



Town of Richmond, Rhode Island



Richmond Conservation Commission
Richmond Town Hall, Wyoming, RI 02898

MEETING MINUTES
RICHMOND CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Wednesday, May 11, 2016
RICHMOND TOWN HALL

Call to Order: 7:10 pm

Roll Call

Present: Mary Doo, Joe McCue, Nichole Phelps, Jim Turek

Absent: Lesley Bietz, David Johnson, Dinalyn Spears

Guest: Logan McCue

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 6, 2016

Motion: Joe McCue motioned, seconded by Jim Turek to accept April 6, 2016 meeting minutes with minor editing. Motion passed.

Communications

None

Treasurer's Report

\$4,583.78 - \$82.56 (herbicide for invasive plant management) = \$4,501.12. A total of \$1,001 remains in RCC budget, excluding funds for Heritage Trail project.

Old Business

01 RIDEM Trail Grant/Trail Design and Construction – Continued from April 6, 2016

The Town was officially notified on April 27th that we have been awarded a \$15K grant from the Rhode Island Foundation (RIF) for the Heritage Trail construction. Town Administrator Pinch attended RIF press event in Providence. On April 28, RCC submitted an application to the Champlin Foundation, although the award announcement is not expected until November 2016, with grant awards in December 2016. The RCC application included a 5-page form with site plans, Bradner Trail interpretive guide as an example of our capabilities of and commitment to environmental education in Richmond. In late April, the RCC submitted a request to RIDEM to extend our current grant award through December 2016. RIDEM promptly responded,

indicating an extension granted through June 2017. Quintin Reynolds submitted an action plan to RCC as an Eagle Scout candidate seeking to assist the RCC with the Heritage Trail project. Turek will follow-up with Reynolds regarding the need for him to secure permission from the Town Council to access and conduct work on town property. Reynolds needs to submit a letter of confirmation to the Town. Turek went before the Town Council on May 3rd to secure permission to move forward on the RIDEM 2016 trail grant. CJ Doyle will make final revisions to the design plan sheets. The current RCC plan is to release a construction bid solicitation in late June 2016.

02 Richmond Town Parks and Preserves – Continued from April 6, 2016

Beaver River Park – Joe McCue purchased herbicide with Town Administrator approval to conduct invasive plant control at the park. Jim Turek provided McCue with \$1 fee as indication of agreement per the Town Administrator. McCue proposes to complete the first-phase work on May 14, from 1 pm to 4 pm, and will follow the manufacturer’s recommended guidelines. McCue will also review the Beaver River kiosk for a determination of whether the RCC should upgrade the kiosk with a plexiglass covering of the kiosk.

Crawley Preserve – RCC awaits David Johnson on the status of the repair or retrofit of several interpretive trail station plaques.

Bradner Preserve – Joe McCue will follow-up with Mary Hutchinson, town GIS consultant to prepare larger-scale site map for the Bradner Preserve kiosk. The RCC will request Hutchinson to add a QR code to the kiosk map that will link to the RCC interpretive trail guide. The RCC discussed the installation of UV protection for the kiosk maps at this preserve and other town preserves.

03 URI Private Well Water Workshop - Continued from April 6, 2016

Mary Doo will follow up with web blog posting of the URI well water information. Remove this item from next month’s agenda.

04 RCC Web and Blog Sites – Continued from April 6, 2016

Dinalyn Spears submitted a draft vernal pool article for review by RCC. Mary Doo will finish the butterfly metamorphosis article.

05 Earth Day/Environmental Awareness Day Planning, 2016 - Continued from April 6, 2016

Lesley Bietz completed clean-up activity by handing out clean-up kits at Town Hall on April 23rd with good success by volunteers. Scott Barber noted the successful results at the Town Council meeting.

06 Town Tree and Ordinance Issues – Continued from April 6, 2016

No updates

07 Town Recycling – Continued from April 6, 2016

Mary Doo will add information on the upcoming Eco-Depot dates to the RCC blog site.

08 KG Ranch Road/Valley Lodge Stormwater – Continued from April 6, 2016

Town Administrator Pinch is awaiting RIDOT response on follow-up meeting.

09 Camelot Estates Fish Passage – Continued from April 6, 2016

No update

10 Pomona Grange – Continued from April 6, 2016

McCue and Turek completed site visit with Grange staff. The proposed project would include 0.27-acre wetland impact for emergency road access crossing. The RCC considered and discussed a number of project alternatives. The RCC concluded that there is a lack of feasible alternatives for the emergency access, and the proposed project is the least damaging practicable alternative. A RCC summary memorandum discussing the site visit outcome was submitted to the Town Planner and Planning Board. Remove this item from next month's agenda.

New Business: None

New Plans and Submittals: William McIntosh minor subdivision; John and Lynn Tashiro minor subdivision

Other Business: None

Next Meeting: The next RCC meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 8, 2016, at 7 p.m.**

Adjourn: Mary Doo motioned, seconded by Joe McCue to adjourn meeting at 8:26 pm. Motion passed.

Submitted by:



Approved:



Attest: