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Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2023 4:19 PM
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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] FW: Water Street Status / CRMC ROW Subcommittee
Attachments: Correspondence from Attorney Mike Ursillo re: Status of Proposed ROW Wate... (144 KB)

No problem. Thanks for getting back to us.

We received the attached in March of this year. My reply in May was to provide the review status of Water Street at the CRMC's ROW Subcommittee. As noted, the Subcommittee has yet to take up the matter, but it is "on the list" of sites that it has to consider as state-designated public ROWs to the shore. My further request at that time was to see if the Town could support the site as a state-designated public ROW, as the letter suggested to me that the Town recognized the "... substantial public interest for the Matunuck community." Given that and hopeful that it could, I asked if the Town was able (1) to provide as much documentation to that position; and (2) would it be able to offer some time of the Town's Solicitor to help the Subcommittee's Legal Counsel perform its due diligence. However, by today's correspondence I recognize that the Town is taking the position that Water Street is a private road, albeit one the Town is aware of the historic regular use by the public.

Please know that Water Street is on the Subcommittee's radar. It is one of at least a dozen sites around the state that it has under various levels of review, with the Westerly Spring Ave matter currently under primary investigation. Unfortunately, given the amount of work ahead of the Subcommittee for all these potential sites I can't predict a timeframe by which this matter would be up for hearing.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions whatsoever on this matter or the ROW Subcommittee's processes for designation.

Thanks,
Jeff

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Mr. Willis,

My apologies for the delay in my reply. Could you provide details as to what CRMC is asking of the town? While the town is aware of the historical regular use by the public of Water Street to access Potter Pond, it is our understanding that this road is a private road as such would require going through the CRMC process to become a designated public right of way.

Regards,

Michael J Stach
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Mr. Stach – following-up on this email from May, notably on whether the Town could support a public designation of Water Street.

Thanks,
Jeff

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Subject: Water Street Status / CRMC ROW Subcommittee

Mr. Stach - as requested by Town of South Kingstown Solicitor Michael A. Ursillo in his March 13, 2023 letter to the CRMC's Rights-of-Way Subcommittee (attached), please let this email serve as my response on the status of the CRMC ROW Subcommittee's investigation into Water Street as a possible site to receive state designation as a public right-of-way to the tidal waters of the state.

At this time, the Subcommittee has several sites that it is investigating around the state, and the Water Street site is one that is currently being reviewed and researched. We do not have a timeframe as to when it may be scheduled for public hearings.

Given the amount of work currently in front of the ROW Subcommittee, and if I may, I'd like to take this opportunity to ask the Town's position on whether Water Street could support a public designation and if so, how much assistance can the Town offer the Subcommittee in its investigation to that end? We ask this of municipalities when we have such matters in front of the Subcommittee to help the move the process forward as efficiently as possible.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this status. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Jeff

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Subject: Correspondence from Attorney Mike Ursillo re: Status of Proposed ROW Water St/South Kingstown
Attachments: 2023-3-13 Ltr to CRMC re Water St ROW - TSK.pdf

Dear Mr. Willis: Please find correspondence attached from Attorney Mike Ursillo on behalf of the Town of South Kingstown. Thank you.

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March 13, 2023

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Re: Request for Update – Status of ROW Designation for Water St., South Kingstown

Dear Mr. Willis:

On behalf of the Town of South Kingstown (the “Town”), I write to request that the Rights-of-Way Subcommittee (the “Subcommittee”) of the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council (the “CRMC”) provide an update on the status of the request for the CRMC to designate a public right-of-way in the area of Water St. in the Town of South Kingstown. It is the Town’s understanding that in 2022, the CRMC received a petition requesting such a designation from members of the Narragansett Salt Water Fishing Club, as well as residents of Matunuck. To date, it does not appear that the Subcommittee has taken action on this matter. The Town is requesting an update as this is a matter of substantial public interest for the Matunuck community.

Please direct a response to this correspondence to Michael Stach, Harbormaster/Natural Resource Officer for the Town. Mr. Stach can be reached via phone at (401) 789-9331 x3108 or via email at mstach@southkingstownri.com. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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/s/ Michael A. Ursillo, Esq.
Town Solicitor

cc: Hon. South Kingstown Town Council
James Manni, Town Manager
Michael J. Stach, Harbormaster / Natural Resource Officer
Anthony DeSisto, Esq., CRMC Legal Counsel