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Department of Environmental Management
Office of Water Resources -Water Quality Certification Program
Attn: Rebecca Russell
235 Promenade Street
Providence, RI 02908

Subject: Comments re Application WQC- File No. 24-187 - Council Recommendation for approval (Gibson Road)

Dear Ms. Russell;

On behalf of the Bristol Town Council, I am writing to convey the Council's recommendation to approve the Town of Bristol's application to the Department of Environmental Management's Water Quality Certification Program. This application, discussed and recommended for approval during the Town Council meeting on December 18, involves the removal of an existing concrete boat ramp and its replacement with a riprap revetment designed to blend seamlessly with the surrounding shoreline.

The Council recognizes the importance of this project for improving environmental integrity and aligning with sustainable shoreline management practices. The replacement of the concrete boat ramp with a riprap revetment will enhance shoreline stability, reduce erosion, and contribute positively to the local ecosystem.

This project reflects the Town's commitment to responsible stewardship of our coastal resources and adherence to best practices in environmental management. It is believed that this initiative will benefit both the local community and the environment, aligning with state and federal standards for water quality and shoreline preservation.

We respectfully urge DEM to approve this application, as it is an essential step toward ensuring the long-term health and sustainability of our coastal environment. Please feel free to contact me if additional information or support is needed.

Thank you for your consideration

Melissa Cordeiro

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