

In accordance with notice to members of the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council, a meeting was held on Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room A at the Administration Building, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI.

Members Present

Anne Maxwell Livingston, Chair
Raymond Coia
Ron Gagnon, DEM Rep
Don Gomez
Paul Beaudette
Jerry Sahagian
Joy Montanaro
Tony Affigne
Patricia Reynolds
Mike Hudner

Staff Present

Grover J. Fugate, Executive Director
Jeffrey M. Willis, Deputy Director
Richard Lucia, Spv Civil Engineer
Tracy Silvia, Principal Environmental Scientist

Brian Goldman, Legal Counsel

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Livingston called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Chair Livingston called for approval of the minutes from the previous meeting.

Mr. Hudner motioned for the approval of the minutes from the June 14, 2016 Semimonthly meeting; seconded by Mr. Affigne. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote.

3. **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Ms. Montanaro read out program revisions that had been approved at the July 19, 2016 Planning and Procedures Subcommittee meeting to begin rule making by adding a new section 4.2.1 in the Management Procedures Section 4 regarding application requirements for expedited review of projects seeking Insurance Instituted Business In-Home Safety (IIBHS) fortified home program designation. This revision will be put out to Public Notice for Public Hearing.

Mr. Affigne read out program revisions that had been approved at the July 26, 2016 Ocean SAMP Subcommittee meeting for Chapter 6, Recreation & Tourism which will add data about recreation and tourism within the area of the Ocean SAMP. This revision will be put out to Public Notice for Public Hearing.

4. **STAFF REPORTS**

Mr. Fugate congratulated CRMC Legal Counsel, Brian Goldman, as it was his last meeting. Mr. Goldman is moving on to become a judge in RI Superior Court. Congratulations to The Honorable Brian A. Goldman.

5. **DEEPWATER WIND UPDATE**

Jeff Grybowski, CEO of Deepwater Wind and Chris van Beek, President of Deepwater Wind updated the Council on the progress of the Deepwater Wind Block Island project explaining that the project is leading up to the final stage of construction. Mr. Grybowski stated that the nacelles from France to the

United States. Mr. Grybowski explained that the schedule for the project is on track for the final stages and that the turbine installation was scheduled for the month of August. Mr. Grybowski stated that after the installation was complete, there would be a few weeks of commissioning testing before going into commercial operation which would likely be in November.

Mr. vanBeek spoke more on the topic of construction projects explaining the completion of the work with the foundations, towers and turbines. Mr. vanBeek informed the Council that the installation of the cables had been completed with a burial depth of 97% in accordance with the specifications. Mr. vanBeek also talked about the onshore transmission system construction progress stating that by October the grid system should be connected to the wind farm and should be able to export power by November. There was discussion regarding the turbines and the blades.

Rain Byers, the CVA from ABS presented to the Council stating that the progress this summer had been very positive having a high level of safety, quality and documentation. Ms. Byers stated that they have been very happy with everything that GE Alstom, Deepwater and all the various subcontractors have been doing. Ms. Byers stated that the FDR and the FIR documents had all been received and reviewed for all components going on this year. Ms. Byers stated the DCS's were issued to Deepwater and all but three are completed.

Mr. Fugate confirmed that the CVA would be retained to perform periodic inspections of the Towers, particularly in post storm situations to make sure all is operational and functional. The contract with the CVA will continue through the life of the project and into decommissioning.

6. APPLICATIONS BEFORE THE COUNCIL FOR DECISION:

2013-11-104 FRED FEIBEL – Construct and maintain a residential boating facility consisting of a 4' x 70' fixed timber pier leading to a 3' x 14' ramp and 8' x 18.75' (150sf) terminal float extending ~76' seaward of the cited MLW mark. The facility requires a 26' length variance to RICRMP Section 300.4.E.3I. Located on Green Hill Pond at plat 89-3, lot 13; 259 Twin Peninsula Avenue, South Kingstown, RI.

Fred Feibel was present. Ms. Silvia gave a brief overview of the application for the Council stating that the project was for a residential boating facility to be located in a peninsula area of Green Hill Pond. Ms. Silvia explained the history of the three year application process stating that there were revisions of plans due to length variances and objections from the Town of South Kingstown. Ms. Silvia stated that once the correct plans were secured, a second Public Notice was sent with plans showing that the revised project facility avoids the SAV area, meets all of the standards of the program and that staff has not technical objections to the project. Ms. Silvia confirmed that there were other docks in the twin peninsula area. There was discussion amongst the staff and Council regarding water depth and dock location.

Mr. Hudner commended staff for their work and made a motion to approve the application. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sahagian. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

7. **Executive Session pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(1) – Personnel**

Mr. Beaudette motioned for the Council to go into an Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hudner. Mr. Goldman clarified that the Executive Session was consist of the Council, the

Executive Director, Mr. Fugate, and the Legal Counsel, Mr. Goldman. The motion for Executive Session was voted on with a roll call vote conducted by Mr. Goldman.

Mr. Sahagian	Yes
Mr. Hudner	Yes
Mr. Coia	Yes
Ms. Reynolds	Yes
Mr. Beaudette	Yes
Mr. Gagnon	Yes
Mr. Affigne	Yes
Ms. Montanaro	Yes
Chair Livingston	Yes

The record was stopped until the meeting was reconvened.
Adjourned into Executive Session at 6:46.p.m.
Resuming at 7:19 p.m.

Chair Livingston reported that the Council voted to hire Anthony DeSisto Law Associates for the next 11 months, with a six to three vote.

10. **ADJOURN**

Mr. Beaudette motioned, seconded by Mr. Affigne, to adjourn.
Motion carried on unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Turner
Recording Secretary