



Town of Richmond, Rhode Island

Richmond Conservation Commission
Richmond Town Hall, Wyoming, RI 02898



Wednesday, May 20, 2020
Virtual Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 7:10 pm

Roll Call

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

Absent: Dave Johnson, Dinalyn Spears

Approval of Minutes

We note no meetings were held in March or April 2020 due to COVID pandemic. Jim Turek motioned, seconded by Lesley Bietz to approve the February 26, 2020 meeting minutes with minor corrections. **Motion passed.**

Communications

Town Facebook account queries about Use of Heritage Trail; Paul and Anthony Ferri followed up on reimbursement of Heritage Trail expenditures.

Treasurer's Report

Remaining RCC budget is \$1,489.50. This balance is based on expenditures on the Heritage Trail by Turek (\$53.25) and Paul Ferri (\$121.77).

MOTION: Turek motioned to spend up to \$900 in funds to purchase various items for completing RCC work and to make improvements to the Heritage Trail, Beaver River Park and other Town preserves. Mary Doo seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business

01 Richmond Heritage Trail - Continued from February 26, 2020

RCC discussed ongoing loitering, vandalism (tire ruts) and trash issues at the Heritage Trail. Turek contacted Karen Pinch, Chief Johnson and Scott Barber about the vehicle trespassing at the property. Turek also contacted Barber about the improvements still needed at the western segment of the dirt road and foot trail.

02 Beaver River Watershed Assessment – Continued from February 26, 2020

Consultant completed the materials for the Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for the study and submitted the revised document per minor comments received from EPA/SNEP staff. Our project Secondary Data QAPP was approved on April 22, 2020. Shaun Lacey and Jim Turek had several routine conference calls with Michelle West, Horsley & Witten project manager. We also held conference call with West, plus Corey Pelletier from RIDEM Division of Fish and Wildlife to discuss installation of water temperature loggers throughout the watershed. The team agreed to install up to 32 temperature loggers by the last week in May. Specific logger installation locations were identified based on watershed cover maps identifying potential impact sites and high value resource features or conditions.

03 Richmond Town Parks and Preserves - Continued from February 26, 2020

We discussed follow-up with David Johnson about status of bat boxes; Turek suggested that perhaps local carpenter could complete some or all of the work. Leslie Bietz suggested that other local person could help with the Beaver River Park stair replacement at the river area. Bietz also queried about the status of the benches donated by Ms. Price; Turek indicated he would follow-up with Scott Barber.

04 RCC Public Outreach Planning – Continued from February 26, 2020

RCC still needs updates to our web site; can also provide information to Karen Pinch for the Town’s Facebook page. Need more trail guides for the Town preserves and Beaver River Park.

05 Earth Day Event Planning – Continued from February 26, 2020

RCC may consider fall 2020 cleanup; depends on COVID-19 health safety protocols.

06 RCC-RRLPT Collaboration – Continued from February 26, 2020

No updates

07 Solar Farm and Proposed Model Ordinance – Continued from February 26, 2020

No updates

08 Richmond Green Energy Initiative – Continued from February 26, 2020

No updates

09 RCC Web and Blog Sites – Continued from February 26, 2020

Pamphlets and other information regarding invasive insect pests as digital versions of these materials should be posted to the RCC web site.

10 Town Tree and Tree Ordinance Issues – Continued from February 26, 2020

No updates

11 Town Recycling – continued from February 26, 2020

No updates

12 Town Comprehensive Plan – continued from February 26, 2020

No updates

New Plans and Submittals:

None

Other Business:

Next Meeting: The next RCC meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 10 at 7 p.m.**

Adjourn: Jim Turek motioned; seconded by Lesley Bietz to adjourn meeting at 8:50 pm.
Motion passed.

Submitted by:



Approved:

