

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 577

Effective ~~APPROVED~~ September 28, 1998

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council has been made aware through the media of a plan to dump more than three million cubic yards of material dredged from the Providence River into deep water between Hog and Prudence Islands, this area being one of two sites preferred by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in order to expand and deepen the shipping lane, and

WHEREAS, The City Council is opposed to this plan in that if the dredge deposits are dumped there, experts believe that this will destroy the feeding ground of many fish and shellfish species, and it is has been suggested that the tide will work the material North to Bristol Harbor and beyond, spoiling beds of quahogs, scallops and oysters in the more shallow water, and

WHEREAS, Any dumping in Mount Hope Bay, or in any Rhode Island waters, is unacceptable, and the Council is in favor of a strong effort to appease inshore commercial fishermen's groups, as well as "Save the Bay" who have come forward as vehemently opposed to this site, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council appeals to our Congressional delegation, State officials, and the Army Corps of Engineers to consider the health and welfare of our waters, and that nowhere within the Rhode Island territorial waters should materials dredged from Providence River be dumped in Mount Hope Bay or in any Rhode Island waters, and

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council calls on the other thirty-eight Cities and Towns in Rhode Island to support us in our efforts to keep healthy one of the State's most important assets.

Council President Fargnoli (By request)

IN CITY COUNCIL  
SEP. 17 1998  
READ AND PASSED

*Phyllis V. Fargnoli*

*Michael R. Clement*

PRES.

CLERK

Effective without the Mayor's signature

*Michael R. Clement*

Michael R. Clement  
City Clerk

# TOWN OF BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND

## TOWN COUNCIL

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Diane C. Mederos, CMC/AAE

### MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 28, 1998

TO: RHODE ISLAND CITIES AND TOWNS  
ATTENTION: CITY AND TOWN CLERKS

FROM: Diane C. Mederos, CMC/AAE  
COUNCIL CLERK/TOWN CLERK  
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RE: RESOLUTION: DREDGING AND DUMPING MATERIALS

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The Bristol Town Council has been made aware through the media of a plan to dump more than three million cubic yards of material dredged from the Providence River into deep water between Hog and Prudence Islands.

The Council is opposed to the dredging of polluted sediment taken from the Providence River to be dumped into the waters of Narragansett Bay.

To this end, the Council has adopted the attached Resolution respectfully requesting the support of the other thirty-eight cities and towns in Rhode Island in our efforts to keep healthy one of the State's most important assets.

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Attachment



# Town of Bristol, Rhode Island

## RESOLUTION

Be it hereby known to all that:

WHEREAS, THE BRISTOL TOWN COUNCIL HAS BEEN MADE AWARE THROUGH THE MEDIA OF A PLAN TO DUMP MORE THAN THREE MILLION CUBIC YARDS OF MATERIAL DREDGED FROM THE PROVIDENCE RIVER INTO DEEP WATER BETWEEN HOG AND PRUDENCE ISLANDS, THIS AREA BEING ONE OF TWO SITES PREFERRED BY THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS IN ORDER TO EXPAND AND DEEPEN THE SHIPPING LANE.

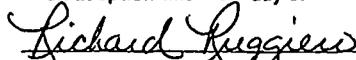
WHEREAS, THE TOWN COUNCIL IS OPPOSED TO THIS PLAN IN THAT IF THE DREDGE DEPOSITS ARE DUMPED THERE, EXPERTS BELIEVE THAT THIS WILL DESTROY THE FEEDING GROUND OF MANY FISH AND SHELLFISH SPECIES; AND IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT THE TIDE WILL WORK THE MATERIAL NORTH TO BRISTOL HARBOR AND BEYOND, SPOILING BEDS OF QUAHOGS, SCALLOPS AND OYSTERS IN THE MORE SHALLOW WATER.

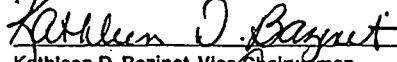
WHEREAS, ANY DUMPING IN MOUNT HOPE BAY, OR IN ANY RHODE ISLAND WATERS, IS UNACCEPTABLE, AND THE COUNCIL IS IN FAVOR OF A STRONG EFFORT TO APPEASE INSHORE COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN'S GROUPS, AS WELL AS "SAVE THE BAY" WHO HAVE COME FORWARD AS VEHEMENTLY OPPOSED TO THIS SITE.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE BRISTOL TOWN COUNCIL APPEALS TO OUR CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, STATE OFFICIALS, AND THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO CONSIDER THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF OUR WATERS, AND THAT NO WHERE WITHIN THE RHODE ISLAND TERRITORIAL WATERS SHOULD MATERIALS DREDGED FROM PROVIDENCE RIVER BE DUMPED IN MOUNT HOPE BAY OR IN ANY RHODE ISLAND WATERS.

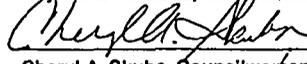
AND BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE BRISTOL TOWN COUNCIL CALLS ON THE OTHER THIRTY-EIGHT CITIES AND TOWNS IN RHODE ISLAND TO SUPPORT US IN OUR EFFORTS TO KEEP HEALTHY ONE OF THE STATE'S MOST IMPORTANT ASSETS.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand  
and affixed the SEAL of the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island.  
on adoption this 26th day of AUGUST, 1998.

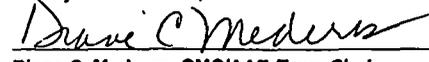
  
Richard Ruggiero, Chairman

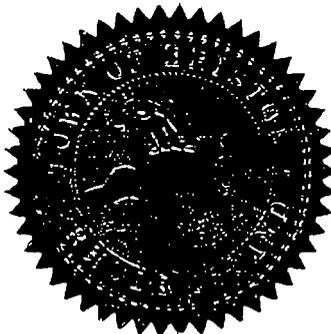
  
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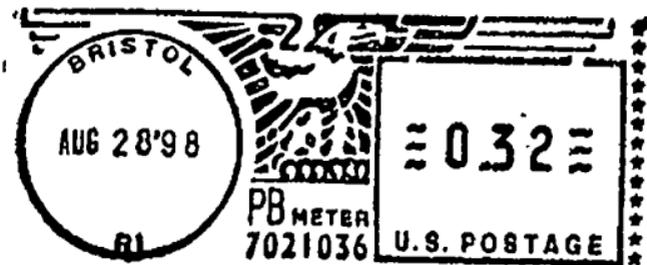
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