



Town of Richmond, Rhode Island

Richmond Conservation Commission
Richmond Town Hall, Wyoming, RI 02898



Public Announcement: Virtual Public Informational Meeting Presentation on Bats

Tuesday, September 9, 2020: 6:30-7:30 PM

Google Meet: meet.google.com/xvq-iisp-ytt

Join by phone: 1-904-900-0178 PIN: 269 314 789#

Learning about Bats!

Richmond residents and friends, you're invited to join the Richmond Conservation Commission (RCC) in an on-line virtual presentation about bats! Why bats? Bats are fascinating animals native to our area, and feed on mosquitoes. Their ability to eat lots of mosquitoes reduces concerns over the potential spread of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) virus to people. Bats keep you, your families and friends safe! The presentation will be by bat expert Gerri Griswold who will explain much good information about the bats native to our area, and beyond. She plans on having a live bat to show, and promises you will be enlightened by her amazing presentation. Gerri's talk will also cover what you can do to help conserve bats such as bat box installation on property.

Gerri Griswold who is Director of Administration and Development at The White Memorial Conservation Center in Litchfield, Connecticut. She has studied and handled bats for 28 years as a wildlife rehabilitator and educator. Ms. Griswold is licensed by the state of Connecticut and Department of Agriculture to keep and exhibit non-releasable bats for educational purposes. Over the years, Gerri and her bats have delivered hundreds of programs to libraries, classrooms, scout troops and organizations like the National Park Service and the Yale Peabody Museum. She and her exhibit bats have appeared on the cover of *The Weekly Reader* and produced a segment about bats for *The Late Show with David Letterman*. Griswold was also featured in "Seasons of Connecticut" by Diane Smith, published by Globe Pequot Press, released in June 2010. Ms. Griswold also serves as the morning voice for traffic on several Connecticut radio stations. She also leads groups of extraordinary adults on extraordinary trips to Iceland.

The public is welcome to any open meeting of the Town Council or its committees. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captions) is needed or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting by calling (401) 539-9000 x9.