



Town of Richmond, Rhode Island



Richmond Conservation Commission
Richmond Town Hall, Wyoming, RI 02898

Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2021
Google Meet Teleconference/Virtual Meeting

Call to Order: 7:15 pm

Roll Call:

Present: Lesley Bietz, David Johnson, David King, Dinalyn Spears, Pauline Streinz, Jim Turek

Absent: Mary Doo

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: RCC did not have the opportunity to review draft April 14, 2021, Minutes. The minutes to be sent for review and approval via email.

Communication

RCC received request for membership renewal to the RI History Survey. Membership fee is \$100. The fee covers attendance to membership events and subscription to newsletter.

Motion: James Turek motioned, seconded by Lesley Bietz to approve the RI History Survey Membership Renewal. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

\$1,836.09 remains in the RCC FY21 budget. David Johnson sent a spreadsheet to the RCC for how much it would cost for 114 Earth Day Cleanup Kits. Forty-eight kits were still available and David Johnson prepared another 75 with \$72.93 cost of producing the kits.

Expenses:

David Johnson \$72.93

Lesley Bietz: \$64.59

James Turek: \$33.96

Total Expenses: \$171.48 from the Operating Expenses fund.

Earth Day Cleanup expenses totaled \$395.70. A Town resident seeks to donate \$1,000 dollars to support RCC efforts. The FY21 budget must be spent by June 30, 2021. The RCC discussed how to spend the extra funds.

Ideas: Shrubs, build a work ladder, native plantings. The Heritage trail requires additional planting and minor excavation. Beaver River Park requires reconstruction of the steps to the river edge. RCC discussed purchasing

the materials with the assistance from DPW. RCC discussed the purchase of a tree for the Historical School House. Turek also indicated that the Town Finance Director identified funds in a RCC separate account for the Heritage Trail. Funds should be expended as soon as reasonable.

Old Business

01 Richmond Heritage Trail – continued from April 14, 2021

An Email was sent from Laura Kenyon, Town Finance Director, regarding the remaining funds in the Heritage Trail account totaling \$1,345.30. The RCC discussed how to spend the remaining funds, i.e., plant shrubs and native plants. David Johnson used polyurethane for the front signage and Jim Turek mulched around the base. The RCC discussed installing security cameras. Jim Turek will inquire and/or purchase through RCC to install. James Turek will contact the DPW for potential assistance with improvements.

02 Beaver River Watershed Assessment – continued from April 14, 2021

Watershed report is complete, appendix files were submitted to SNEP. James Turek updated the RCC that another grant solicitation is available and suggested contacting the Southern Rhode Island Conservation District and partnering with other towns to participate in clean up. The proposal is due at the end of May. Turek reached out to three potential partners without any success. Turek will send the solicitation to rest of the RCC. Beaver River Park requires reconstruction of the steps to the river edge. James Turek will contact the DPW for assistance.

03 Town Cleanup - Continued from April 14, 2021

James Turek updated the RCC that the Town Cleanup Day has a great turnout of 66 town residents. Eight Hundred pounds of trash and recyclables were collected. Lesley Bietz stated there were many aluminum cans and nips, not much glass and very little styrofoam. RCC's FaceBook Page received over 100 likes and "thank yous". RCC will consider a fall cleanup in conjunction with the ECO-Depot.

04 Richmond Town Parks and Preserves – continued from April 14, 2021

Lesley planted flowers at the Welcome to Richmond Sign.

05 RCC Public Outreach Planning – continued from April 14, 2021

David King spoke with the School System and connected with Earth Club Advisor. One or two students are interested in developing a 24 x 18 signage. David Johnson will follow up with an email.

06 RCC-RRLPT Collaborative Work planning – continued from April 14, 2021

No updates

07 Solar Farms – continued from April 14, 2021

No updates

08 RCC Web and Blog Sites – continued from April 14, 2021

No updates.

09 Town Trees and Tree Ordinance Issues – continued from April 14, 2021

No updates

10 Town Recycling – continued from April 14, 2021

No updates. Leslie Bietz stated nip bottles are not recyclable.

New Plans and Submittals: None

Other Business:

Jim Turek will contact Mary Doo about her potential departure from the RCC with her pending relocation. David King has formally been approved by the Town Council as a new RCC commissioner.

Next Meeting:

The next RCC meeting (virtual meeting) is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 7 p.m.** Special virtual meeting presentation will follow at 7 pm.

Adjourn: Jim Turek motioned, seconded by Dinalyn Spears to adjourn meeting at 8:45 pm. **Motion passed.**

Submitted by:



Approved:



Attest: