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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 18, 2023 2:19 PM  
**To:** "Brittany Spurlock"  
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**Subject:** Fwd: Demolition of the Bike Path Bridge over the Barrington River /w 21st 1 Reconstruction of the Bike Path Bridge over the Barrington River

Can an Emergency Meeting of the Barrington Harbor Commission be called to discuss this "dangerous current of the Barrington River on the outgoing tides" since the demolition of the pilings of the East Bay Bike Path Bridge over the Barrington River before the Public Hearing next Tuesday, October 24th at 6pm to approve the Reconstruction plans. The Plans need to "design out" this hazardous situation to boaters and kayakers traveling south down the Barrington River.

We have requested an on site meeting during the strong outgoing tide before next week's scheduled Public Hearing, but we have not heard back from anyone concerning this urgent situation.

Sincerely,  
Stephen & Jane Mainella  
81 County Rd, Barrington, RI 02806  
(401)524-1773

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**From:** Jane Mainella <mainellaj@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Tue, Oct 17, 2023, 1:51 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Demolition of the Bike Path Bridge over the Barrington River /w 21st 1 Reconstruction of the Bike Path Bridge over the Barrington River  
**To:** Richardson, Alisa (DOT) <Alisa.Richardson@dot.ri.gov>, Pratt, James (DOT) <james.pratt@dot.ri.gov>, <asilva@crmc.ri.gov>, <rsinger@crmc.ri.gov>, <aprezioso@vhb.com>, Jason Knight <jason@jasonknightri.com>, Brian Hunt <bhunt@barrington.ri.gov>, Walsh, David (DOT) <david.walsh@dot.ri.gov>, <joseph.baker@dot.ri.gov>, <erik.johnstone@dot.ri.gov>, Maccarone, Louis (DOT) <Louis.Maccarone@dot.ri.gov>

Please get back to us on this matter today as we would like to meet on site to discuss solutions in the plans to address the dangerous changed current of the Barrington River because of the demolition of the pilings.

Stephen & Jane Mainella  
Atlantic Marine

On Sat, Oct 14, 2023, 9:19 AM Jane Mainella <[mainellaj@gmail.com](mailto:mainellaj@gmail.com)> wrote:

Alisa,

On Friday, October 6, 2023 you sent us an email saying that you were discussing internally the "dangerous current of the Barrington River for boaters and our marina since the Demolition of the East Bay Bike Path Bridge over the Barrington River pilings were removed" and that someone would get back to us this past week.

We have not heard back from anyone about this urgent situation and we would like to meet with those involved ASAP to discuss solutions.

We will forward a couple more letters that we have received from our concerned boaters at our marina.

Sincerely,  
Stephen & Jane Mainella  
81 County Road  
Barrington, RI 02806  
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On Sat, Oct 7, 2023 at 10:31 AM Jane Mainella <[mainellaj@gmail.com](mailto:mainellaj@gmail.com)> wrote:

Alisa,

Thank you for your reply. It is imperative that this "dangerous increased current of the Barrington River situation" is addressed and resolved in the Reconstruction of the East Bay Bike Path Bridge over the Barrington River.

Not only is it detrimental to our boaters and marina, it has a dramatic effect on the boaters (many with smaller boats or kayaks) when navigating south on the Barrington River from the Hundred Acre Cove area.

Also, the green and red marker buoys that have been placed to mark navigational travel where the Bike Path Bridge with its pilings once was, have been dragging and bobbing up and down for hours with the strong current on the outgoing tide to the extent that people walking over the Barrington Bridge have been stopping to determine if someone is drowning and a few have called 911 to report a possible drowning.

This situation is urgent and a solution needs to be addressed in the Reconstruction of the East Bay Bike Path Bridge over the Barrington River and put in place as soon as possible for public and private safety.

We will forward a few letters to you that we have received from our concerned boaters at our marina.

Sincerely,  
Stephen & Jane Mainella  
81 County Road  
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On Fri, Oct 6, 2023 at 9:13 PM Richardson, Alisa (DOT) <[Alisa.Richardson@dot.ri.gov](mailto:Alisa.Richardson@dot.ri.gov)> wrote:

Stephen and Jane,

I have received your email. We are discussing this internally and someone will get back to you next week.

Best,

**Alisa Diaz Richardson, MS, PE, PMP**

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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 4, 2023 2:41 PM

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**Subject:** Demolition of the Bike Path Bridge over the Barrington River / Reconstruction of the Bike Path Bridge over the Barrington River

Good Afternoon, Alisa Richardson,

This is Stephen & Jane Mainella of 81 County Road in Barrington, RI, whose property and marina abuts the Barrington Bridge and the East Bay Bike Path Bridge over the Barrington River. We have lived at this property and owned and operated the marina, Atlantic Marine, for 44 years.

On Wednesday, September 6, 2023, we went to the CRMC office in Wakefield, RI, and spoke with Lisa Turner about our concerns with the "adverse changes in the volume and speed of the outgoing tidal current of the Barrington River" due to the demolition of the East Bay Bike Path Bridge over the Barrington River. Many of our boaters had difficulty docking their boats over Labor Day Weekend due to the stronger current flowing on the outgoing tide with only 1/4 of the pilings removed from water during the demolition.

We asked to see a copy of the Environmental Assessment and Hazard Assessment study that was done to show how the current would change due to the removal of the pilings when the East Bay Bike Path Bridge over the Barrington River was demolished. With no pilings to disperse the rapidly flowing current during outgoing tides (especially in the winter months with the Northwest wind blowing with "larger than usual" ice flows down the Barrington River) there will be a direct adverse impact on our docks, pilings, and bulkhead.

Lisa Turner told us that she would contact you, Alisa Richardson, about our visit to CRMC and gave you (401) 524-1773 as our contact number and that you would be reaching out to us; but we have yet to hear from you.

Our concerns are growing over the dramatically increased Barrington River currents on the outgoing tides, and whirlpools that were never there before. Since the removal of all of the remaining pilings on the East Bay Bike Path Bridge last week, the current is ripping by for hours on the outgoing tide causing whirlpools. Many boaters are complaining about how difficult it is docking their boats due to the adverse change in the volume and speed of the current and how dangerous it is should someone fall off their boat into the fast moving water, even with a life jacket on. We have tried to move boats around at the marina to accommodate concerned boaters.

One of our boaters told us yesterday that recently he has seen boaters hit the Barrington Bridge as they were trying to navigate through the Navigational Opening during the increasingly strong outgoing tide. He said that he watched as a boat from our marina was sucked into the Barrington Bridge breaking his windshield and damaging his boat because of the rapidly flowing outgoing current. To avoid this, boats must ignore the No Wake Zone and speed through the outgoing current causing impacting waves at our marina.

We would like to find a solution to these problems by having an on-site meeting set up with DOT, CRMC, VHB Design, DEM, US Army Corps of Engineers, US Coast Guard, the Barrington Harbormaster, and our Representative Jason Knight to discuss the impact on our marina due to the removal of the pilings of the East Bay Bike Path Bridge over the Barrington River which has increased the volume and speed of the current during the outgoing tides making a dangerous situation for our marina and boaters. With no pilings to disperse the current during an outgoing tide, especially in the winter months when the northwest wind blows directly towards our marina; there will be a direct adverse impact on our docks, pilings, and bulkhead as the much larger than usual "ice flows" (that would have broken into smaller pieces when hitting the pilings) travel directly towards us.



We would also like to discuss possible solutions when reconstructing the East Bay Bike Path Bridge over the Barrington River.

Sincerely,

Stephen & Jane Mainella

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