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Dear Honorable Bristol Town Council:

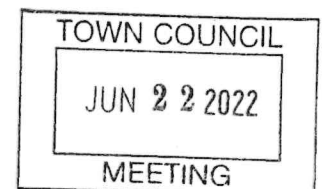
I am writing to inform you that the CRMC has conducted a consistency review of the *Town of Bristol Harbor Management Plan and Harbor Ordinances 5-Year Update 2018-2021* (HMP), and found it to be generally consistent with CRMC requirements for municipal harbor management plans. Two minor corrections are required for the HMP to be fully consistent with CRMC requirements. One correction relates to a slight overlap of the two sections of mooring field #2, which is readily accommodated by an adjustment to one of the mooring field's corner points. The other is the need for all mooring field coordinates to be shown in the State Plane Feet Coordinate system. All mooring field coordinates in the HMP are currently shown in units of latitude/longitude, and while they may remain in place, State Plane Coordinate data must also be included for each mooring field.

Regarding other required Rhode Island state agency reviews of the HMP, the RIDEM has issued a Water Quality Certificate (WQC File No. 05-009) effectively approving the HMP with certain stipulations. In addition, the Division of State Wide Planning has submitted a November 5, 2021 letter effectively approving the HMP, also with certain stipulations. Please be aware that the US Army Corps of Engineers also reviews HMPs for consistency with federal requirements on a separate track from state agencies. Please contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New England District, Regulatory Division, 696 Virginia Rd, Concord, MA 01742, (978) 318-8238, to schedule a federal review of the HMP.

Given the HMP's compliance with all state agency requirements save a few minor inconsistencies, I hereby grant a full five-year approval of the HMP, and provide a one-year period within which the Town of Bristol shall amend the HMP to address the following stipulations.

For the CRMC:

- 1) Correct the mooring field #2 coordinate data error
- 2) Add State Plane Coordinate data for all mooring fields



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For the RIDEM:

- 1) The town shall commit to assessing all mooring areas within their jurisdiction each year to confirm that the use of moorings does not include live aboard activity, which is the case with destination type mooring fields.
- 2) The management of all harbor activities under the Town of Bristol's authority shall be managed in accordance with the regulations and ordinances contained in the above-referenced HMP
- 3) This WQC does not relieve your obligation to obtain and adhere to any other applicable local, state, or federal permits.

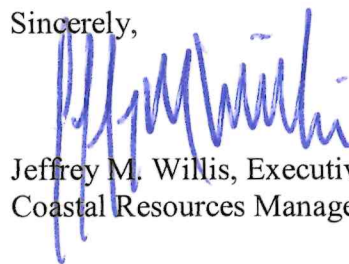
For the Division of Statewide Planning:

- 1) At page 8, the HMP erroneously describes the federal grant which funded repairs to the Prudence Island Ferry Dock's retaining walls as being from the "Federal Transportation Administration", when it should read "Federal Transit Administration." The following language is suggested to correct this error:

Prudence Island Ferry Dock: (Page 8)...The Town was successful in receiving a *\$1,169,096 grant from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA)* for Passenger Ferry Docks and the needed repairs to the north and south walls have recently been completed. *This project was funded with Section 5307 funds from FTA and was added to the State Transportation Improvement Program as STIP ID #7029.*

Per the preceding discussion I hereby grant a full five-year approval for the *Town of Bristol Harbor Management Plan and Harbor Ordinances 5-Year Update 2018-2021*, including a one-year period within which the town shall address all stipulations as described in this letter. Please contact Kevin Cute of my staff when all stipulations have been addressed, and provide him with the fully corrected final draft of the HMP.

Sincerely,



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