



# Town of Richmond, Rhode Island

Richmond Conservation Commission  
Richmond Town Hall, Wyoming, RI 02898



Wednesday, January 15, 2020  
Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:** 7:10 pm

## **Roll Call**

**Present:** Lesley Bietz, David Johnson, Pauline Streinz, Jim Turek

**Absent:** Mary Doo, Dinalyn Spears

**Guests:** Anthony and Paul Ferri

## **Approval of Minutes**

Jim Turek motioned, seconded by Lesley Bietz to approve the December 11, 2019, meeting minutes with minor corrections. **Motion passed.**

## **Communications**

Town Clerk reappointment certificate to RCC for David Johnson to extend through January 31, 2023.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Budget remains at \$1,664.52.

## **Old Business**

### **01 Richmond Heritage Trail - Continued from December 11, 2019**

RCC discussed potential trail improvement projects that Anthony Ferri, scout from Richmond Troop 1, could address for an Eagle Scout project. In particular, we focused on installation of stone steps at three locations at the west end of the foot trail. Jim Turek and Pauline Streinz agreed to meet with Anthony Ferri at the site to walk the trail and discuss potential project alternatives and scope. Ferri seeks to complete a project by the end of March 2020. Turek also proposed to email Ferri with example of previous scout work plan.

Dave Johnson plans to install the dog-leash sign on a wooden post at the Heritage Trail parking lot.

**02 Beaver River Watershed Assessment – Continued from December 11, 2019**

Consultant proposals were due Friday, December 13, 2019; three proposals were submitted. Shaun Lacey, Town Planner and Jim Turek completed interviews of two firms, based on the evaluations completed by Lacey, Suzanne Paton (RRLPT), and Glenn Place (Trout Unlimited) and Turek. The most qualified firm (“best value”) was identified and will be recommended to the Town Council for consideration and approval of the contract award at the February 5 Town Council meeting.

**03 Richmond Town Parks and Preserves - Continued from December 11, 2019**

David Johnson has bat boxes now under construction.

**04 RCC Public Outreach Planning – Continued from December 11, 2019**

World Fish Migration Day is scheduled for May 16, 2020, but events can be held on other various dates. Jim Turek suggests an event in Shannock; Pauline Steinz suggested Beaver River Park as a potential event location. The Beaver River event could include aquatic sampling, but if held at the park, the steps at the river will need to be fixed. RCC also discussed the dates to hold a “Mosquito Control with Bats/Dragonfly/Water Management” outreach sessions for May or June 2020. RCC will contact either Pete August or Mary Grande.

RCC discussed hosting Volunteer Day/Fair and create a signup sheet for the event and add a volunteer query with a yes/no fill-in answer. Jim Turek stated that the video on Disappearing Plastics in the Ocean and the Story of Plastics is a great video. RCC discussed who may present and when.

**05 Earth Day Event Planning – Continued from December 11, 2019**

RCC Earth Day event is scheduled for April 25, 2020. Lesley Bietz secured 250 seed packets of assorted flowers and vegetables. Pauline Streinz suggests that RCC kits be handed out during the week before the Earth Day event. We discussed need for draft flyer; sign-up sheet and other materials. Need detailed plans to be considered at next RCC meeting.

**06 RCC-RRLPT Collaboration – Continued from December 11, 2019**

RCC needs to follow up with Suzanne Paton, Chair of the RRLPT regarding mutual assistance on projects. RRLPT is currently finalizing the purchase of the property off Old Mountain Road. Paton has been asked to go before the Town Council to explain the land purchase process by the RRLPT.

**07 Solar Farm and Proposed Model Ordinance – Continued from December 11, 2019**

No updates

**08 Richmond Green Energy Initiative – Continued from December 11, 2019**

No updates

**09 RCC Web and Blog Sites – Continued from December 11, 2019**

Turek presented hardcopies of various pamphlets and other information regarding invasive insect pests. Digital versions of these materials should be posted to the RCC web site.

**10 Town Tree and Tree Ordinance Issues – Continued from December 11, 2019**

No updates

**11 Town Recycling – continued from December 11, 2019**

No updates

**12 Town Comprehensive Plan – continued from December 11, 2019**

Jim Turek reported that Shaun Lacey recently indicated that the draft plan will be completed and released for public review and comment. Need to follow-up on the draft document status.

**New Plans and Submittals:**

None

**Other Business:**

**Next Meeting:** The next RCC meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 12, at 7 p.m.**

**Adjourn:** Jim Turek motioned; seconded by Lesley Bietz to adjourn meeting at 8:50 pm.  
**Motion passed.**

Submitted by:



Approved:



Attest: