

CRMC DECISION WORKSHEET

2024-04-003

Donna Hostetler, Diane Bardsley &
Thomas O'Gorman

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
2024-04-003	Westerly	Snowberry Lane		A*	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Plat	143			
		Owner Name and Address				
Date Accepted	04-02-2024	Donna Hostetler, Diane Bardsley & Thomas O'Gorman		Work at or Below MHW		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Date Completed	10-30-2024	162 Maplewood Drive East Greenwich, RI 02818		Lease Required		<input type="checkbox"/>

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Construct residential boating facility

KEY PROGRAMMATIC ISSUES

Coastal Feature: Coastal wetland and low coastal bluff

Water Type: Type 2, Low Intensity Use

Red Book: < 1.1.3.D, 1.1.6.E, 1.1.7, 1.3.1.D, 1.6.E.

SAMP: Salt Pond SAMP

Variances and/or Special Exception Details: none

Additional Comments and/or Council Requirements:

Specific Staff Stipulations (beyond Standard stipulations): standard

STAFF RECOMMENDATION(S)

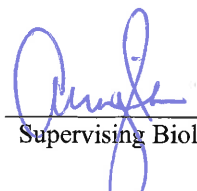
Engineer	_____	Recommendation:	_____
Biologist	PJO	Recommendation:	No Objection
Other Staff	_____	Recommendation:	_____


Engineering Supervisor Sign-Off

Executive Director Sign-Off

10/31/24
date

10/30/24
date


Supervising Biologist Sign-off
Staff Sign off on Hearing Packet (Eng/Bio)

10/30/24
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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
STAFF REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

DATE: 09-25-2024

TO: Jeffrey M. Willis, Executive Director

FROM: Peter O'Rourke

Applicant's Name:	Donna Hostetler, Diane Bardsley & Thomas O'Gorman
CRMC File Number:	2024-04-003
Project:	C/M a residential boating facility consisting of a 85' fixed pier, 17' ramp to a 10X15' terminal float, extending to 50' MLW.
Location:	Snowberry Lane; Westerly: Plat(s): 143; Lot(s): 55,57
Water Type/Name:	2, Winnapaug Pond
Coastal Feature:	Low bluff and coastal wetland.
Plans Reviewed:	"Proposed residential boating facility" By CJ Doyle P.E. dated March 19, 2024.

INTRODUCTION: The project site is located on the northeast end of Winnapaug pond (Type 2) waters. The application was officially accepted on 04-02-2024. The 30-day public notice was issued on 04-26-2024. After the 30-day public notice expired the neighbor Mr. Marc O' Gorman contacted the office on 05-31-2024 to request an extension as he claimed he did not receive the notice as he did not get mail at the address the applicant provided on his abutters list.

On 06-03-2024 the office was contacted by email by attorney James Howe stating he had been retained by the abutter Mr. O'Gorman and he would be filing an objection and requested an extension to the public notice which was granted after consultation with the executive director. On 06-07- 2024 an e-mail was received from Attorney Jeffrey Eger stating he now represented Mr. O' Gorman and requested another 30-day extension. Notice period was then extended to 07-12-2024.

Two objections were received during the notice period.

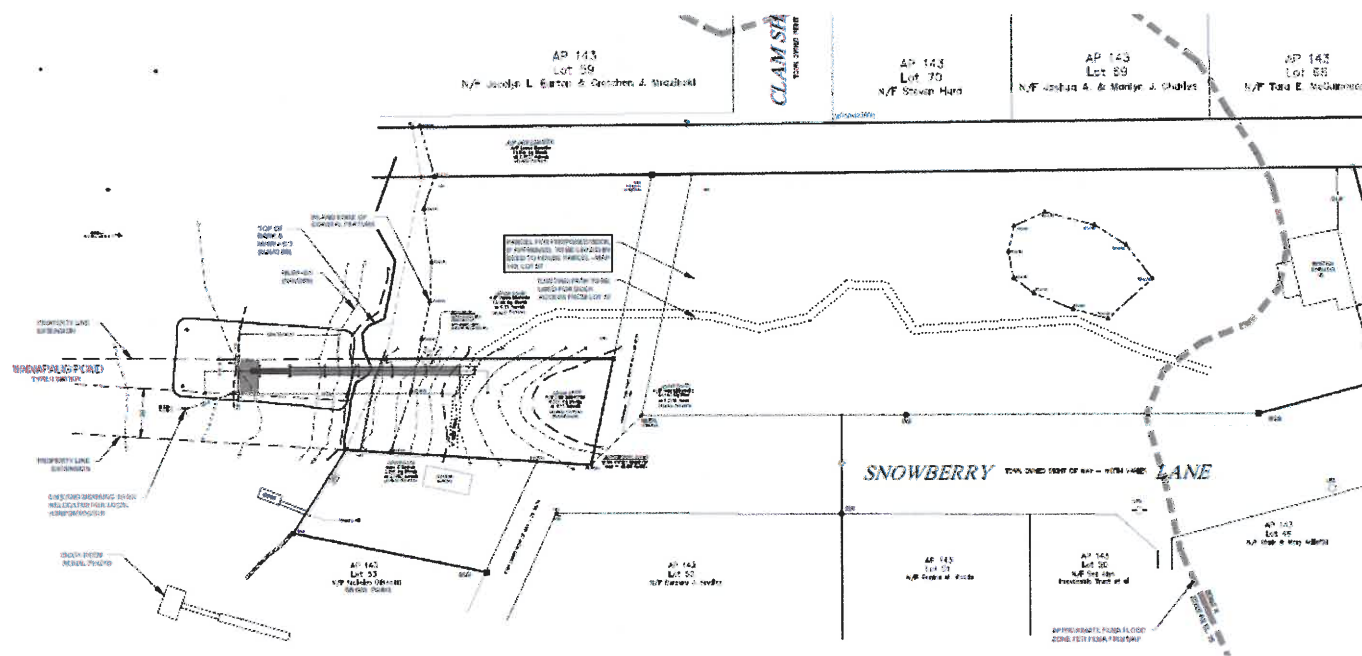
COMMENTS ON APPLICATION/APPLICABLE POLICIES, STANDARDS & ETC:

This proposal meets all the required standards of 650-RICR-20-00-1, the Redbook, as set forth in section 1.3.1 (D). There are no variances required. Revised plans were requested on 05-10-2025 to ensure the proper separation of 4' above the coastal wetland and the revised plan was received on 05-15 2024 ensuring full compliance.

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Construction of a residential boating facility is consistent with existing and expected uses of this waterbody and shoreline and as shown above there are 2 residential boating facilities on the lots to the east.



COMMENTS ON OBJECTION:

The office received two objections to the proposal. One is from an Anonymous source and the other was from Attorney Elger on behalf of the Neighbors Mr. Marc O’Gorman and Mrs. Stacy O’Gorman. The unsigned objection states it will interfere with his use of the water resource and there are too many docks already. The latter O’Gorman’s have objected on the grounds it impacts the water resource, impacts water

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quality, interferes with water dependent uses, and impacts their mooring which has been moved to in front of 15 snowberry lane and approved by the harbormaster.

A review of the standards set for Substantiative Objections as set forth under 1.1.6. (G) of the Redbook states that to be substantive an objection must have one of the following:

- A. Will result in a loss of property by Objectors.
- B. Does not meet CRMC policies or standards.
- C. Will result in significant environmental Impacts.

This proposal meets CRMC regulations, there is no loss of property, and by nature of meeting the regulations there is no significant environmental impacts. It is staff's opinion that that the letters of objection received do not rise to be substantive as defined.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION: Staff has no objection to this proposal and have no objection for the council to approve this application. Standard stipulations shall be prepared and shall include a declaration of restrictive covenants to combine the lots.

Signed _____



Staff Biologist

