



# Town of Bristol, Rhode Island

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TO: Steven Contente, Town Administrator

FROM: Diane M. Williamson, Director

RE: **Herreshoff Marine Museum CRMC Application Proposed Marina**

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The Zoning Officer and I have reviewed the CRMC application for the proposed marina. In December we also had a Technical Review Committee (TRC) meeting with the Director of the Museum to review the marina proposal as well as other proposed uses the museum is exploring for their buildings.

The current property is zoned "M" Manufacturing and the marina use is a permitted use in that zoning district.

The marina use will require additional parking spaces that are not currently available on their campus. The museum is working on a plan to provide these additional parking spaces; however, we have not yet seen a definitive parking plan that shows the number of viable existing parking spaces for the campus along with the proposed spaces to confirm the number of total spaces for both the marina side and the land side. We are currently working with the museum on this and are helping them navigate the permitting process.

Recognizing the benefit of the additional transient dock spaces and the Boating Infrastructure Grant that the museum received, we generally support the CRMC application; however, the marina is not mutually exclusive from the museum property and it appears that the CRMC application is proceeding for just the waterside part of the project without the Zoning Officer's sign off. We feel it is an important consideration to make sure the marina use has the necessary parking to avoid potential impacts to the neighborhood.

Therefore, it is recommended that the Town Council inform the CRMC of this concern for the parking and ask that any approval for the marina be conditioned on the Herreshoff Marine Museum providing the additional parking spaces on the landside of their property as part of the project. Thank you.

STEVEN CONTENTE  
Town Administrator