

# CRMC DECISION WORKSHEET

2024-02-046

Town of Bristol

Hearing Date:	
Approved as Recommended	
Approved w/additional Stipulations	
Approved but Modified	
Denied	Vote

APPLICATION INFORMATION						
File Number	Town	Project Location		Category	Special Exception	Variance
2024-02-046	Bristol	Thames Street		<b>B</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Plat	8			
		Owner Name and Address				
Date Accepted	2-26-24	Town of Bristol		Work at or Below MHW		<input type="checkbox"/>
Date Completed	6-17-24	c/o Steven Contente 10 Court Street Bristol, RI 02809		Lease Required		<input type="checkbox"/>

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

replace existing boat ramp and floating dock

## KEY PROGRAMMATIC ISSUES

**Coastal Feature:** Coastal Beach, Stone seawall

**Water Type:** Type 4, Bristol Harbor

**Red Book:** 1.2.1(C), 1.3.1(A), 1.3.1(B), 1.3.1(C), 1.3.1(D), 1.3.1(G), 1.3.1(J), 1.3.6

**SAMP:** NA


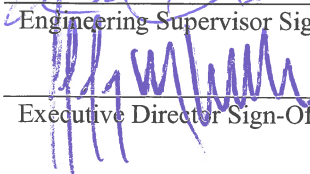
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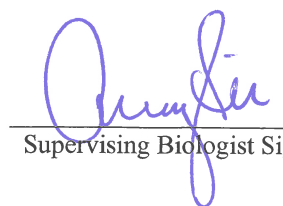
Additional Comments and/or Council Requirements:

Specific Staff Stipulations (beyond Standard stipulations):

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION(S)

Engineer	<u>RAS</u>	Recommendation:	<u>Approval</u>
Biologist	<u></u>	Recommendation:	<u></u>
Other Staff	<u></u>	Recommendation:	<u></u>

  
Engineering Supervisor Sign-Off 6/17/24 date  
  
Executive Director Sign-Off 24 June 24 date

  
Supervising Biologist Sign-off 6/21/24 date  
Staff Sign off on Hearing Packet (Eng/Bio)  date



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL  
STAFF REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

DATE: June 3, 2024  
TO: Jeffrey M. Willis, Executive Director  
FROM: Ross Singer

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Applicant's Name:	Town of Bristol
CRMC File Number:	2024-02-046
Project:	Replace existing boat ramp and floating dock
Location:	Thames Street; Bristol: Plat(s): 8; Lot(s): 12
Water Type/Name:	Type 4, Bristol Harbor
Coastal Feature:	Coastal Beach, Stone Seawall
Plans Reviewed:	"Bristol Independence Park Boat Ramp Improvements" prepared by Pare, dated February 2024

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**INTRODUCTION:**

The proposed project consists of replacing the existing public boat ramp and dock located in Independence Park in Bristol with the goal of improving public access. The existing 47ftx84ft boat ramp is proposed to be removed and replaced with a new 35ftx120ft concrete boat ramp. The side and toe slopes of the ramp are proposed to be stabilized with riprap. The proposed ramp will be constructed in accordance with the launching ramp standards in Section 1.3.1.D.10 of the Red Book.

The existing dock and timber piers are proposed to be removed and replaced with a new 10ft x 120ft floating dock supported by timber piles. The facility is proposed to extend approximately 75ft beyond mean low water achieving a water depth of approximately 7.5ft.

A 125ft riprap revetment with granite steps is proposed to the south of the boat ramp. The structural shoreline protection facility is proposed to be less than 1 foot in elevation and is necessary to support grade changes for the parking lot and access drive. The proposed revetment is located landward of the coastal beach and above mean high water.

Additional site improvements were approved under Application 2023-11-027. No variances are required for this project. Public notice was issued 3/25/24. No objections were received.

**COMMENTS ON APPLICATION/APPLICABLE POLICIES, STANDARDS & ETC:**  
**"Red Book" 650-RICR-20-00**

<b>Red Book Section</b>	<b>Section Title</b>	
1.2.1(C)	Type 4 Multipurpose Waters	It is the Councils policy to maintain balance among the diverse activities including commercial and recreational uses in Type 4 Waters. It is the opinion of the engineering staff that the complete reconstruction and expansion of the boat ramp meets this Council policy.
1.3.1(A)	Category B Requirements	The applicant provided responses to all of the Category B requirements in the application. It is the opinion of staff that these responses are complete and meet the requirements of the Red Book.
1.3.1(B)	Filling, Removing, or Grading of Shoreline Features	The work entails excavation of the existing ramp and sub-base. The excess material will be disposed of off- site at a licensed facility. Erosion and sediment controls will be employed, including a turbidity barrier for work below MHW. It is the opinion of staff that the proposal meets the policies and standards of this section of the Red Book.
1.3.1(C)	Residential, commercial, and recreational structures	The proposed public recreational boating facility is considered a public recreational structure. This is a reconfiguration of an existing facility. Recreational structures are not prohibited in Type 4 waters, and it is the opinion of staff that the proposal meets the policies and standards of this section of the Red Book. .
1.3.1(D)	Recreational Boating Facilities	The residential boating facility standards in Redbook Section 1.3.1(D)(11) do not apply for public recreational boating facilities. The proposed project is designed in accordance with the launching ramp standards stated in Redbook section 1.3.1(D)(10)
1.3.1(G)	Shoreline Protection	A 125ft riprap revetment with granite steps is proposed to support grade changes for the parking lot and access drive. It is the opinion of staff that the proposal meets the policies and standards of this section of the Red Book.
1.3.1(J)	Filling in Tidal Waters	The project entails excavation of the existing ramp and sub-base. The replacement ramp will be longer and have rip rap at the end to prevent scour that is typical at many boat ramps. This project will require permits from the Army Corps of Engineers as well as a DEM Water Quality Certificate. It is Staff's opinion that the proposed fill accommodates a designated priority use for this water area and the proposal meets the policies and standards of this section of the Red Book
1.3.6	Protection and Enhancement of Public Access to the Shore	It is the Councils policy to require applicants to provide, where appropriate, on-site access of similar type and level to that which is being impact as the result of a proposed activity or development project. This project will enhance the existing public access.

Name: Town of Bristol  
CRMC File No.: 2024-02-046  
Staff Report

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

There are no engineering objections to the issuance of an Assent for this project. It is Staffs opinion that the proposed project minimizes impacts to the environment while improving public access. Should the Council approve the application, standard Assent stipulations with be prepared.

Signed



Staff Engineer