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November 5, 2020

CRMC
Jeff Willis-Executive Director
Ben Goetsch-Aquaculture Coordinator
Oliver H. Stedman Government Center
4808 Tower Hill road, Suite 3
Wakefield, RI 02879-1900

Dear Misters Willis and Goetsch-

This appeal is in regard to Perry Raso's petition to establish a three acre oyster and scallop farm in Potter Pond. As this is not a new issue there appears to be no purpose in repeating the pleas and oral testimonies given by the neighbors and community who object to the expanded use of the pond for commercial development. It is agreed that the project will impinge on the rights of those who use the pond for all sorts of recreational use and for shell fishing.

Without a doubt, Mr. Raso has contributed to the culture and financial well-being of the community with his very successful restaurant business. His current oyster operation on the pond has contributed to his success. No one is suggesting that be rescinded. The expansion of his oyster farming business will benefit Mr. Raso and Mr. Raso only. The rationalization that the proposed operation is ecologically beneficial is just that, a rationalization.

Please put into perspective the lives and wishes of many versus the business interests of one when making your decision.

Sincerely,
Jane O'Leary

Lisa Turner

From: Jeff Willis <jwillis@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 1:17 PM
To: 'Lisa Turner'
Cc: bgoetsch@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: RE: potter pond raso hearings

Thanks,
Jeff

From: andy w [mailto:workforceri@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 1:15 PM
To: jwillis@crmc.ri.gov
Cc: bgoetsch@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: potter pond raso hearings

Dear CRMC:

I wish to participate and comment with respect to the public "meetings" being held on November 12, 13 and 17.

1- how can I get meeting links and credentials

2- When is the specific time to prepare to make my public comments?

Note: my property abuts the proposed site and is therefore greatly impacted by this process and my observations are first hand.

3- How and when may I deliver commentary prior to said meetings and during and after said meetings?

One major concern follows:

Public access to this area of cove need remain "as is" to remain viable for al the public usage that occurs including boating, power boating, sailing, fishing, clamming, kayaking, tubing, wakeboarding and waterskiing and more.

This is the ONLY area in all of Potter Pond, other than the upper pond (north end), that has the water depth and turning radius to support all of these public uses being utilized for generations. Therefore licensing Raso would not only eliminate

public access to this critical area (boats could not have enough room to turn) but would also shift all pond traffic requiring such room

unfavorably to the north end of the pond. This simply creates enormous safety issues as there is already limited corridor

space for boats and others on the pond to maneuver safely. This is a real public safety issue as is evidenced by the fact that

CRCC has repeatedly moved the NW buoy marker from its original placement 3 years in a row after I called and complained

such buoy was a safety hazard where it was placed. So CRCC has never really left the appropriate markers in their appropriate

placement spots to allow the public to perceive the reality of the space being contemplated (for public use confiscation) so it seems

CRCC agreed this is a problem based upon their swift moving of said NW buoy while leaving other 3 buoys in place annually.

Aquaculture need be contemplated in an area that does not compromise so much public safety and access as this RASO request does.

Please do the right thing for all of us-----he can find another spot but we can't.

Thank you,

Andrew Wilkes and Jean Wilkes
454 Matunuck Beach Rd
Wakefield, RI 02879

Lisa Turner

From: Benjamin Goetsch <bgoetsch@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 2:46 PM
To: 'Lisa Turner'
Cc: 'Jeff Willis'
Subject: FW: Public Meetings regarding the Segar Cove Oyster Expansion Plan

Another request -Ben

From: Cawoski, Julie [mailto:Julie.Cawoski@wfspa.org]
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 2:29 PM
To: jwillis@crmc.ri.gov; bgoetsch@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Public Meetings regarding the Segar Cove Oyster Expansion Plan

Dear Mr. Willis and Mr. Goetsch;
I am interested in learning how to participate in the Public Meetings on November 12, 13 and 17, 2020. Is there a zoom link? Do I need a password? Will there be opportunity for public comment or questions? If so, what day and time would that be scheduled? I haven't been able to secure this information and I know that you would want this series of meetings to be very transparent and available to the public for their participation. Perhaps this information could be prominently located on your website or other social media platforms? Thank you very much for any information you can provide. Be well, Julie Cawoski

Juliet L. Cawoski
Pronouns: she/her/hers ([what's this?](#))
Director of Family and Community Support Programs
521 Plymouth St. ■ Greensburg, PA 15601
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Lisa Turner

From: Jeff Willis <jwillis@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 2:52 PM
To: 'Lisa Turner'
Cc: bgoetsch@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: FW: Save Potter Pond

Thanks,
Jeff

From: Philip Morton [mailto:phil-morton@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 2:45 PM
To: jwillis@crmc.ri.gov; bgoetsch@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Save Potter Pond

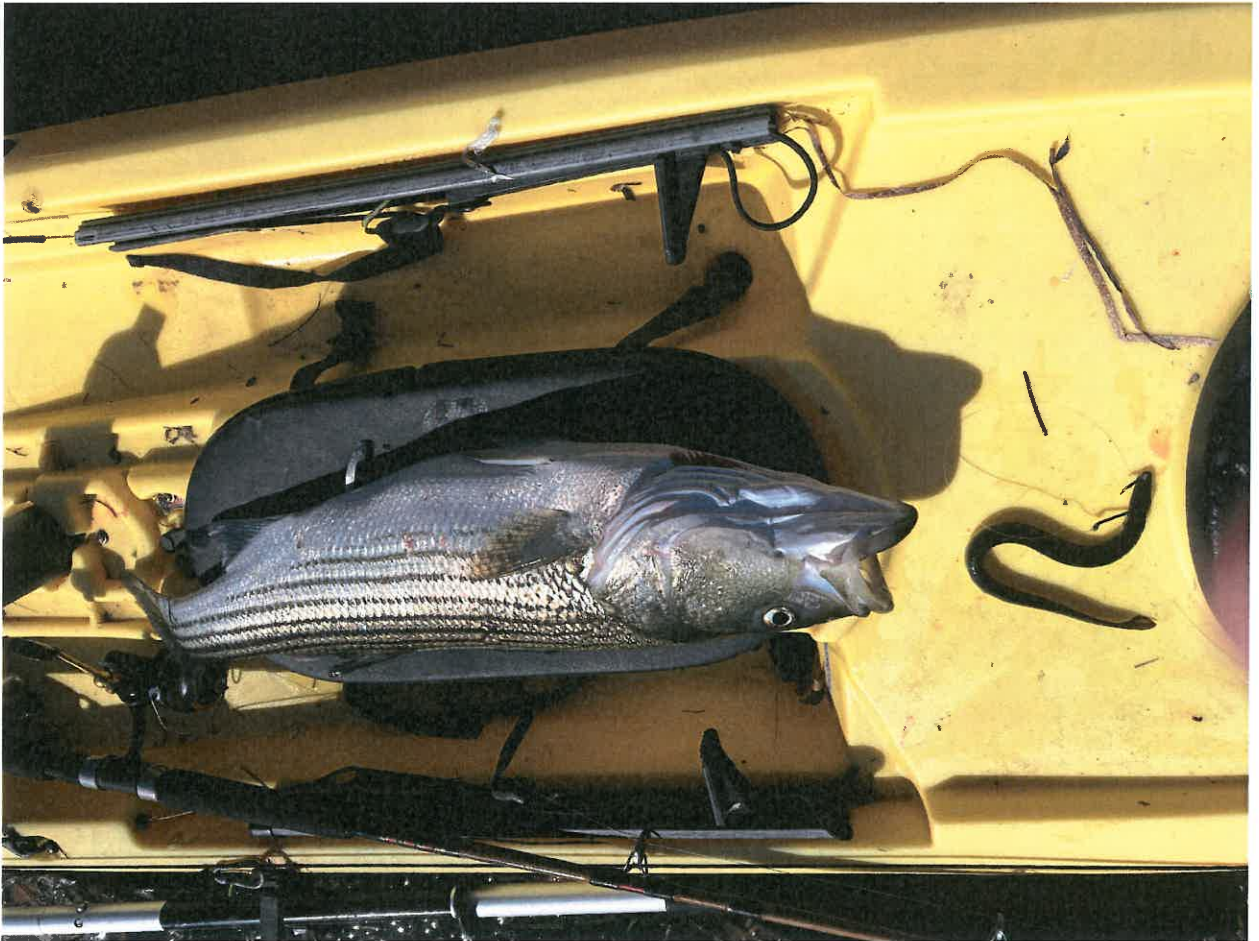
Jeff and Ben,

My wife Nancy and I own a home/cottage on Potter Pond (Champlin's Cove) and we are very opposed to the aquaculture expansion for Perry Raso's restaurant. We have watched the oyster farm expand from 1 acre to 9 acres (or larger) during the past 8 years or so and we cannot believe that he intends to expand even further into Segar Cove. This is a pristine area that we spend a lot of time in boating, fishing, clamming, and just relaxing. I heard Perry's argument in the first CRMC meeting that Striped Bass or other fish are not found in that area of the pond and that is a complete fabrication. Here is a photo of a 30" Striped Bass that I caught from my kayak a few weeks ago in Segar Cove. I also raked for clams and steamers in Segar Cove this summer as I do every year.

Potter Pond is a small but beautiful salt pond and it's inconceivable that one person can erase the natural beauty and fish species habitat for his own advantage. Doesn't he have enough already - 9 acres? My goodness, where does it stop?

I don't know if either of us can commit to participate for 6-18 hours of hearings during work hours but we would like to assist in any way we can. Please let us know what we can do to help. Thanks,

Phil & Nancy Morton
(617) 803-6358



Lisa Turner

From: Jeff Willis <jwillis@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 4:08 PM
To: 'Lisa Turner'
Subject: FW: Raso Zoom Hearings

Thanks,
Jeff

-----Original Message-----

From: DOROTHY WOODCOCK [mailto:woodcockd@me.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 3:56 PM
To: jwillis@crmc.ri.gov; bgoetsch@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Raso Zoom Hearings

Dear Exec. Director Willis and Aquaculture Coordinator Goetsch:

At the upcoming Zoom hearing regarding Perry Raso's request to establish a new farm on Potter Pond, I want to be certain that all of us who will be impacted will have an opportunity to voice our concerns. My family has owned much of the Upper Pond shoreline for 60 years and we do want to be heard. I have submitted an earlier letter to CRMC. How will we be able to participate next week? Need we register to speak of our concerns, can we submit statements once the hearings commence, at what point will we be engaged in the meeting during the three afternoon sessions? How best can our voices be heard by the CRMC?

Thank you for your attention and public service.

Dorothy MacColl Woodcock
2464D Commodore Perry Highway
Wakefield, RI 02879
202-257-1137
woodcockd@mac.com=

Lisa Turner

From: Jeff Willis <jwillis@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Friday, November 6, 2020 8:07 AM
To: 'Lisa Turner'
Subject: FW: Zoom meeting

Thanks,
Jeff

-----Original Message-----

From: Elizabeth [mailto:edprov@cox.net]
Sent: Friday, November 6, 2020 5:31 AM
To: jwillis@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Zoom meeting

Hello,

Can you please send me the link for the zoom meeting on Nov. 12 concerning the oyster farm expansion. We are very concerned about the expansion of more oyster farms they are taking over potter's pond & salt pond.

Thank you,
Concerned citizen

Sent from my iPhone

Lisa Turner

From: Jeff Willis <jwillis@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Friday, November 6, 2020 10:54 AM
To: lturner@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: FW: Segar Cove Public Meetings

Thanks,
Jeff

From: Rich [mailto:bac1ri@verizon.net]
Sent: Friday, November 6, 2020 10:39 AM
To: jwillis@crmc.ri.gov; bgoetsch@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Segar Cove Public Meetings

Good morning,

My name is Richard Pacheco a concerned taxpayer living in the state of Rhode Island. I would like any information regarding the above mentioned public meetings. Specifically the upcoming Zoom meeting links and credentials necessary to access the meeting. Your anticipated cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely

Richard Pacheco

Lisa Turner

From: Benjamin Goetsch <bgoetsch@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Friday, November 6, 2020 11:06 AM
To: 'lisa'
Cc: 'Jeff Willis'
Subject: FW: Public Hearing on Application 2017-12-086

From: MARK PARSONS [mailto:map3739@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, November 6, 2020 11:03 AM
To: jwillis@crmc.ri.gov; bgoetsch@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Public Hearing on Application 2017-12-086

Gentlemen:

I would like to participate in the public hearing concerning the above-referenced application. The public notice of the hearing indicated that the hearing would take place over three days, lasting five hours on each day. There was, however, no further information about how the proceedings would be conducted, either in the notice itself or in the link embedded in it, no agenda, no order of topics, no indication of how interested parties might participate, no information about how written statements or other information can be added to the record.

Would you please provide further details about the public hearing at the earliest possible time addressing the topics above. I have consulted the quick reference guide to the hearing process on the CRMC website, but of course it does not include any details about the hearing referenced above.

In addition, would you please provide an electronic copy of the staff's report on this application.

Thank you,
Mark Parsons



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Lisa Turner

From: Jeff Willis <jwillis@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Friday, November 6, 2020 2:25 PM
To: 'Lisa Turner'
Subject: FW: Segar Cove

Thanks,
Jeff

-----Original Message-----

From: Gary Benoit [mailto:garybenoit52@icloud.com]
Sent: Friday, November 6, 2020 2:23 PM
To: jwillis@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Re: Segar Cove

Please provide the information I need to join the Zoom meetings 11/12, 11/13, and 11/17 on this application to expand Perry Russo's aquaculture farm in Potters Pond. Please include specific information about when during these meetings the public will have the opportunity to speak and question the panel. Thanks for your timely attention to this request. Stay safe.

Sent from my iPhone=

Lisa Turner

From: Benjamin Goetsch <bgoetsch@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 9, 2020 9:31 AM
To: 'Lisa Turner'
Subject: FW: Perry Raso hearing, No.2017-12-086

Not sure if I forwarded this one already from Friday afternoon. –Ben

From: patmoore25@aol.com [mailto:patmoore25@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, November 6, 2020 3:36 PM
To: bgoetsch@crmc.ri.gov
Cc: jwillis@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Perry Raso hearing, No.2017-12-086

I have an interest in the hearings in regard to Perry Raso's petition to establish an oyster and bay scallop farm in Potter Pond. Is there a specific time when Mr. Raso will make a presentation? I would like to file a written statement. In January 2018 I filed an objection and would like to renew that objection. What is the procedure to file an objection at this hearing? Thank you for your help.



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cstaff1

From: Patrick Grimaldi Ext. 303 <Pgrimaldi@pyrosignal.com>
Sent: Monday, November 9, 2020 1:22 PM
To: cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov
Cc: Patrick Grimaldi Ext. 303
Subject: FW: CRMC File # 2017-12-086
Attachments: CRMC File 2017-12-086.pdf

Please see the attached letter. Thanks

From: Patrick Grimaldi Ext. 303
Sent: Tuesday, November 3, 2020 11:06 AM
To: 'cstaff#1@crmc.R.I.gov' <cstaff#1@crmc.R.I.gov>
Cc: 'Carmen Charbonneau' <ccharbonneau55@gmail.com>; 'brad@gakholding.com' <brad@gakholding.com>; 'stevejacques318@gmail.com' <stevejacques318@gmail.com>; 'mattymahar@gmail.com' <mattymahar@gmail.com>; 'Debbie Grimaldi' <coollgirl@optonline.net>
Subject: CRMC File # 2017-12-086

Please see attached in reference to CRMC File# 2017-12-086. We are opposed to this to request to add acreage.

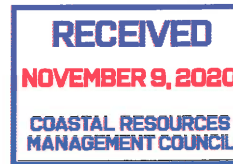
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Re: CRMC File # 2017-12-086
Perry Raso
629 Succotash Road, Wakefield RI 02879



To Whom It May Concern:

We purchased our home in 2018 at 689L Succotash Road Wakefield RI 02879. We have been enjoying the use of the pond and all that it has to offer. Unfortunately, there already was the oyster farm located within the pond that does obstruct our views, but it also has made it somewhat dangerous to out there on a kayak, which so many of us do.

The Oyster Bar not only has their commercial work boats zipping through the pond with no regards to the people who are in the water and or on the water boating or kayaking and enjoying the pond. In recent years they have now added a tour which they charge for to show customers the oyster farm. This adds to the commercial traffic in an area that was originally used by boating families.

I can't see how adding an additional (3) acres of oyster farming would benefit the community. It would only make things worse. They would be running their commercial boats more often than they already do. The only benefit would be for Perry Raso and not the thousands of families who actually use the pond for its intent. Adding acreage to this site would ruin the landscape and disturb the many activities enjoyed on a daily basis by all residents of this state, my wife and I oppose Mr. Raso's request to expand his business.

Thank you for your consideration in the opposition of Mr. Raso's request.

Patrick & Deborah Grimaldi
689L Succotash Road
Wakefield, RI 02879

Raso 201712086

From: Bradford Boss <bradfordrboss@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, November 6, 2020 3:58 PM
To: raso201712086@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Public Comment Request

I will be attending subject hearing by a Zoom call and request an opportunity to Comment on Day 2.

Please advise if and when this is arranged.

Thank you for your attention!

Brad Boss

bradfordrboss@aol.com

Sent from my iPhone

From: Christine Chase <christine.chase@me.com>
Sent: Friday, November 6, 2020 4:24 PM
To: raso201712086@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Public Objection to Raso proposal for expansion of Oyster Farming in Segar Cove.

To: Coastal Resorce Management Council Subcommittee Members

Re: Public Hearing on petition by Perry Raso to expand oyster farming at Segar Cove in Potter Pond.

Dear Council Members,

We are emphatically opposed to the granting of the petition by Mr. Raso in request for approval of expansion in our local Potter pond for his proprietary oyster/scallop farming.

As a family-owned property abutter of Potter Pond since the 1920's , there has been an exponential Increase in recreational and commercial use of this small salt pond over the past 100 years!

This popular PUBLIC boating, swimming, fishing and clamming destination is already significantly populated with shrinking water use areas as a result of the already existing oyster farm takeover by Mr Raso in the public's coveted recreational and clamming bed areas.

Additionally, there exists/remains precious few areas for recreational use in Potter Pond, with Segar cove being a popular water sport, clamming and fishing area for the PUBLIC ACCESS and USE.

We attest that the Public's Interest in this matter of use of our public waters supersedes any individual and/or state proprietary benefits and adamantly oppose any consideration by your board of Mr. Raso's petition before you.

Respectfully,
Robert & Christine Chase

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IN SEGAR COVE



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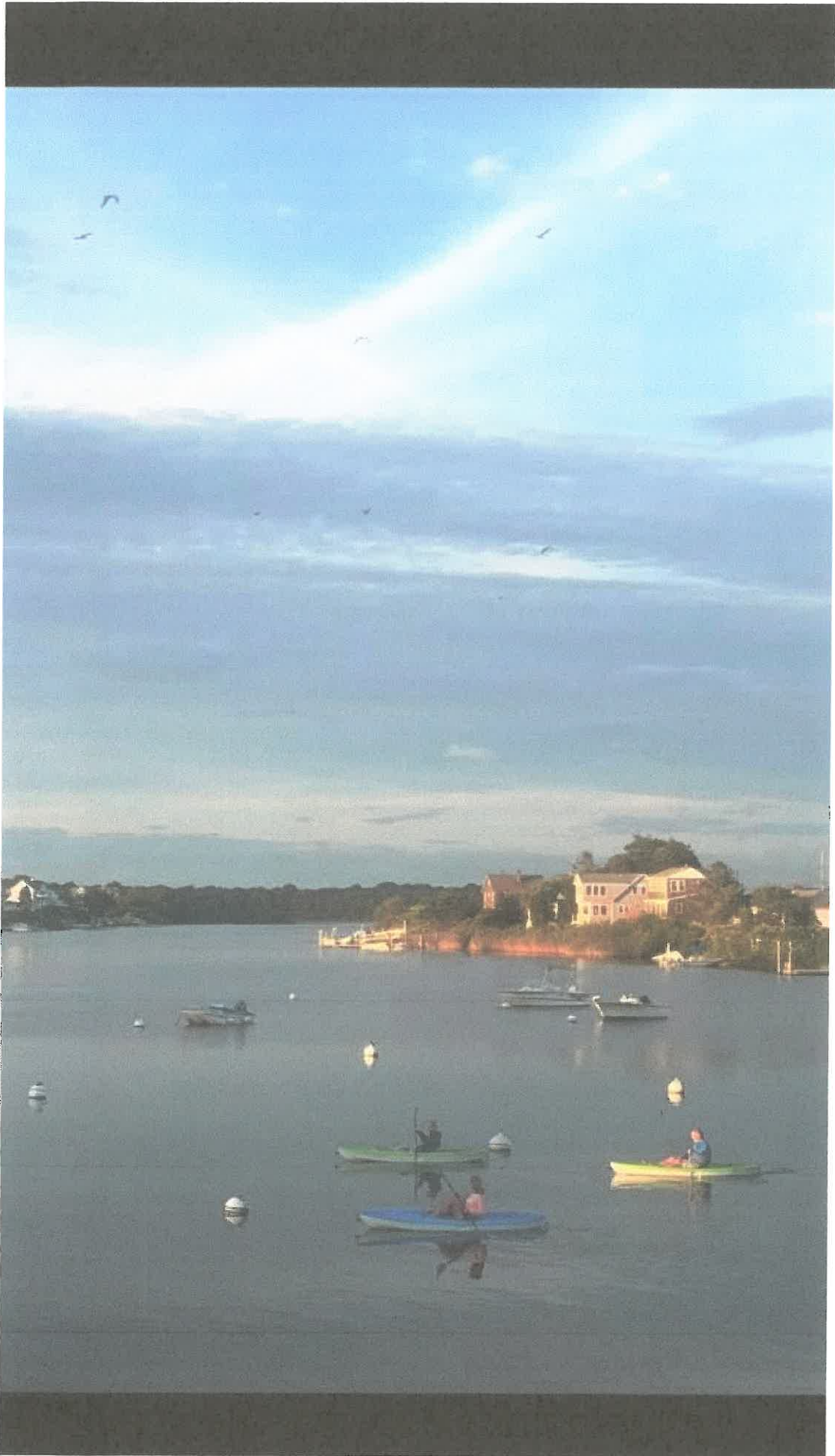


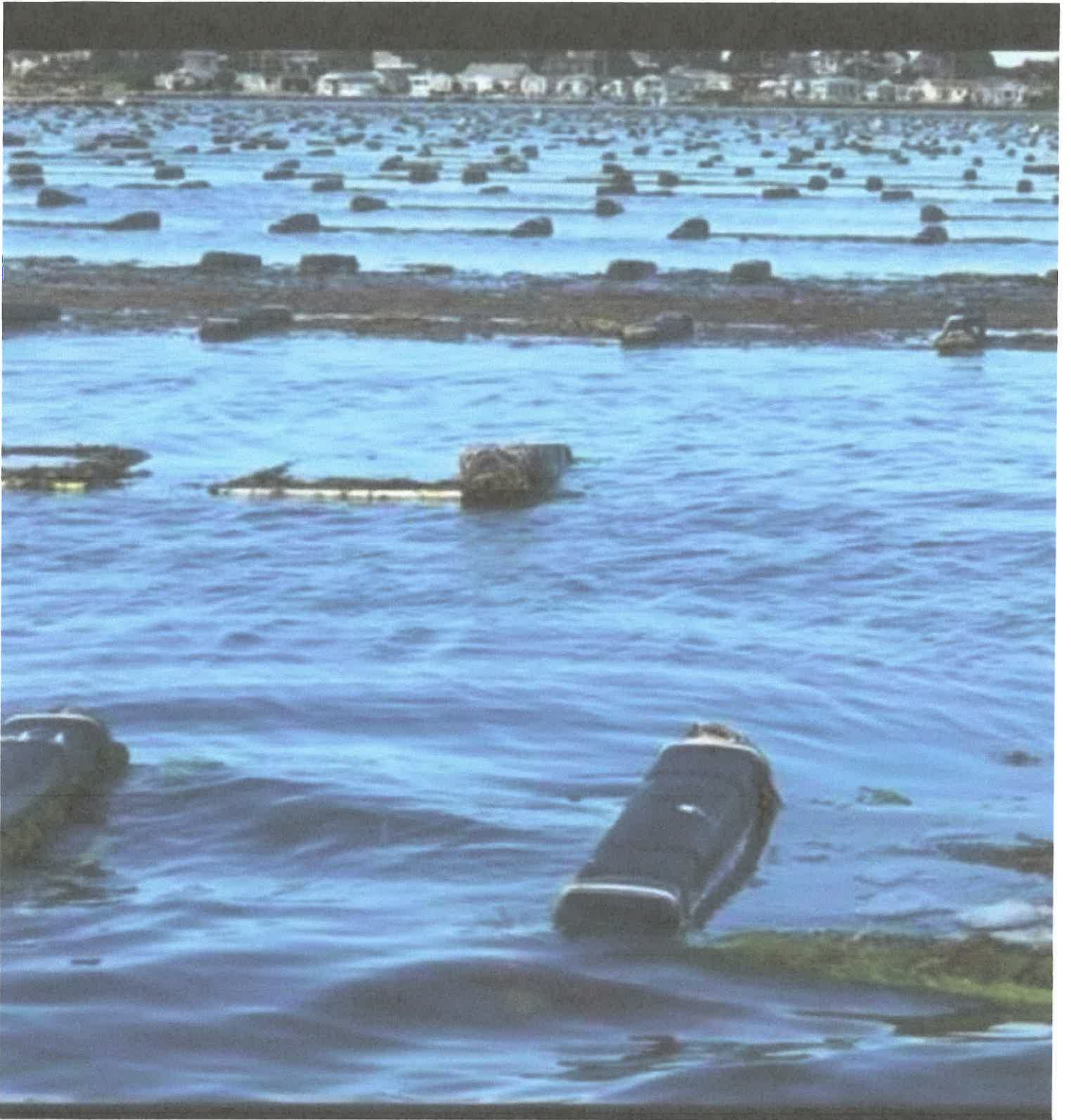












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Raso 201712086

From: Robert Groskin <rgroskin@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 6, 2020 6:32 PM
To: raso201712086@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Request to speak

I would like to speak at the upcoming Council meeting on 11/13/20.
Thank you
Robert Groskin, DVM

Raso 201712086

From: Beverly Hodgson <bjhodgson@snet.net>
Sent: Saturday, November 7, 2020 10:12 AM
To: raso201712086@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: request to speak at hearing

Dear CRMC,

I own a house on Potter Pond and wish to speak at the hearing on the application of Perry Raso to take over another 3 acres of the pond for his exclusive use.

Please register me as a speaker. I have also, in the past, sent in written comments and I urge you to read these.

with thanks,
Beverly Hodgson
150 Ocean Avenue
Wakefield, R.I. 02879 email: beverly.j.hodgson@gmail.com=

Raso 201712086

From: Gene <geneacorl@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 7, 2020 10:31 AM
To: raso201712086@crmc.ri.gov
Cc: geneacorl@aol.com; Joycedcorl@aol.com
Subject: Speaking at the Perry Raso hearing

My wife and I would like the opportunity to read our statement of opposition to the expansion into Segar Cove by Mr Raso
Gene and Joyce Corl.

geneacorl@aol.com

Raso 201712086

From: Beverly Hodgson <bjhodgson@snet.net>
Sent: Saturday, November 7, 2020 10:36 AM
To: raso201712086@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Abutter comment on Raso application
Attachments: Raso oyster application 9.29.20.docx

Dear CRMC:

I am attaching a letter I wrote to you in September about Mr. Raso's desire to deprive residents of another large section of Potter Pond.

Please consider my plea to act in the interest of recreational safety.

Already, my family has had to give up having a Sunfish sailboat in the pond because the 7 acre oyster farm makes it too difficult to tack. The ocean side of that area is too shallow for a centerboard, and the land side puts sailboats in the way of motor boats in the reduced channel area. Please do not make yet another part of the pond unusable.

very truly yours,
Beverly J. Hodgson
150 Ocean Avenue, Wakefield

150 Ocean Avenue
Wakefield, R. I. 02879
September 29, 2020

Coastal Resource Management Council
4808 Tower Hill Road #116
Wakefield, R.I. 02879

Re: File # 2017-12-086 Expansion of Oyster Farm in Potter's Pond

Dear Members of the CRMC:

On my daily paddle in Potter's Pond I came across markers that may be related to the above application of Perry Raso to block off three more acres of the pond for his exclusive use for his oyster farm.

Allowing oyster frames in the area proposed would cause a great danger and a hardship to the many families that use this area for recreation., including mine. There are at least 25 small motor boats moored in this cove, and many people also use the area for paddle boarding and kayaking.

Motor boats entering the cove need to take wide turns to avoid the shore and smaller craft. Many people enjoy water-skiing, and this sport requires boats to be able to make wide loops. When I have been in the area in a small rowboat, it has been crucial to be able to get into the area that would be affected by the permit in order to avoid the skiers and the wake. If this area were occupied by oyster frames, the whole cove would be too hazardous for small craft and paddle boarders to use.

Like other summer residents, I am fearful that the Council will take up Mr. Raso's application in the off-season and deprive the hundreds of people who use the cove of our opportunity to be heard.

The extra profit that Mr. Raso seeks does not justify depriving so many citizens of recreational use, creating a safety hazard. This summer, with so few activities available, full access to water sports was so crucial. Please do not grant this application.

Very truly yours,

Beverly. J. Hodgson

Raso 201712086

From: Beverly Hodgson <bjhodgson@snet.net>
Sent: Saturday, November 7, 2020 10:42 AM
To: raso201712086@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: information for Raso application hearing

Dear CRMC,

I am attaching this photo of Perry Raso's oyster farm so you can see just how vast it is from the water, where residents around Potter Pond kayak, row, water ski and motor. These obstructions make recreational use impossible.

-Beverly J. Hodgson



Raso 201712086

From: DOROTHY WOODCOCK <woodcockd@mac.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 7, 2020 10:48 AM
To: raso201712086@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Opportunity to speak

To the members of CRMC Sub Committee:

I would like an opportunity to speak during the comment period on Friday, November 13th. My family property which we have owned for 60 years includes a dock and significant Potter Pond shoreline. Thank you for this opportunity.

Dorothy MacColl Woodcock
woodcockd@mac.com
2464D Commodore Perry Highway
Wakefield, RI 02879=

Raso 201712086

From: deborah mcurdy <deborahannmcurdy@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 7, 2020 5:02 PM
To: raso201712086@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Request a spot

deborahannmcurdy@gmail.com

Raso 201712086

From: David Papazian <sgrdpapy@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 7, 2020 12:10 PM
To: raso201712086@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Segar cove zoom meeting spot

Please allow me to be part of the discussion.

David R. Papazian
401-255-0451
sgrdpapy@gmail.com



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Raso 201712086

From: Raso 201712086 <raso201712086@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 9:45 AM
To: 'Robert Hefner'
Subject: RE: Request to Speak Against Raso Expansion on Day 2

Good Morning Mr. Hefner: This letter confirms receipt of your request to Comment on Day 2, Friday, November 13 of the Perry Raso Public Hearing. Please note that your original letter of comment was made part of the record of review for the CRMC Raso File and reviewed by the Subcommittee in preparation of the hearings.

Thank you!

Lisa Turner
CRMC Office Manager

From: Robert Hefner [mailto:bob.hefner@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, November 8, 2020 9:24 AM
To: raso201712086@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Request to Speak Against Raso Expansion on Day 2

Robert F Hefner of 231 Sycamore Lane, South Kingstown RI 02879
Phone 401 332 9931
Email bob.hefner@hotmail.com

As directed the instructions on the CRMC web site I am using the above email address to request to speak at the CRMC public hearing against the expansion of the Perry Raso oyster farm on Day 2, Friday Nov 13, 2020.

Will you please confirm my request with a reply email.

On an additional basis

Will the written comments I sent to CRMS via certified mail return receipt on in January of 2018 be presented to the CRMC board of directors? If who has read my comments on the original proposal and how will those comments be conveyed to the board who makes the final decision.

Thank you
Robert Hefner
See contact info above

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To: raso201712086@crmc.ri.gov
Cc: jwillis@crmc.ri.gov; bgoetsch.@crmc.ri.gov; savesegarcove@gmail.com; Joycedcorl@aol.com; geneacorl@aol.com
Subject: Raso Committee Hearing Thursday 11/12, 11/13 and 11/17
Attachments: 86BA2437-B9DA-4235-B863-6018CA665023.jpeg;
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Gentlemen:

My wife and I live at 210 Washington Street, Matunuck with a dock in Segar Cove. We are very opposed to putting an additional 3 acre oyster farm inside Segar Cove . Mr Raso 's business continues to thrive with the aqua farming his current acreage provides outside our Cove.

Our letter below was first written in January, 2018 in opposition to Mr Raso's plan to open an additional 3 acres of expansion inside of Segar Cove. My wife and I remain opposed to this expansion. We were two of over 150 citizens who opposed this expansion back in January, 2018, as your files would reflect.

Contrary to what Mr Raso stated in his application, Segar Cove gets so much activity use by people not only from within the cove, but from all over both Potters and Point Judith Ponds, and Visitors who vacation here. Many people kayak, canoe, wind sail, sail, paddle boat, swim, fish and quohog - and waterski and tube.

One of our attachments shows the number of kayaks and watercraft kept by pond users at the Washington Street access point. The other streets - Lake, Park, and Water, would show similar. These access points are the only places on Potter's Pond where public access is readily available and 3 of the 4 are through Segar Cove. The Cove is appreciated and used by many people on a daily basis.

There are just two places to safely tube and water ski in the ponds - inside Segar where Mr Raso wants to expand, or in Perch Cove where he lives.

In Segar, good boaters with skiers and tubers can run 2 - 3 boats at a time, safely, well spaced apart, and the same in Perch Cove. They are the only places left to ski /tube safely in either pond. With Mr Raso's 3 acre Oyster Farm dropped into Segar, it would cause boats towing skiers and tubers to pass each other in an unsafely manner - way too close together and with too much water turbulence. Paddle boarders, kayakers and other water users could easily be pushed by turbulence into those floating cages as well. If his proposed expansion comes in, most recreational activity will be very unsafe.

To say that Segar Cove does not get used by many people is just not so.

I also refer you to the Narragansett Times which ran an article on Friday, Nov 6 written by their fishing columnist, Mr Todd Corayer, in 'Fish Wrap'. He points out this is a loss of access to the public's recreational space in Segar Cove that effects a lot of people. Mr Corayer, in his well written article - that should be part of the hearing - asks this very good question: "Should all the Cove recreational users have to give up that public space for a private company's profit's? We think not.

Gene and Joyce Corl





Raso 201712086

From: Douglas Campbell III <dc3tsc@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 9, 2020 9:27 AM
To: raso201712086@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Raso Application - Please turn it down

Douglas Campbell III

360 Sycamore Lane

Wakefield RI 12879

Dc3tsc@gmail.com C 203-952-1161

My name is Douglas Campbell, and I own a home with my brother Dwight at 360 Sycamore Lane which looks down the hill at Segar Cove. We frequently kayak around the Cove and enjoy the quiet, serenity and natural beauty of Segar. There are 2 active nests which hatch young Ospreys each year, and Mom and Dad Osprey soar over the quiet waters to fish and provide for their families. They frequently chirp loudly when we kayak within 40 or 50 yards of their nest so we tend to stay in the middle of the Cove. Oyster farming would completely disrupt their lives and patterns. Roberto, a wonderful Portuguese gentleman, over the years has come by almost every Sunday as a volunteer for 5 months as part of the Cornell University Osprey monitoring program to count the young ospreys from April to October.

I have been going to Potters Pond and Segar Cove for over 60 years since my grandparents bought a house on Potters. My Uncle Fred MacColl bought the property on Sycamore Lane in 1980, and Dwight and I have owned it since 2006. In the summer there are sometimes 15 or more boats on Potters versus one or two decades ago. Some of them are now pontoon party boats which linger all day. It is now very difficult to water ski or take the kids tubing on Potters, and as we swim off the family dock, it is frequently nerve wracking to have boats streaming nearby.

The extended family has watched the oyster beds grow near the East Matunuck Beach and love the Matunuck Oyster House. The oyster farming has grown from an invisible small underwater effort of 3 acres to more than twice as much acreage. I remember kayaking around the point to see what I thought were hundreds of black ducks, but alas it was the new floating slide-in tray oyster harvesting system which had been installed. It was visibly a change and an eyesore, but it was off to the side and allowed for boats, paddleboards, kayaks, even sailboats to navigate. It could also be expanded with little impact if needed.

Please turn down this application. A new harvesting system in Segar would

1 be visually an eyesore and clear overuse of a small cove with large barges and daily activity etc.

2 adversely impact the Osprey and other sea life

3 disrupt and degrade a quiet, undisturbed bay and coastline which is increasingly hard to find in Rhode Island

4 greatly restrict leisure use of Segar cove

Sincerely,

Douglas Campbell 11/9/20

Gwynne M Campbell

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All the best.

Doug Campbell
203-952-1161

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Raso 201712086

From: Beverly Hodgson <bjhodgson@snet.net>
Sent: Monday, November 9, 2020 10:13 AM
To: raso201712086@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Request to speak at hearing

Please put me on the list to speak at the hearing on the Perry Raso application to install obstructions on Potter Pond.
Please respond and tell me the date and time when public comments will be heard.

with thanks,
Beverly Hodgson
150 Ocean Ave.
Wakefield RI =

Raso 201712086

From: Tony Sousa <anthony.h.sousa@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 9, 2020 11:08 AM
To: raso201712086@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Request speaking spot for Friday 11/13

We are respectfully requesting a time on 11/13 to speak at the Zoom meeting on Mr. Raso's behalf. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Tony and Kathy Sousa

Raso 201712086

From: P Rodriguez <prodriguez@women-care.com>
Sent: Monday, November 9, 2020 1:07 PM
To: raso201712086@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Request a post to testify

Hello
I would like to testify

Pablo Rodriguez, MD
206 Prospect rd
South Kingstown 02879

Raso 201712086

From: Pablo Rodriguez <dyrodriguezrn@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 9, 2020 1:24 PM
To: raso201712086@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Segar Cove Expansion Proposal

I am requesting a spot to speak at the meeting on November 13. Thank you.

Diane Rodriguez
860H Curtis Corner Rd
Wakefield RI 02879

Raso 201712086

From: mamattera@verizon.net
Sent: Monday, November 9, 2020 3:06 PM
To: raso201712086@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: sign up speaker

Hi I would like to confirm that I would like to be a speaker at the hearing on Raso subcommittee. I understand speakers will be heard on Friday Nov 13th starting at 1pm.

I will be joining the meeting on Thursday the 12th as well.

Please Confirm that I am indeed on the speaker list

Thank You

Marilyn Mattera

62 Park Ave

Wakefield,RI 02879

Raso 201712086

From: Matthew Wilkes <mwilkes85@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 9, 2020 3:38 PM
To: raso201712086@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: CRMC Subcommittee Meeting

Good Afternoon,

I would like to make public comments on Day 2 of the Raso Subcommittee Meeting on 11/13/20. Please let me know that you have received this e-mail and I have been added to the list of people making public comments. Thank you.

Matthew Wilkes
401-286-2119

Raso 201712086

From: patmoore25@aol.com
Sent: Monday, November 9, 2020 3:39 PM
To: raso201712086@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: hearings in regard to Perry Raso Applicarion, 11/12,13,17/2020

To Whom It May Concern:

I have lived at 500 Sycamore Lane since 1998. I have a dock and my property abuts Potter Pond but not Segar Cove. I am opposed to this application for a 3 acre oyster and scallop farm. I believe it will unreasonably interfere with, impair or significantly impact existing public access to, or use of, tidal waters and/or the shore. I also believe the proposed use will result in significant conflicts with water-dependent uses and activities such as recreational boating, fishing, swimming and navigation.

Because of limited access Potter Pond is particularly attractive to small boat use - kayaks, canoes, rowing shells and paddleboards. Any commercial use of Segar Cove and/or Potter Pond would negatively impact these activities. I am opposed to commercialization of the Cove or the Pond.

Patricia D. Moore
500 Sycamore Lane
Wakefield RI 02879

Raso 201712086

From: Deb Carreau <debcarreau@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 9, 2020 4:10 PM
To: raso201712086@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Segar Cove Oyster expansion proposal

I am planning on participating in the Segar Cove expansion proposal meeting on Nov 13th. If time permits, I would like to speak during this meeting regarding the impact this will have.

Thank you,

Deborah Carreau=

Raso 201712086

From: Mark Latham <mlatham62@me.com>
Sent: Monday, November 9, 2020 5:22 PM
To: raso201712086@crmc.ri.gov

I am writing to request a spot to speak regarding the NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CRMC File N.: 2017-12-086. I understand that I should be able to arrange for a time or a spot for the meeting set for November 13th.

I would appreciate it if you could please reserve me a spot to allow me to speak on that day. I am hopeful that that someone will respond to this email and let me know what time I might be able to speak as well as the instructions for dialing in to the appropriate call at some designated time.

Thank you for your consideration. I hope to hear from someone regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark Latham
(214) 616-9595

Raso 201712086

From: Larry Pierce <larrypierce1@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 7:54 AM
To: raso201712086@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Raso Subcommittee Hearing

Dear CRMC,

While I do not wish to speak publicly on the issue, I'd like to weigh in as a very interested party. The proposed farming area is very familiar to me. It's such that I have to avoid the orange markers 3x weekly in the summer while waterskiing in Segar Cove. Should a farm cover that area, it will render Segar Cove unusable to ski. It's tight as it is, putting a farm there will shorten the run so as to make it impossible. That may not mean much to you, but it's very meaningful to me and dozens of others that find it one of the only suitable spots to ski on the pond. We are lifelong water-skiers, not at all casual about it. This will destroy something very important to us.

The proposed area is also in the view of dozens of homeowners. Why should they have to put up with the nuisance and blight? An aquafarm is not stagnant. There are farmers, pumps, boats, radios, and associated noise with guys working out there all day. It's not benign, it's disruptive and it's ugly.

The 10 acres he already enjoys is not as visible to the homes in the area but in Segar Cove? He's already has a 10 acre area farm that has impacted the area recreationally, but not as much visually as the proposed farm. What benefit does this serve the public? The petitioner already enjoys a significant piece of the available recreational area of the pond. He enjoys a successful restaurant and fine reputation. At this point, he's infringing far too much on others. Should this farm be permitted, it will benefit a few, while the detriment will impact many more people for years to come. Enough is enough and this is just wrong. Please do not permit this farm.

Regards,

Larry Pierce
Green Hill, SK

Raso 201712086

From: Susan Moussette <smoussette12@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 10:25 AM
To: raso201712086@crmc.ri.gov
Cc: Cindy Larned
Subject: Potters Pond proposed oyster bed

Hi my name is Susan Moussette. My siblings and I inherited a cottage on Peninsula Road from our parents who built the cottage in the 1950's after my father's parents (Pratt) shared their cottage on Ocean Ave. with them in the 1940's. We all grew up swimming, rowing, sailing, and as we got older motorboating and kayaking on the pond in all the beautiful coves. Two of my Siblings and their families live and vote, and work in RI and we all pay our taxes.

When we were young and the wind picked up and the water was high, we would take out our sunfish or sailfish boats and learn to fly across the water, tacking when we got close to land and flying again...Then we got older, and so did our parents. My Dad became a Pond Watcher and he and our neighbor would go out and do experiments on the quality of the water for URI. I saw scallops swim in the pond in the 60's watched the birds return from pesticide pollution in the 70's, and the Turns disappear from the island near the oyster beds in the 90's/2000's. I remember reading that the pond was polluted by a septic company's illegal dumping, and I have watched small cottages become mansions.

We stopped paying as much attention to the pond as our lives got busy. We only had weekends or a weeks vacation to spend at our favorite place on earth. That's when a young enterprising man came up with the idea to put oyster beds in the pond. He said it would clean it and restore the natural oysters that used to be there. (My Dad said they were there when he was a kid.) I thought okay, that doesn't sound bad. And the oyster bed appeared in front of our house. Gone was the ability to sail across the pond, but the bed wasn't that big and it was for the greater good of the pond.

One year I came for my vacation and I looked out and the oyster beds looked bigger than they had the year before. I asked my family if they thought it too and they did and even said they looked like the bed had moved too. Okay I thought, what's done is done. We'll live with it as it's for the greater good. Meanwhile I started to hear about Matunuck Oysters as a sought after treat in restaurants in New York City and The Sea Gull restaurant became Matunuck Oyster Bar. The Oyster Bar was packed with customers and even required valet parking and then a second floor and a police man to direct traffic. I started to think that this enterprising, no longer young man, was doing very well for himself. That's fine with me, but at what point does the balance between the company's profit and the greater good of the community reach a tipping point? At what point do we say, wait a minute, why is one company's need greater than hundreds of people using this beautiful pond?

That time is now. I do not think it is necessary to impede the freedom of boats and people on the pond so a company can make a larger profit. This pond is a natural resource for all of us. The open space of the pond rejuvenates many people. I do not think it should be taken over by a company so they can expand their business. We have a right to enjoy the beauty of the pond and it's time to stop the commercial encroachment of that resource. Leave the oyster bed that already exists alone for the greater good of the pond. If the company makes a profit with it, that's okay, but don't let any more open space be taken from all of us.

This is my story and opinion and I pay my share of taxes.

Sincerely,
Susan Moussette
Homeowner Matunuck Point
Member of MPBC

Raso 201712086

From: phil-morton@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 11:56 AM
To: raso201712086@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Potter Pond

My wife Nancy and I own a home/cottage on Potter Pond (Champlin's Cove) and we are very opposed to the aquaculture expansion for Perry Raso's restaurant. We have watched the oyster farm expand from 1 acre to 9 acres (or larger) during the past 8 years or so and we cannot believe that he intends to expand even further into Segar Cove. This is a pristine area that we spend a lot of time in boating, fishing, clamming, and just relaxing. I heard Perry's argument in the first CRMC meeting that Striped Bass or other fish are not found in that area of the pond and that is a complete fabrication. Here is a photo of a 30" Striped Bass that I caught from my kayak a few weeks ago in Segar Cove. I also raked for clams and steamers in Segar Cove this summer as I do every year.

Potter Pond is a small but beautiful salt pond and it's inconceivable that one person can erase the natural beauty and fish species habitat for his own advantage. Doesn't he have enough already - 9 acres? My goodness, where does it stop?

Phil & Nancy Morton
(617) 803-6358



Raso 201712086

From: phil-morton@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 12:01 PM
To: raso201712086@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Bird droppings and Potter Pond water quality

These are pics from Perry Raso's oyster farm from this past weekend. 60-70% of the cages have birds on them that would otherwise not be there if there was nothing to land on. We are concerned about all this extra "fertilization" by Cormorants and Gulls happening daily because of the current cages. We certainly don't need more man made landing spots for the birds. It can't be helping the water quality of the pond and therefore another reason we are against further expansion of Perry Raso's aquaculture into Segar Cove.

Sincerely,

Phil and Nancy Morton





Raso 201712086

From: Joel Thomson <thomsonje@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 12:14 PM
To: raso201712086@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Speaker Request - Subcommittee Hearing for file number 2017-12-086 (Raso)

I am requesting the opportunity to speak at the subcommittee meeting regarding the subject file. As a boater and property owner abutting Segar Cove, it is my opinion that the proposed aquaculture project will negatively impact the recreational use of the cove and be contrary to the intent of Article 1, Section 17 (Fishery rights - Shore privileges - Preservation of natural resources) of the Constitution of the State of Rhode Island.

It is my understanding public comment is scheduled for the November 13th session. Please provide the required log-in credentials to allow for my participation.

Joel E. Thomson

thomsonje@comcast.net
(617) 279-3818

Raso 201712086

From: andy w <workforceri@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 12:28 PM
To: raso201712086@crmc.ri.gov
Cc: Dean Wagner; ANDY
Subject: request speak at hearing

Dear CRMC:

I request an opportunity to speak and express my disapproval of the RASO Segar Cove license. I request in accordance with guidelines issued by your hearing process. Thank you,

Andrew Wilkes
WorkforceRI, Inc.
952 Plainfield St #3
Johnston, RI 02919
workforceri@gmail.com

401.751.1051 office
401.383.3808 fax

Raso 201712086

From: mamattera@verizon.net
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 12:53 PM
To: raso201712086@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: testimoney
Attachments: Segar Cove testimony.docx

Please include the attached as testimoney for the Raso Subcommittee Meeting

Date : November 9 2020

From: Marilyn Mattera mamattera@verizon.net

Re: Testimony for Public Hearing Raso sub committee

To: CRMC re: Raso Subcommittee Hearing Segar Cove Application

Please Note **That I AM STRONGLY OPPOSING THIS APPLICATION**

I am **STRONGLY OPPOSED** to the granting of addition acres for the Raso Subcommittee Proposal

In the early 1950's this area was used for a beach, small row boats, canoes, bathing and quahogging. As population increased and water craft began to grow around this time, 5-6 Moorings appeared at the end of Lake Ave.

Today, with the increase in population in South County and Matunuck, including permanent and summer residents as well as renters, the use of the pond has increased drastically.

Presently, we have 22 moorings and 28 docks plus up to 45 kayaks on shore at end of Lake and Washington St. You can no longer get in a sailboat at the end of Lake Ave and begin to sail in the pond unless you head toward the middle of the pond and to the area where the oyster and scallop beds are being proposed.

Besides the permanent docks and moorings, there are four public access boat ramps which come into Segar Cove Pond: Park Ave, Lake Ave, Washington St and Water St which all merge into the narrow opening in and out of pond.

With the area beaches continually reaching capacity, the use of this pond has quickly become overpopulated. Many times you have to wait your turn to come in to drop a passenger off or board a vessel at the Lake Ave access area. In addition, many children and families are once again using the pond for swimming as well using flotation devices in the low water areas, particularly at the end of Lake Avenue.

On any given day, you will see boats, kayaks, paddle boarders, water skiers, pontoon boats, small sail boats, wake boarding ,swimmers and jet skis trying to enjoy the Segar cove area. Safety for water skiing, wake boarding and tubing into that area will now be impossible to maintain with the 3 acre area proposal for oyster farming. The area needed to safely turn a boat pulling a skier will be significantly reduced with the addition of any oyster farming equipment in this body of water. Boaters cannot go into the mooring field to turn while towing, therefore restricting the ability to turn the boat to the larger areas of Segar Cove. A boater must also take into consideration the changing tides. The sides of the

pond are shallow and rocky. Even kayakers have to safely distance themselves from the shore as skiers, jet skis and other boats come in and out either to dock or moor their boats.

The entire Potters Pond has seen a dramatic increase of recreational use over the past several years. Another critical issue to be considered is that many boaters from the upper Potters Pond have been moving to Segar Cove. The upper pond is a very popular water skiing area that has become so congested that boaters are using Segar Cove as the alternative therefore increasing the boating activity in Segar Cove. There are so many boats coming into the area from other parts of Pt Judith Pond that you frequently have to anchor and wait your turn because only 2 boats can safely navigate the pond while towing a skier or a tuber. Sometimes there are 8-10 boats anchored waiting their turn leaving no area for kayakers, paddle boarders or any other water activity. Many times boaters leave because of the long wait time, congestion and an unsafe boating environment.

I believe it is an issue of recreational safety vs. economics. Many taxpayers' have the right to use this pond, in its entirety, for **SAFE recreational use and it should not be compromised for one person's financial gain.**

Take into consideration that you have an application to provide one business owner an advantage to increase earnings while hundreds of taxpayers and home owners will be deprived of a safe environment to enjoy Segar Cove with family, friends and neighbors. The CRMC has already granted 9 acres of Aquaculture bedding to Perry Raso in another area of the pond which does not include the circumferences around the area for harvesting and barge access many times a day. Not only has the current 9 acres of Aquaculture bedding been taken from public use but it must be considered that there are four other areas of Aquaculture Bedding close by which inhibits recreational activities in Pt Judith Pond as well.

This decision will have a long term impact on Segar Cove, its surrounding residents as well as the many visitors to the South County area. **I ask the CRMC to REJECT THIS PROPOSAL.**

The following is a list of activity on Segar Cove:

Recreational Boating, Swimming, Quohogging, Crabbing, Water skiing, Tubing, Wake boarding, Jet skiing, Slalom water skiing, Paddle boarding, Canoeing, Sailing, Rowing, Kayaking, Fishing, Rowing, Jet Skis

Raso 201712086

From: deborah mcurdy <deborahannmcurdy@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 7:23 AM
To: raso201712086@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: we the people have given up so much this year!

Please don't take away our rights to enhance our well being in order to line a businessman's pocket with more\$\$\$. Enough is Enough.



Raso 201712086

From: Carl Erickson <carljerickson123@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 2:24 PM
To: raso201712086@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: objection

I am writing to have my opinion voiced that I think Mr Raso's request should be denied. Its too big an interference with an area used by the public for recreation.

I am a resident of Snug Harbor and admire Mr Raso's operation but think this request goes too far. He already has a share of the pond for which he should be grateful.

Thank you, Susan Tietze=

Raso 201712086

From: Mike Jilling <mikej32m@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 5:15 PM
To: raso201712086@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Potters Pond and proposed oyster bar expansion

To whom it may concern,

I have lived on Washington St in Matunuck for 8 years and paddle board, fish, clam, and boat on potter's pond. This may look like a big pond but there is a minimal amount of deep water than can used for boating, paddle boarding, etc. Most of the water on the pond is too shallow to use a boat a high speed. There are two deep parts of the pond. The proposed spot for this oyster bar expansion is right in one of these deep areas that people and their kids use to water ski, etc. This is certainly not a good site for an oyster farm and this possible oyster bar expansion is very concerning to all of us Matunuck residents. It will severely impact the life we have on the pond and should not be approved.

Please listen to the concerned residents who live here and use this pond.

Sincerely,

Michael Jilling
111 Washington St
Matunuck, RI 02879

401-529-4631

Raso 201712086

From: John Larned <johnlarnedsr@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 5:40 PM
To: raso201712086@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: As a life long summer resident of Matunuck I would like to comment

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the Review Committee:

It is not necessary that I speak at these hearings but I would like to voice my opinion in this matter. If required I am happy to attend a session live and speak.

If not I would say that Potters Pond and its various tributaries, estuaries and small coves is a delightful and ecologically sensitive area. I have enjoyed summers there, on it and around it, since 1963 (at age 13). It is already under stress and limited access.

The oyster beds and areas already under Mr Raso's control are extensive. I accept their commercial value to both Perry, our community and the State of RI. My request is that there be no further expansion of the existing and already intrusive network.

My reason: What exists already is unsightly and restricts the community's access to this wonderful and unique natural resource.

Thank you for the opportunity to express an opinion for myself and my family.

John Larned
11 Ocean Ave
South Kingstown, RI 02879

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Raso 201712086

From: Dwight Campbell <ddcam1025@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 6:50 PM
To: raso201712086@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: The development on Segar cove - Dwight Campbell

To whom it may concern,

The development on Potters pond has grown tremendously over the past decade. It is a place that I have enjoyed for sixty years. I do not feel as if the development should increase on Potters pond or in Segar cove. We enjoy the water, the osprey and the Herons everyday. The pond has a very limited area for families to enjoy while they are on the water, and any new development will hurt the recreational use the pond. I would prefer to not have more unnatural eye sores in the pond.

Sincerely yours,

Dwight D.Campbell
ddcam1025@gmail.com
818.419.6532

Raso 201712086

From: Beth Pincince <bpincince@cox.net>
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2020 9:28 AM
To: raso201712086@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Segar Cover-opposition to proposal

Good Morning,

I am writing to state that I am strongly **opposed** to any aquaculture farming that is being proposed in the Segar Cove in Potters Pond. As a summer residents, we use the pond on a daily basis for boating and kayaking. Any aquaculture equipment in the water will impede our using the pond to the fullest and making it unsafe for our children while tubing.

I ask the CRMC to reject this proposal.

Thank you,
Beth Pincince



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Raso 201712086

From: Steven Levy <slevy0313@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2020 10:49 AM
To: raso201712086@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Raso Subcommittee Letter
Attachments: Raso Subcommittee Letter.pdf; Untitled attachment 00604.html

Steven H. Levy

16 Pettaquamscutt Lake Shore Road
Saunderstown, RI 02874

November 11, 2020

State of Rhode Island
Coastal Resources Management Council
Oliver H. Stedman Government Center
4808 Tower Hill Road, Suite 3
Wakefield, RI 02879-1900

Re: Raso Subcommittee Meeting

To whom it may concern:

My name is Steven Levy and I've lived in Rhode Island my entire life, spending much of my time in South County. I remember when the first oyster beds were cultivated in the upper portion of Salt Pond. I appreciate the natural filtering achieved by such mollusks, but there must be a balance.

Segar Cove is narrow and the proposed three-acre oyster and scallop farm would significantly limit activities such as recreational boating, fishing, swimming and navigation, not to mention the safety risks such beds would cause in this small cove.

I appreciate all that aqua-culture has brought to Rhode Island, but question when "enough is enough". We want our waters clean, but not at the expense of safety and the monetary profit of just one individual.

We as Rhode Islanders will lose more than we'll gain, so I respectfully ask you to reject further aqua-culture development in Segar Cove.

All my best,

Steven H. Levy