jerry Zarrella. Chair Tikoian noted that Mr. Zarrella called CRMC staff yesterday to inquire how lengthy the agenda would be and was informed of such and indicated that he was coming to the meeting. Chair Tikoian said he would give these individuals 5 more minutes and if they do not appear, the meeting would be called as a result of lack of quorum. Chair Tikoian offered council members present an opportunity to make a comment as this was the 2nd time this has happened when members have said they were coming and did not show up. Chair Tikoian said this was a sad day for Rhode Island and unfortunately a disservice to the people who were here for their applications. Chair Tikoian said if individuals could not fulfill their responsibilities they should not be members of this board and should resign. Chair Tikoian asked if any council members would like to make a comment. Director Sullivan stated that as one member for several months who has taken the time to read the agenda, revisit it again to refresh his memory and taking time to attend the meetings said he was put out by the non-participating members. Director Sullivan stated that not only is it a disservice to them and to the state but he takes it as an insult for a waste of his time, his staff's time and members who have done their diligence and come to the meeting. Director Sullivan asked the Chair to put on a subsequent agenda, if they can get a quorum, listed under "other business" consider the insertion within the council's rules that they take a majority vote on participation caveat, which is not in the current rules, that if a member does not participate for three meetings and is not recognized with a valid excuse that the Chair be directed to contact the appointing authority to seek a replacement. Chair Tikoian said that the Director's request would be put on the next Policy & Planning agenda to address this issue. Mr. Abedon said he would almost like to apologize but he could not apologize

for people that were not present. Mr. Abedon said it was his understanding yesterday that there were 10 council members attending the meeting which would have left the council with plenty of opportunities to have a meeting. Mr. Abedon said it really was a shame for the people who are present and the council members who want to take care of the coastal business for the State of Rhode Island. Mr. Abedon said he did not know if there was any way to look at the council appointments and look at filling the vacancies. Mr. Abedon said this is unacceptable. Chair Tikoian held the meeting for a few minutes to allow council members to arrive. Chair Tikoian said then they would decide on whether or not to cancel the meeting. Chair Tikoian apologized to everyone present. Chair Tikoian thanked the council members here for their attendance and participation which has been exceptional and said the State of Rhode Island should be proud of members like themselves.

Chair Tikoian called the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Chair Tikoian for the record announced the council members present: ,himself, Chair Tikoian, Vice Chair Paul Lemont, Neill Gray, Dave Abedon, Director Michael Sullivan and Bruce Dawson. Vice Chair Lemont extended his apologies, along with the Chair and other council members, to everyone present. Vice Chair Lemont said in the audience there were people who want to get their projects going, people who have been here before and the council is still unable to address them. Vice Chair Lemont noted that the council members present have been here for 13 or 14 years and some have been short of that. Vice Chair Lemont said he has been on the council for 8 or 9 years and in that period of time the numbers that the meetings had to be cancelled has been of recent vintage and they never had to cancel and had willing volunteers that put in their time and don't get paid for this but simply do it because they have a desire to see the state be better off for the discussions that they have. Vice Chair Lemont said of recent days there has been a personal agenda and some personal problems and he thought with this evening on the docket which listed an executive session and in the executive session there were a number of items that would have been discussed and they could have aired out some of the personalities to try to get the council back on track. Vice Chair Lemont said, he sees people in audience who have been waiting and waiting and want to get their projects done. Vice Chair Lemont said the council does too. Vice Chair Lemont said, he would walk out of here tonight madder than hell because these people are being held hostage just like the council and he does not like it. Vice Chair Lemont said there was nothing they could do, the law changed and had yet to be resolved and the representatives and senators are no longer members of the council membership and left the council with fewer members and having a quorum from that point on has been tough. Vice Chair Lemont said for whatever reason, they cannot get a quorum. Vice Chair Lemont said that people ought to be protesting to their representatives, senators and the Governor of this state to try to get this resolved because they truly do want to get their business done. Chair Tikoian noted that they had received an email from Joe Shekarchi that he was hurt and would not be able to attend the meeting. Mr. Dawson said because of the cancellations of non-quorum meetings requested that for future meetings that they group the applications by area and have the meetings in these area so the applicants do not have to travel.

Chair Tikoian cancelled the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Chair Tikoian said had he know they did not have attendance for the meeting he would have cancelled the meeting.

AMENDED AGENDA

Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.
Subcommittee Reports.
Staff Reports

Applications requesting an Extension of existing Assent:

1990-10-040 PAUL & CATHERINE NEVILLE (originally Water Street Realty Trust) – Applicant requesting 2nd Full Council approval extension. Project location of plat 21, lot 4; Sakonnet Estates, Portsmouth, RI.

1992-01-046 ROBERT SETTIPANE – Applicant requesting 2nd Full Council Extension. Project location 21 & 23 White Avenue, East Providence, RI.

Applications which have been Out to Notice for 30 days and are before the Full Council for Decision:

2006-04-077 RHODE ISLAND STATE PIER PROPERTIES, LLC -- Assent to maintain "As-Built" 16' x 90' float and ramp system, to be used by RIPTA seasonal passenger ferry service. Located at plat 46, lots 181, 481, 501; 180 Allens Avenue, Providence, RI.

2005-10-033 CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE/TOCKWOTTEN HOME -- Construct and maintain rip rap armor stone revetment along approx. 430 linear feet of shoreline. The revetment is to be constructed by RIDOT in conjunction with new "Waterfront Drive" (Warren Ave to Bold Point Park extension) project. (Pursuant to CRMC Assent B2004-12-066). Located at plat 16, lot 22-001; Waterfront Drive, East Providence, RI.

2006-04-099 LOUIS RICCIARELLI -- Establish a 2 acre aquaculture farm for the culture of the American oyster. Located on Sauga Point, North Kingstown, RI.

2002-10-038 DAVID ROEBUCK – Modification of existing aquaculture farm to increase the farms leased acres by 8 acres for a total of 17 acres. Located in Point Judith Pond, Narragansett, RI.

2004-01-042 STANDISH BOAT YARD -- Place fill in tidal waters at an existing marine rail launching area. In order to secure the fill, a stone retaining wall will be constructed and the top section will be paved. Stated purpose for the project is to provide better access to boat slips to the north of the marine railway. Located at plat 6-3; lots 12, 13, 14; 1697 Main Road, Tiverton, RI.

1987-05-035 ROSE ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE FOUNDATION – Modify approved boating facility, to wit, extend fixed timber pier portion of facility by 20' (6' x 20' total area), to gain additional water depth for seaward float section; replace float and piles, in kind. Located at plat 45, lot 2; Rose Island, Newport, RI.

2005-06-003 MICHAEL & MAUREEN ANTONELLIS – Seeking *Administrative Approval* -- before the Council for decision. Applicant proposes to raze and remove existing (uninhabited) cottage dwelling and construct a new, two bedroom residential dwelling, a DEM approved individual sewage disposal system (ISDS), install town water supply, relocate drainage pipe, permeable driveway, associated utilities and grading. Located at plat 40, lot 30A; 312 Prospect Lane, Portsmouth, RI.

2005-01-087 DARTMOUTH HOMES, INC. – To further subdivide “Lot 5” of a 5 lot subdivision granted final plat approval by the Town of Charlestown in January 2001 to create a sixth subdivision lot. Located at plat 20, lot 91; 30 Clarkin Pond Road, Charlestown, RI.

Category “A” List

Correspondence from Council Member Gerald Zarella.

Executive Session – pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5.2 Litigation

Respectfully submitted,

Reported by Lori A. Field