



Town of Richmond, Rhode Island



Richmond Conservation Commission
Richmond Town Hall, Wyoming, RI 02898
MEETING MINUTES
RICHMOND CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Wednesday, June 8, 2016
RICHMOND TOWN HALL

Call to Order: 7:15 pm

Roll Call

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

Absent: Mary Doo, Nichole Phelps, Dinalyn Spears

Guest: Richard Millar

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 11, 2016

Motion: Joe McCue motioned, seconded by Jim Turek to accept May 11, 2016 meeting minutes with minor editing. Motion passed.

Communications

Burrillville Land Trust – seeks support letter opposing proposed gas-fired power plant – RCC to review proposed and respond to State Senate bill on allowing citizens to vote on regional issues

Treasurer's Report

During this period, Johnson (\$101.98) and Turek (\$4.65) had reimbursement requests totaling \$106.63;
 $\$1,001.12 - \$106.63 = \$894.49$

C.J. Doyle submitted invoice of \$1,372.80 on May 27, 2016 for completing revisions to the final plans for the Richmond Heritage Trail. Budget for Heritage Trail: $\$3,500 - \$1,372.50 = \$2,127.50$. The RCC does not expect to spend the remaining (non-state award) Heritage Trail funds in FY16.

The RCC then discussed the expenditure of remaining funds totaling \$894.49.

Motion: Dave Johnson motioned, seconded by Joe McCue for the RCC to purchase materials and supplies to address remaining environmentally-focused work at Town properties including two preserves, Beaver River Park, and the Town Hall Green with the anticipated maximum amount of \$850. Motion passed.

Old Business

01 RIDEM Trail Grant/Trail Design and Construction – Continued from May 11, 2016

The town submitted a grant application to RIDEM on May 27; Lisa McGreavy at RIDEM verified that she received the application, and indicated RIDEM understands the RCC requested a waiver for recent and on-going matching in-kind town services to be applied to the grant. RIDEM expects to make decisions in July 2016. The town received a response from the Champlin Foundations that the town would not receive a foundation award for the Heritage Trail project request. The Town Council previously approved funding the trails project up to \$150K, pending the outcome of the RIDEM fund request.

C.J. Doyle completed final revisions to the design plan sheets. The current RCC plan is to release a construction bid solicitation in mid July 2016.

Quintin Reynolds, Eagle Scout candidate, proposes to complete his trail work by June 11. Turek will follow up with Quintin about trail marker work.

Alan Leveilee at Public Archaeology Lab (PAL) provided beneficial feedback on Native Peoples information that will be used for the Heritage Trail plaque.

02 Richmond Town Parks and Preserves – Continued from May 11, 2016

Beaver River Park – Invasive plant management on the northerly grassland parcel is approximately 90% complete as outcome of May 14 fieldwork by McCue and Turek.

Crawley Preserve – David Johnson to complete the repair or retrofit of four interpretive trail station plaques. Turek will apply stain to station plaques.

Bradner Preserve – Turek will walk site to determine sign post sites versus stations where sign plaques will be placed on trees. RCC will be complete station signage in June using new router bit and templates for numbering signs. Johnson will purchase station post materials. We discussed the need to complete the kiosk map for the Bradner site. Turek will send an email note to Denise Poyer from the RRPLT to determine whether the RCC can move forward with printing of the Bradner Preserve map and trail guide with hiking map insert.

03 RCC Web and Blog Sites – Continued from May 11, 2016

Doo should remove the Earth Day flyer from the site; add RIRRC Eco-Depot dates. All Styrofoam except packing peanuts is being accepted at RIRRC.

04 Earth Day/Environmental Awareness Day Planning, 2016 - Continued from May 11, 2016

Lesley Bietz reported final tally for the Earth Day clean-up: 400 lbs of trash, 26 bags of recyclables, and 30 volunteers helping to clean-up Richmond. Thanks all!

05 Town Tree and Ordinance Issues – Continued from May 11, 2016

We discussed the heavy infestation of gypsy and bag worm moth caterpillars this year. Some portions of Richmond have trees devoid of leaves. We expect some tree mortality in town, particularly with the dry-weather conditions.

06 Town Recycling – Continued from May 11, 2016

The Richmond transfer station is again taking e-waste and used mattresses. Large plastic items are not accepted, but can be dropped off at Rose Hill transfer station. Rose Hill also accepts books for reuse. Illicit dumping of waste in the recycling bins continues. Bietz suggested that the town install security cameras at the transfer station.

07 KG Ranch Road/Valley Lodge Stormwater – Continued from May 11, 2016

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

08 Camelot Estates Dam and Fish Passage – Continued from May 11, 2016

No update

09 Tashiro Development – Continued from May 11, 2016

RCC submitted minor comments to Denise Stetson on May 19.

New Business: None

New Plans and Submittals: Old Castle Lawn and Garden expansion plans

Other Business: Bioblitz at Hopkinton preserve is this coming Friday and Saturday.

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

Adjourn: Jim Turek motioned, seconded by Joe McCue to adjourn meeting at 9:30 pm. Motion passed.

Submitted by:



Approved:



Attest: