

Town of Bristol
INDEPENDENCE PARK BOAT RAMP REPLACEMENT

SECTION 5

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April 25, 2024

Via email: lturmer@crmc.ri.gov & jabbruzzese@crmc.ri.gov, CRMC

Raymond Coia, Chair
Coastal Resources Management Council
Oliver H. Stedman Government Center
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Re: CRMC File Numbers: 2023-11-027 & 2024-02-046
Applicant: Town of Bristol
Independence Park - Thames Street
Bristol, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Coia:

The Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission (RIHPHC) staff has reviewed the information that your office provided for the above-referenced application. The Town of Bristol has submitted two applications to the CRMC for improvements to Independence Park in Bristol, Rhode Island.

The property is located within the Bristol Waterfront Historic District, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The applications are for a new boat ramp, timber pier and floating dock (2024-02-046) as well as various parking and landscaping improvements at the north end of the park (2023-11-027). The RIHPHC has made two findings: it is our conclusion that this project will have no effect on any significant archaeological resources. Although Burr's Hill in Warren, a Wampanoag/Narragansett cemetery, was mined for fill when the railroad was built, we consider it unlikely that this fill was used this far to the south. Regarding above-ground resources, it is the RIHPHC's opinion that the project will have no adverse upon historic properties as long as the historic stone seawall remains exposed to the greatest extent possible with the new boat ramp installation.

These comments are provided in accordance with *650-RICR-20-00-1.2.3 Areas of Historic and Archaeological Significance* of the Coastal Resources Management Council. If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Totten (elizabeth.totten@preservation.ri.gov), Project Review Coordinator, or Charlotte Taylor, Staff Archaeologist of this office.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Totten
FOR

Jeffrey Emidy
Executive Director/State Historic Preservation Officer
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December 21, 2022

Via email: sanderson@parecorp.com

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Lincoln, RI 02865

Re: RIHPHC Project No. 17072
Independence Park Improvements
Bristol, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Anderson:

The Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission (RIHPHC) staff has reviewed the information that you provided for the above-referenced project. The Town of Bristol is proposing improvements to Independence Park, at the intersection of Thames and Hope Streets, in Bristol, Rhode Island. The improvements will require permits through the CRMC and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The park is located within the Bristol Waterfront Historic District, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The project has the potential to affect historic resources. Given the scope of the project, it is the RIHPHC's initial opinion that the area of potential effect (APE) for direct effects would be limited to the property itself, while the APE for indirect effects would extend to the area surrounding the park to encompass any visual changes that may occur. The RIHPHC requests to continue consultation and review plans as they become available.

These comments are provided in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, Rhode Island Historic Preservation Act and Rhode Island General Laws. If you have any questions, please contact RIHPHC Project Review Coordinator Elizabeth Totten at 401-222-2671 or elizabeth.totten@preservation.ri.gov.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Totten
FOR

Jeffrey Emidy
Interim Executive Director
Interim State Historic Preservation Officer



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From: Cora Peirce <coradot@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2022 11:42 AM
To: Seaver Anderson
Subject: Independence Park

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Dear Seaver,
The Narragansett Indian Tribe Historic Preservation Office has concerns about potential effects upon Our Historic Properties.
Therefore we Request to consult, so that we may Review. We would need to have Tribal Monitors present for any ground disturbance.
Respectfully
Cora Peirce
Principal Field Investigator
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774-634-7959

