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Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission
Division of Public Utilities and Carriers
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Re: Opposition to application filed by Aquidneck Ferry & Charter

This letter is being written to voice our opposition to an application filed by the Aquidneck Ferry & Charter Inc. (AFCI) for a Certificate of Authority to operate a ferry service in Newport Harbor and to Fort Adams and Rose Island.

Currently the passenger service provided by Conanicut Marine Services (CMS) Jamestown East Ferry provides more than adequate transportation to and from Rose Island. If the AFCI application were approved we believe that the additional ferry service would negatively affect the Jamestown Ferry to such an extent that it would most definitely jeopardize their ability to operate. The approval of an additional ferry service would also cripple Oldport Marine's downtown shuttle.

The Rose Island Lighthouse Foundation has relied upon the Jamestown Ferry and Oldport Marine Services for more than twenty five years. The potential loss or reduction of such services would negatively affect our ability to operate and reduce the number of visitors to the island which would thereby exaggerate the difficult economic climate already affecting our foundation.

The risk of adding another ferry to the route currently serviced by the Jamestown ferry and Oldport Marine Services is too great. We urge the RI Public Utilities Commission to deny the application of AFCI as there is no public benefit of adding another ferry to an already crowded harbor and Rose Island Landing.

Sincerely,

David McCurdy
Executive Director
Rose Island Lighthouse Foundation

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January 26, 2009

Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission
Division of Public Utilities and Carriers
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Dear Commission;

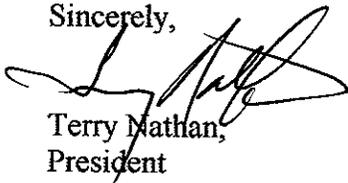
I am writing about the proposed new commercial ferry service for Newport Harbor and nearby points.

There are existing water-based services that offer comparable transportation, e.g., Oldport Marine and Conanicut Marine. Oldport has not only been a reliable service in the harbor, but has offered creative new ways to enhance its service that would benefit the community and visitors alike. Both Oldport and Conanicut have year in and year out been an important, visible part of the area's on-water transportation and visitor experience.

I have serious concerns about introducing an additional service at a time when 1) we should be consolidating support for reliable existing services in a down economy, and 2) the level of demand is questionable to support yet an additional service. The unintended consequences might very well put all the services at financial risk. At first this distress would almost certainly be reductions in service and routes, but even in this scenario, it would be detrimental to all parties, including the destination sights. In an economy that is challenging enough, why create more risk?

Thank you for your consideration. I am available for further discussion.

Sincerely,


Terry Nathan,
President

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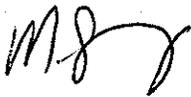
Re: Commercial ferry service for Newport Harbor,

To Whom It May Concern:

Oldport Marine Services has been providing Water Taxi Service to and from Goat Island for over 20 years. Their service is safe and reliable and adequately serves the amount of passenger volume that travels to and from Goat Island. The Oldport Water Taxi stops at Goat Island every hour from 8am -11:30 pm, May through October, seven days a week. There is no need for an additional water taxi service and furthermore there isn't enough room at the Goat Island Marina to accommodate a 60 foot water taxi.

Thank you and please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Michael Sweeney
General Manager
Goat Island Marina

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Tuesday, February 02, 2010 Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission
Division of Public Utilities and Carriers
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Dear Director,

On behalf of Sail Newport, I would like to show our support of the existing harbor shuttle services in and around Newport Harbor. Through solid communication and agreements, the Jamestown Ferry Service (through Conanicut Marine) and the Oldport Marine Water Taxi / Intermodal launch service have adequately served the harbor-wide demand for cross harbor intermodal transportation. The flexibility of adding more launches on high demand days has greatly increased rider ship and has made the OldPort Launch the leader in cross harbor shuttle of people wishing to enjoy the various destinations that they utilize.

Both the Jamestown Ferry and OldPort Marine have worked with the DEM and Sail Newport to create directional signage and communicate on a daily basis on the volume of traffic coming and going from Fort Adams State Park.

As a not for profit public sailing center, we sometimes are in need of pro bono work from both Jamestown Ferry and OldPort Marine. Oldport historically has given free transport to our Thomson Middle School *After School Sailing Program* as well as discounted morning and afternoon trips for children coming and going from our various sailing programs.

Jamestown Ferry has donated services to our charitable causes as well as supplying safe and reliable intermodal transportation to children and families to attend regattas, clinics and daily classes at Sail Newport's Sailing Center.

As the entity managing the piers for the Department of Environmental Management, we are at the point position with the riders of the cross harbor shuttles. In our history of working with these two organizations, we have never had an issue with service or demand exceeding their ability to supply. That includes festival weekends, regatta weekends, Tall Ships and other major summertime attractions.

Sincerely,

Bradford S. Read
Executive Director
Sail Newport

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Rhode Island's Public Sailing Center
60 Fort Adams Drive Newport, Rhode Island
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPRESENTATIVE AMY G. RICE *District 72*

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February 3, 2010

Motor Carriers Division
RI Division of Public Utilities & Carriers
89 Jefferson Blvd
Warwick, RI 02888

Re: Aquidneck Ferry & Charter – Ferry Service Application

Greetings,

I am writing this letter in support of Aquidneck Ferry & Charter's application to operate a ferry service in Newport harbor. Aquidneck Ferry & Charter's position is that (AF&C) operates on a different business model, different route, and a quicker schedule than other ferry and water taxi services enhancing the quality of our visitors' experiences. Enhanced visitor's experience can increase economic activity, benefitting Newport's business and cultural communities. Those benefits may include greater revenue for Jamestown-Newport Ferry and Oldport Marine, and in my opinion will not adversely affect ridership.

Aquidneck Ferry & Charter plans to employ 20 to 25 full time, new jobs starting in April 2010. Rhode Island needs many small businesses like (AF&C) to help stem the tide of this dismal economy. I support the application because it benefits the community by enhancing the quality of visitor's experience as well employing our fellow Rhode Islanders.

Sincerely,

Amy G. Rice, Esquire
State Representative
District 72 -- Portsmouth-Middletown-Newport

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February 8, 2010

Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission
Division of Public Utilities and Carriers
89 Jefferson Blvd.
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Dear Commissioners:

Bowen's Wharf Co. owns a dock at Bowen's Ferry Landing in Newport Harbor. The end of this dock is configured to allow small launches and ferry boats to land. The Newport-Jamestown Ferry lands there regularly and the Old Port launch lands there when requested by a passenger. This dock will accommodate vessels up to $\pm 40'$ for touch and go landings. It is not big enough for the 65' Aquidneck Ferry.

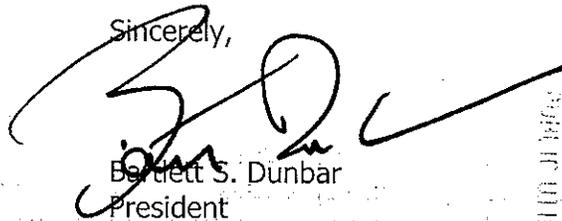
Aquidneck Ferry & Charter Inc. (AFCI) does not have landing permission from Bowen's Wharf Co.

Bowen's Wharf Co. has been a supporter of the Newport-Jamestown Ferry since inception and has worked hard to support the service. This service is fragile financially having just recently begun to be profitable. Allowing direct, unnecessary competition into the market will threaten its existence.

Bowen's Wharf Co. sells tickets for the Newport-Jamestown Ferry and to the best of my knowledge we have never had to turn away a customer for the regular run.

I urge the Public Utilities Commission to deny the application of AFCI.

Sincerely,



Bennett S. Dunbar
President

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Captain Addison Closson
Aquidneck Ferry & Charter
459 Winstone Drive
Portsmouth, RI 02871

Captain Closson:

I have reviewed your request dated December 8, 2009 and after careful consideration I must, regretfully, deny your request at this time.

This decision is not made lightly. It is based on information provided by the departments which would be effected by this proposal and several factors were taken into consideration; Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport's security posture being the first consideration. Allowing groups of unaffiliated civilians onboard the installation would pose a problem which would have a negative impact on in place security measures.

An additional concern is the negative impact it would have on the NAVSTA Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Marina. Operating at full capacity on weekends and during peak summer months, the MWR Marina could not support this additional burden.

Thank you for your interest. If you have any other suggestions or concerns please feel free to contact my Security Director, Mr. David W. Scott at (401) 841-3025.

Sincerely,

J. P. Voboril
J. P. VOBORIL
Captain, U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer

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February 11, 2010

Elia Germani
Chairman
Public Utilities Commission
93 Jefferson Blvd.
Warwick, RI 02889

Dear Chairman Germani:

This office has been advised of an application before Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission seeking to develop water taxi routes in and around Newport including Fort Adams.

Please be advised that the Department of Environmental has not been contacted, is in any agreement, nor would entertain to such a proposal.

If you have any questions, please contact my office at 222-2771.

Sincerely,

W. Michael Sullivan, Ph.D.
Director

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February 11, 2010

Luly Massaro
Division of Public Utilities & Carriers
Motor Carriers Division
89 Jefferson Blvd
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Dear Ms. Massaro:

I am writing in support of the Aquidneck Ferry's application to operate a ferry service in Newport harbor.

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Regards,



Douglas W. Gablinske
Representative - District 68

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