



Town of Richmond, Rhode Island

Richmond Conservation Commission
Richmond Town Hall, Wyoming, RI 02898



MEETING MINUTES
RICHMOND CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Wednesday, January 6, 2016
RICHMOND TOWN HALL

Call to Order: 7:05 pm

Roll Call

Present: Lesley Bietz, Mary Doo, David Johnson, Joe McCue, Nichole Phelps, Dinalyn Spears

Absent: Jim Turek

Guest: Abbey Paradis

Approval of Minutes

01 Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 9, 2015

Motion: Lesley Bietz motioned, seconded by Joe McCue to accept December 9, 2015 meeting minutes with one minor edit. Motion passed.

Communications

RCC received a thank you letter from the Natural History Survey for our membership renewal (\$100).

Treasurer's Report

Membership renewal dues have not yet been sent to RIACC. Letter to RIACC has not been sent regarding recommendations on how to improve communications and collaboration with state-wide conservation commissions. Joe McCue will verify status of annual payment to RIACC.

Budget to date is \$4,750.73

Old Business

01 RIDEM Trail Grant/Trail Design and Construction – Continued from December 9, 2015

Jim Turek will meet with Karen Pinch, Denise Stetson, and Scott Barber on January 8 to discuss project strategy to address project costs, phase implementation, and grant extension. Town will seek no-cost extension for 6+

months. There are insufficient funds to complete the full project, based on the low bid. Project will need to be phased.

02 Richmond Town Parks and Preserves – Continued from December 9, 2015

Bradner Preserve - Abbey Paradis presented her art work of the Wolf Tree and white-tailed deer for consideration of inclusion in the Bradner Preserve interpretive trail guide. Abbey would like to assist in the development and layout of the guide. Artwork was placed in the RCC mailbox for Jim Turek to review and coordinate with Abbey Paradis on the guide design layout.

Crawley Preserve - David Johnson walked the site on January 3, 2016, with family and noted that many of the station posts were no longer in the ground. The posts were found leaning against trees/boulders. RCC will discuss this issue at the next meeting.

03 Preserve at Boulder Hills – Continued from December 9, 2015

Lesley Bietz, Mary Doo, Nichole Phelps and Jim Turek participated in the Planning Board site visit in December. RCC will attend the Planning Board meeting on January 12, 2016. David Johnson will send his comments to Jim Turek.

04 RCC Web and Blog Sites – Continued from December 9, 2015

Mary Doo encourages the RCC to write articles. Mary Doo will finish the insect metamorphosis article and Dinalyn Spears will complete the vernal pool and plant pest articles.

05 Town Tree and Ordinance Issues – Continued from December 9, 2015

No update

06 Town Recycling – Continued from December 9, 2015

Lesley Bietz updated that the bulletin board was knocked over. RCC is still planning a trip to RIRCC this spring; Bietz will coordinate with RIRRC and RCC about the potential date and time for trip.

07 KG Ranch Road/Valley Lodge Stormwater – Continued from December 9, 2015

No update

08 Camelot Estates Fishway - Continued from December 9, 2015

No Update

09 URI Private Well Water Workshop - Continued from December 9, 2015

Dinalyn Spears contacted Scott Barber regarding the proposed March 14, 2016 workshop. Mr. Barber will verify whether the Carolina Fire Station conference room will be available for that date and timely respond.

New Business:

01 Earth Day/Environmental Awareness Day Planning 2016

The RCC discussed hosting the event in the fall due to too many conflicting activities that typically happen during the spring Earth Day date. RCC discussed redirecting funds for the Environmental Awareness Day to some other RCC activity, i.e., the Heritage Trail project.

02 FY17 RCC Proposed Budget

The RCC addressed the FY17 budget. The RCC came up with \$4,750 budget including Heritage Trail funds.

Budget allocation:

Misc. Supplies	\$200
Training Workshops	\$150
Dues	\$100
Travel	\$ 50
Operating Expenses (includes trail contingency funds)	\$4,250
Total Budget:	\$4,750

New Plans and Submittals: None

Other Business:

Shannock Falls Development Project: David Johnson provided comments on his review of the document. Mr. Johnson stated that the plans were thorough. He noted flaws on pages 12 and 13 of Section 10. Note "Police & Fire Protection Services" description is inaccurate. On page 12 of Section 10, the word "Police" appears on the map just north of Wood River Junction. RCC will attend the Planning Board meeting next Tuesday, January 12, 2016.

Next Meeting: Next RCC meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 3, 2016, at 7 p.m.**

Adjourn: David Johnson motioned, seconded by Dinalyn Spears to adjourn meeting at 8:55 pm. Motion passed.

Submitted by:



Approved:



Attest: