RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Title of Rule: General Provisions for State Parks and Conservation Management Areas

Rule Identifier: 250-RICR-100-00-7

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: April 8, 2024

Hearing Date: April 30, 2024

End of Public Comment: May 8, 2024

Rulemaking Authority:

R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 20-1-2

20-1-4

and 20-1-8

R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 23-22.5

1954 R.I. Public Laws 3343

R.I. Gen. Laws Chapters 42-17.1

42-17.6

42.17.10

20-18

20-15

32-1

32-2 and 32-3

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

To revise the regulation to allow both the Beavertail Lighthouse Museum Association and Coggeshall Farm Museum/Old Sturbridge Village to host fundraising events where alcohol can be served and/or sold. Section 7.5 amended to arrange definitions in alphabetical order. Section 7.13 amended to allow serving of alcohol in certain areas upon issuance of a license.

Additional Information and Public Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until May 8, 2024 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

Jennifer Ogren
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Division of Parks and Recreation
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Public Hearing:

A public hearing, in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.5, to consider the proposed amendment shall be held at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. This hearing is subject to R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-46, Open Meetings.

Public Hearing Information:

Date: April 30, 2024

Time: 3:00 P.M.

Location: Department of Environmental Management
Room 300
235 Promenade Street
Providence, RI, 02908

The place of the public hearing is accessible to individuals with disabilities. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captioners) is needed, or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call 401-423-1927 or RI Relay 711 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance at no cost to the person requesting. For questions regarding available parking, please contact the agency staffperson listed above.

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

In the development of the proposed amendment consideration was given to: (1) the benefits and costs of a reasonable range of regulatory alternatives reflecting the scope of discretion; (2) alternative approaches; (3) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions; and (4) significant economic impact on small business. No alternative approach, duplication, or overlap was identified based upon available information.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation contact the agency staffperson listed above.