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Subject: RE: Notification of Objection received by CRMC re: 2024-04-008

Categories: 04-008, follow-up comms needed

Hi Emily,

Thank you for your email. I have copied our Executive Director, Barbara Axmacher as well.

Thank you,
Becky

From: ehall@crmc.ri.gov <ehall@crmc.ri.gov>
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Hi Becky,

I just got Dan's OOO notification, so I'm forwarding the below to you in the meantime.

Emily

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Hi Dan,

Our staff recently received an objection to the maintenance application filed under 2024-04-008. A PDF of the full objection letter is attached here. In short, the objector poses that the fences to be maintained obstruct access via the Fort Road Right of Way adopted by the Town of Westerly. Staff invites you to respond to the objection and/or revise the application.

One potential avenue would be a revision of the site plan to exclude fencing from the 20' wide ROW. Fencing could be removed along the sections that are being objected to, and signage could be installed in place, with language that invites users of Napatree to take part in conservation efforts and stay off the dune vegetation. Fencing portions that are not obstructing the ROW are still permissible, as their primary purpose is restoration/improvement of the feature as a natural habitat for native plants and wildlife (see Red Book 1.2.2(G.1.e)).

Another potential avenue for response would be to argue that you already have met the standards for public access (see 1.3.6(A.3)).

Staff will review any revisions/responses received. If suitable, we can send the response and/or revised application to the objector, and they may choose to rescind their objection. In that case, the application would continue its review at the Cat A level. If the objector does not rescind their objection, their request for a public hearing will be abided by and will likely be scheduled for the Council meeting in August.

If you'd like to discuss any of this further, please feel free to email or call the office.

Best,
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