



Town of Richmond, Rhode Island



Richmond Conservation Commission
Richmond Town Hall, Wyoming, RI 02898

MEETING MINUTES
RICHMOND CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Wednesday, March 2, 2016
RICHMOND TOWN HALL

Call to Order: 7:10 pm

Roll Call

Present: Lesley Bietz, David Johnson, Joe McCue, Jim Turek

Absent: Mary Doo, Nichole Phelps, Dinalyn Spears

Approval of Minutes

01 Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 3, 2016

Motion: Jim Turek motioned, seconded by David Johnson to accept February 3, 2016 meeting minutes with minor editing. Motion passed.

Communications

RCC received hardcopy materials from Denise Stetson for the (1) Meehan Property Small Subdivision Plan and (2) McIntosh Property Subdivision Plans with comments due by March 7; Planning Board meeting is March 8

Treasurer's Report

RCC budget is \$4,750.73, based on no RIACC membership fee dues are do at this time; less registration fees (3 X \$50 = \$150) for the Land and Water Summit = \$4,600.73.

Old Business

01 RIDEM Trail Grant/Trail Design and Construction – Continued from February 3, 2016

Century award grant application was submitted to the Rhode Island Foundation (RIF) on February 4; response from RIF expected in March.

Turek will follow up with Scott Barber on potential DPW on potential availability and use of town or rental equipment (bobcat front-end loader) to install torque motor rental (supplier rental cost of \$2,400) to conduct upfront soil borings relative to the bid costing for helical pile installation requirements for the Heritage Trail

boardwalk, picnic platform and bridges. RCC also needs to update the project budget for the RIDEM grant award extension and second grant application to RIDEM to cover the project budget shortfall. Turek will coordinate with Denise Stetson on both the grant award extension and second grant application.

Turek met with Quintin Reynolds and his dad, Mark, and walked the proposed loop trail and extension to review the work effort and options that would be required as part of an eagle Scout project. Turek has not heard back from Quintin about his potential commitment, and McCue will check with him on status during the next scout meeting.

02 Richmond Town Parks and Preserves – Continued from February 3, 2016

Beaver River Park – Johnson completed retrofitting of 10 bluebird boxes by reducing hole entrance to 1-inch diameter, adding metal sheeting around entrances, soaping the under-roofs to lessen wasp nesting, and adding mammal exclusion barrier (2 sites). Trash receptacle at the park is full again and needs cleaning. Additional trail maps are also needed.

McCue will secure herbicide and propose dates for completing herbicide application of the invasive autumn olive; potential dates of April 9 and 23. Other opportunities may arise for McCue to complete herbicide work. Signage installation for herbicide application to protect people and dogs is needed.

Motion: Jim Turek motioned, seconded by David Johnson to approve RCC expenditure of up to \$125 for purchase of herbicide and warning signage for the invasive plant treatment project at Beaver River Park. Motion passed.

Crawley Preserve – Marker stations have been damaged; Johnson will plan and complete corrective actions for the signage. Turek and others will assist, as needed. A fresh supply of trail guides is also needed at the preserve.

Bradner Preserve – Johnson will follow up with Bill Phelps regarding potential production of station signs.

McCue and Turek visited the site to complete accurate description and GPS locations of trail stations. McCue then sent GPS coordinates to Mary Hutchinson, Town mapping consultant, along with stone wall map layer. McCue will also contact Denise Stetson regarding mapping requirements and expected products.

03 URI Private Well Water Workshop - Continued from February 3, 2016

Turek will notify Allyson McCann that three RCC staff will attend (Doo, Johnson and Turek); Bietz may also attend. Turek will also follow-up with McCann regarding potential newspaper article. RCC needs to put out sandwich board on the Town Hall Green. Turek will make copies of the workshop flyers and place copies in the RCC mailbox for all to distribute. Turek will prepare short write-up to send to Mary Doo for posting to our blog site.

04 RCC Web and Blog Sites – Continued from February 3, 2016

Need vernal pool article for April! Mary Doo will finish the butterfly metamorphosis article.

05 Earth Day/Environmental Awareness Day Planning, 2016 - Continued from February 3, 2016

Bietz submitted form to URI for securing 200 packets of plant seeds. RCC proposes Environmental Awareness Day to coincide with Swamp Yankee Day. Phelps will discuss with Scott Barber or others about RCC participation.

06 Town Tree and Ordinance Issues – Continued from February 3, 2016

No updates

07 Town Recycling – Continued from February 3, 2016

Bietz indicated our transfer station is not currently accepting e-waste due to poor economic condition of the recycling industry.

08 KG Ranch Road/Valley Lodge Stormwater – Continued from February 3, 2016

No updates

09 Camelot Estates Fish Passage – Continued from February 3, 2016

No Updates; Turek will conduct site visit to review current site and flow conditions.

New Business: None

New Plans and Submittals: None

Other Business: None

Next Meeting: Next RCC meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 6, 2016, at 7 p.m.**

Adjourn: Dave Johnson motioned, seconded by Jim Turek to adjourn meeting at 9:10 pm. Motion passed.

Submitted by:



Approved:



Attest: