



Town of Richmond, Rhode Island

Richmond Conservation Commission
Richmond Town Hall, Wyoming, RI 02898



Wednesday, February 26, 2020
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 7:15 pm

Roll Call

Present: Lesley Bietz, Mary Doo, David Johnson, Pauline Streinz, Jim Turek

Absent: Dinalyn Spears

Approval of Minutes

Jim Turek motioned, seconded by Lesley Bietz to approve the January 15, meeting minutes with minor corrections. **Motion passed.**

Communications

Town planner forwarded materials for the Preserve for Planning Board review; copy provided to RCC for review and comment.

Richmond Historical Society open house, scheduled for May 30.

Treasurer's Report

Budget is at \$1,209.50. Expenditures on membership renewals (\$135) and Land and Water Summit registrations (\$320).

Old Business

01 Richmond Heritage Trail - Continued from January 15, 2019

Scouts will complete foot trail work. Funds needed for purchase of materials. Pauline Streinz reported that a large white oak has fallen across the foot trail at the western end of the trail. Bill McWha offered the RCC with milkweed plants to install at the Heritage Trail.

MOTION: Approve up to \$200 in funds for purchase of trail improvement materials. **Motion passed.**

02 Beaver River Watershed Assessment – Continued from January 15, 2019

Horsley Witten has been approved as the project consultant for the Beaver River project. Next biweekly coordination call will be February 28. First task will be to complete the QAPP for submittal to EPA.

03 Richmond Town Parks and Preserves - Continued from January 15, 2019

RCC discussed replacing the wooden step at the riverbank. Dave Johnson will speak with Scott Barber about potential work effort for the stair replacement.

04 RCC Public Outreach Planning – Continued from January 15, 2019

RCC discussed leading an event for World Fish Migration Day, 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. We also discussed showing the “Disappearing Plastics in the Ocean” or the “Story of Plastics”, and where the showing could occur such as Clark Library or the Carolina Fire Station. RCC agreed that movie night could be some evening during March 24-26. Jim Turek will follow up with the contact in Stonington, CT.

MOTION: Jim Turek motioned to spend up to \$100 to secure high quality environmental film for public showing. **Motion passed.**

05 Earth Day Event Planning – Continued from January 15, 2019

RCC Earth Day event is scheduled for April 25, 2020. RCC discussed funds needed for various items: clean-up kits, \$150; bat boxes, \$100; refreshments, \$40; flyer copies, \$30; gifts, \$50.

MOTION: Jim Turek motioned to expend up to \$700 in operating expenses for the Earth Day event (\$400), plus supplies and materials for the Richmond Preserves (\$300). **Motion passed.**

06 RCC-RRLPT Collaboration – Continued from January 15, 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 January 15, 2019

RCC noted that Green Development is suing the Towns of Coventry and West Greenwich for denying solar development projects.

08 Richmond Green Energy Initiative – Continued from January 15, 2019

No updates

09 RCC Web and Blog Sites – Continued from January 15, 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 January 15, 2019

No updates

11 Town Recycling – continued from January 15, 2019

Lesley Bietz provided a Providence Journal article regarding problem of contaminated recyclables at the RIRRC.

12 Town Comprehensive Plan – continued from January 15, 2019

No updates

New Plans and Submittals:

None

Other Business:

None

Next Meeting: The next RCC meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 18, at 7 p.m.**

Adjourn: Jim Turek motioned; seconded by Lesley Bietz to adjourn meeting at 9:14 pm.
Motion passed.

Submitted by:



Approved:



Attest: