



# Town of Richmond, Rhode Island



Richmond Conservation Commission  
Richmond Town Hall, Wyoming, RI 02898

April 14, 2021, 6:00-7:00 PM RCC Meeting  
7:00-8:30 PM, Special Meeting Presentation on Rhode Island Herpetofauna

**Call to Order:** 6:11 pm

## **Roll Call:**

**Present:** Lesley Bietz, Dave Johnson, Dinalyn Spears, Pauline Streinz, Jim Turek

**Absent:** Mary Doo

**Guest:** David King

David King participated in the virtual meeting and indicated his intent to submit an application in April to the Town for appointment to the RCC.

## **Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Jim Turek motioned, seconded by Lesley Bietz to accept the RCC Meeting Minutes from March 10, 2021, with no edits. **Motion passed.**

## **Communications**

Jim Turek received a communication from Jeff Doogus, Cub Scout Leader, regarding cleanup activities for 6 to 9 year olds. RCC discussed safety issues due to the age range and possible site locations for the cub scouts to cleanup. Pauline Strienz recommended having the Cub Scouts install native plants at the Heritage trail.

**Motion:** James Turek motioned to allocate up to \$120 for plants and supplies for native plantings at the Heritage Trail, seconded by Pauline Strienz. **Motion passed.**

Jim Turek received communications from Laura (Town Council) regarding setting up a non-perishable food donation box at Town Hall for the Earth Day cleanup. RCC discussed and agreed a box could be set-up near the Town Hall front entrance. Residents who come to clean up can drop off non-perishable food, but it would be responsibility of Laura to announce the food drive.

## **Treasurer's Report**

\$1,836.09 remains in the RCC FY21 budget.

## **Old Business**

### **01 Richmond Heritage Trail – continued from March 10, 2021**

RCC discussed plan for scout planting at the Heritage Trail loop trail entrance. Jim Turek will propose layout of plantings.

### **02 Beaver River Watershed Assessment – continued from March 10, 2021**

No updates

### **03 Richmond Town Parks and Preserves – continued from March 10, 2021**

No updates

### **04 RCC Public Outreach Planning – continued from March 10, 2021**

No updates

### **05 RCC-RRLPT Collaborative Work planning – continued from March 10, 2021**

No updates

### **06 Solar Farms – continued from March 10, 2021**

No updates

### **07 RCC Web and Blog Sites – continued from March 10, 2021**

No updates

### **08 Town Trees and Tree Ordinance Issues – continued from March 10, 2021**

No updates

### **09 Town Recycling – continued from March 10, 2021**

No updates

### **10 Earth Day Cleanup – continued from March 10, 2021**

Earth Day Cleanup will take place on April 23. David Johnson stated he has enough items for 50 kits.

**Motion:** David Johnson motioned to allow up to \$130 for purchase of additional Earth Day cleanup kit materials. Jim Turek seconded. Motion passed.

RCC discussed purchase of a new Earth Day Banner with “Celebrate Earth Day” phrase. Lesley Bietz will research.

**Motion:** James Turek motioned to spend up to \$120 for a new earth day banner, seconded by David Johnson. **Motion passed.**

**New Plans and Submittals:** None

**Other Business:**

Turtle Crossing Signage: James Turek recommended an artist contest for representation for turtle crossing with a size of 24 x18 inches. Turek indicated the signs come in medium gauge or heavy gauge with up to two colors. The price for the heavy gauge sign is \$ 44 dollars and 10 signs could be installed at 5 turtle crossings in Town. The minimum order is 10 signs. The approximate cost for the signage is \$480. RCC could query Chariho School System but the last day of classes is June 25, 2021. Dave King will contact the high school principal on behalf of the RCC.

**Motion:** James Turek motioned for the RCC to fund up to \$550 dollars for animal crossing signage designed by Chariho School System student, seconded by Pauline Strienz. **Motion passed.**

**Next Meeting:**

The next RCC meeting (virtual meeting) is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 7 p.m.**

**Adjourn:** Jim Turek motioned, seconded by Lesley Bietz to adjourn meeting at 6:55 pm. **Motion passed.**

**Special Meeting Presentation: 7-8:30 PM Herpetofauna Presentation by Mr. Lou Perrotti, Conservation Director, Roger Williams Zoo, Providence, Rhode Island**

Mr. Perrotti gave an interesting virtual presentation on frogs, salamanders, turtles and snakes present in Richmond and other parts of South County. A total 26 participants attended the meeting, and the audience asked a number of questions. The RCC thanked Mr. Perrotti for his presentation and volunteering his time.

Submitted by:



Approved:



Attest: