



Town of Richmond, Rhode Island



Richmond Conservation Commission
Richmond Town Hall, Wyoming, RI 02898
Wednesday, April 11, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 7:14 pm

Roll Call

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

Absent: Dinalyn Spears

Approval of Minutes

Jim Turek motioned, seconded by Lesley Bietz to accept the March 14, 2018 meeting minutes with minor edits. Motion passed.

Communications:

None

Treasurer's Report

With Dave Johnson purchase of \$17.98, RCC budget balance is \$1,011.22.

Old Business

01 Richmond Heritage Trail – Continued from March 14, 2018

Jim Turek spoke with Scott Barber regarding five downed trees across the loop trail (1) and the hiking trail (4). The DPW will also replace the large boulder barrier at the NW end of the site to prevent vehicles from trespassing onto the town property. The DPW will also regrade the existing dirt road where deep tire ruts have been created and are holding water. All work will be done in time for the April 21 Earth Day event.

Joe McCue provided final materials to Mary Hutchinson to complete the Heritage Trail map in format consistent with other town preserve maps. The map will be ready for Earth Day event. McCue will print copy for the event.

02 Richmond Town Parks and Preserves – Continued from March 14, 2018

Jim Turek will have copies of trail guides made for each of the preserves and Beaver River Park, and place the guides at each property prior to Earth Day.

03 RCC Public Outreach Planning for 2018 – continued from March 14, 2018

Mary Doo will send out short news blast about the Earth Day and WFMD events; Turek to prepare the release and send to Mary later this week.

04 Earth Day Planning/WFM Day 2018 – continued from March 14, 2018

See description in Items 01, above. Commissioners are asked to save receipts for all Earth Day and WFMD purchases if seeking reimbursement. The purchases will be covered under Operating Expenses.

Bee experts will need one table and two chairs for their display. Lesley Bietz will secure 48 johnnycake boxed mixes from Paul Drumm. Bietz will also secure additional seed packets from Job Lot to add to the free packets provided. McCue will bring one pop-up tent. One tent will be dedicated to the clean-up kits along with street maps (2) and sign-up sheets. Mary Doo will secure posters and bee materials (pamphlets, coloring books for kids); Doo is also responsible for purchasing juice boxes. Turek will bring large cooler with ice for drinks, plus drinking cups. Bietz will bring a drinking water cooler. Turek to create the Styrofoam display with clear plastic bag filled with Styrofoam pieces for the May 5th collection event in Narragansett. Turek will secure two observation scopes from the lab for visitors to look at mounted bees and other insects (Earth Day display) and fish scales and larvae (WFMD display). We also need a sign to seek potential person to join the Conservation Commission. Turek and wife will make painted rocks (bees and ‘Happy Fish’) for the treasure hunts at each event location. Emma Lundberg will hide the fish rocks at the Knowles Mill Park site prior to the WFMD event.

05 Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Photo Contest – continued from March 14, 2018

No updates

06 Solar Farm Projects and Proposed Ordinance Revisions – Continued from March 14, 2018

Several newspaper articles on solar farms have been recently released including article by Scott Millar and Pro Jo article regarding the proposed large solar farm in North Kingstown.

07 RCC Web and Blog Sites – continued from March 14, 2018

Mary Doo will upload the new Heritage Trail map on to our RCC web site.

08 Town Tree and Tree Ordinance Issues – continued from March 14, 2018

No updates

09 Town Recycling – continued from March 14, 2018

Lesley Bietz noted the May 5th recycling event in Narragansett including Indie Recycling that is collecting electronics for recycling.

10 KG Ranch Road/Valley Lodge Stormwater – continued from March 14, 2018

No updates; Jim Turek will contact Julianna Berry regarding the town contract with Crossman Engineering.

11 Comprehensive Plan- continued from March 14, 2018

No updates

12 Camelot Estates Fishway – continued from March 14, 2018

No updates

New Plans and Submittals: None

Other Business: None

Next Meeting: The next RCC meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at 7 p.m.**

Adjourn: Jim Turek motioned seconded by Joe McCue by to adjourn meeting at 8:55 pm. Motion passed.

Submitted by:



Approved:



Attest: