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Via Email at Cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov and U.S. Mail

State of Rhode Island
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Re: Quidnessett Country Club Petition for Water Type Change, April 2024
CRMC File: No. 2024-04-071

Dear CRMC Staff:

As CRMC considers the Quidnessett Country Club Petition for Water Type Change, April 2024, ("Petition") I trust it takes into account the views of the public.

I have read the Petition. The Petition sets out a very clear, cogent and compelling case for the CRMC to exercise its judgment to approve the Petition. As the CMRC weighs the pros and cons of changing the Water Type from Type 1 to Type 2, the standard of that balance should always be the public interest.

The public interest was the driving force for the CMRC to designate the area subject to the Petition as Type 1 some 35 years ago. As pointed out in the Petition, many of the underlying factual predicates for the Type 1 designation have changed over those 35 years. For example, more residential uses have emerged. The Petition sites to additional changes in topography, land use and shoreline protection.

Applying that same public interest standard in today's environment would yield a change in designation from Typ1 to Type 2. Stated differently, if the CMRC did today what it did 35 years in designating areas as Type1 or Type 2, the CMRC's conclusion today would be a Type 2 designation for the area addressed in the Petition.

I am a resident of North Kingstown and a member of Quidnessett Country Club. The public interest standard should include potential adverse impacts on the Club, if not approved.

I strongly support the Petition for the reasons stated above. I urge the CMRC to approve the Petition.

Sincerely,

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May 23, 2024

Re: Quidnessett Country Club Petition for Water Type Change, April 2024, CRMC File No. 2024-04-071

To CRMC Staff:

As the Executive Director of the East Greenwich Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to express my strong support for Quidnessett's Water Type Change petition, which is currently under consideration by the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council. I understand that, if approved, this change will provide alternatives for better protection of the Club's regulation 18-hole golf course along the shoreline.

Quidnessett Country Club (QCC), a member of the Rhode Island Golf Association, is a long-established, well-regarded Rhode Island business which hosts hundreds of local and State events every year. Its golf course, designed by the famous golf architect Geoffrey Cornish, opened in 1960 and, since then, the Club has hosted annually thousands of professional, recreational, and charitable tournaments.

Personally speaking, I have had an outstanding relationship with QCC since attending, as a young boy, the famous Arnold Palmer and Sam Snead appearance there when a family friend caddied for Arnold Palmer. Since then, in my capacity as President of the University of Rhode Island Alumni Association, I helped bring a number of golf tournaments to QCC. Currently, as Executive Director of the East Greenwich Chamber of Commerce, we host our Annual Meeting at Quidnessett. I appreciate our long-term relationship with Quidnessett.

Due to aggressive coastal erosion along its signature 14th hole, the Club is threatened with irreversible damage to both its course and business. An 18-hole golf course is essential to the Club's core operations, its ability to retain and attract new members, and its continued hosting of professional, recreational, and charitable tournaments.

I am a former member of the New England Golf Course Association. I know that it would be devastating for Quidnessett to lose holes.

Based on this, I urge the RICRMC to approve the petition.

Sincerely,



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RE: Quidnessett Country Club Petition for Water Type Change – CRMC File No. 202404071

Dear Coastal Resources Management Council Staff,

On behalf of the North Kingstown Chamber of Commerce and official Tourist Information Center for our town, I would like to express our support for Quidnessett Country Club a valued part of the fabric of Rhode Island. In addition to being a tourist destination for many visitors to our state, The Quidnessett Country Club also serves as a resource to the area in many other capacities – hosting events like fundraisers, school proms and hosting golf tournaments.

I truly hope that you will support the efforts to change the water type change for the Quidnessett Country Club. The club is threatened by the current water type coding because it would threaten its status as an 18-hole golf course and as a venue for a multitude of community events. Please know that inaction would do great harm to the general operations of this business. Please ensure that this local treasure can operate as a full functioning golf club in our community.

Kind Regards,

Maria Masse
Executive Director



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To CRMC Staff:

On behalf of the Bayview Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center at Scalabrini, we are writing in strong support of the above-referenced Petition by the Quidnessett Country Club (the "Club"), which seeks to change the water type from Type 1 (Conservation) to Type 2 (Low Intensity Residential and Recreational) along an area of shoreline in northern North Kingstown that abuts the northeastern corner of the Club and the entire length of Bayview's property.

As we understand the Coastal Resources Management Program regulations, the State water type is directly linked to the characteristics and activities of the adjacent mainland uses. The current land uses – medium to high intensity residential and recreational - are more appropriately associated with Type 2 Waters as that category of water is defined in the regulations. Our rehabilitation center was expanded substantially around 1994, and currently provides over 60,000 square feet of living area for up to 120 patients receiving short-term rehabilitation and long-term care. Bayview is familiar with the rapid erosion of the shoreline next to the Club's 14th hole and the Club's immediate need for better options to stabilize its northeastern shoreline.

Given our large-scale operations we are ourselves very concerned about erosion on our shoreline, which is on average, close to two feet in some areas immediately adjacent to our buildings. A change in water type from Type 1 (Conservation) to Type 2 (Low Intensity Residential and Recreational) would provide options to Bayview, if needed in the future, to protect its institutional structures and the vulnerable population/overall community it serves.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Armani Sepe". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'A'.

Armani Sepe
Administrator