

In accordance with notice to members of the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council, a meeting was held on **Tuesday, September 09, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.** located at the Administration Building, Conference Room A, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI.

Members Present

Raymond Coia, Chair
Ronald Gagnon, DEM
Ms. Reynolds
Joseph Russolino
Michael Reuter, DPM
Kevin Flynn

Excused:

Stephen Izzi

Staff Present

Jeffrey M. Willis, Executive Director
Laura Miguel, Deputy Director
Mason Sherman, Marine Infrastructure Coordinator
Anthony DeSisto Legal Counsel
Mark Hartmann, Assoc Legal Counsel
Laura Dwyer, Education/Information Coordinator
Ryan Moore, IT

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Coia called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. **Review/Action of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

• **July 22, 2025**

Motion: Mr. Russolino

Second: Ms. Reynolds

Edits: Mr. Gagnon asked for correction to the vote for CRMC file 2024-11-020 Blithewold (HFRI) – he voted in the affirmative.

Motion to approve minutes with edits was approved with unanimous voice vote.

3. **Subcommittee Reports**

None were heard

4. **Staff Reports**

- CRMC/RI Builders Association training session
- Meeting with US ACOE and coastal municipalities on potential projects that Senator Whitehouse can submit on behalf of RI and Water Resource Development Act.
- Quidnessett Country Club restoration order will be heard at our next meeting – a plan was submitted by QCC to CRMC on Friday, 09/05/2025
- Offshore wind update – moving forward with staff review of South Coast as if no issue with the federal government.
- ROW Subcommittee is having a Public Hearing on Monday, Sept 15 in Westerly on Spring Avenue Extension

5. **Application requiring Special Exception and are before the Council for Public Hearing and Action:**

2024-12-004 The Narragansett Electric Company -- Replace/rebuild/reconfigure 1.9 miles of E183-3 and F184N-4/5 115kV Transmission Lines through Warren. CRMC portion of project

Management Procedures Program 650-RICR-10-00-1.4.6(A)(22) CAD Cell Disposal Fee

R.I. General Law § 46-23-18.5 – Fees for Disposal was recently amended per the Governor's Budget Amendment #22 and Article 2 of the FY 2026 Appropriations Act (25-H-5076). The amendment to this statute re-established the minimum fee for disposal of dredge material in the State's Confined Aquatic Disposal (CAD) Cells from \$11.65 per cubic yard to \$35.00 per cubic yard. Per the amendment, the Council shall maintain its three-tiered fee structure while increasing all three of the CAD Cell disposal fees commensurately.

Bruce Lofgren gave brief overview stating that the CRMC initiated rulemaking through public notice on August 5th and goes through to September 30th. This is a Public Hearing for in-person public comment. Mr. Lofgren stated that CRMC has received a few comments in writing and that all comments will be reviewed at end of public comment period. No action required of Council tonight.

Public hearing opened.

Jed Thorp, Director of Advocacy with Save The Bay commented on timing of the rule and when it takes effect, March 2026.

Close the public hearing.

8. **ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn:

Motion: Mr. Russolino

Second: Mr. Flynn

Motion to adjourn approved on a unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Lisa A. Turner, Recording Secretary

Transcript Available upon request

Meeting recording is available on CRMC YouTube page.