



# Town of Richmond, Rhode Island

Richmond Conservation Commission  
Richmond Town Hall, Wyoming, RI 02898



Wednesday, June 10, 2020  
Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:** 5:30 pm

## **Roll Call**

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

**Absent:** Dave Johnson, Dinalyn Spears

## **Approval of Minutes**

Jim Turek motioned, seconded by Lesley Bietz to approve the May 20, 2020 meeting minutes with minor corrections. **Motion passed.**

## **Communications**

John Allen (through his mother) contacted Jim Turek regarding a potential Eagle Scout project at Beaver River Park – invasive plant removal. Turek responded with email to summarize what preparation he needs to do for the project including contacting Joe McCue about herbicide application of the shrub stumps.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Remaining RCC budget is \$852.17 based on recent RCC-approved expenditures of \$637.33 with the reimbursement voucher(s) to be submitted by Turek. Additional expenditures are expected for the construction of bat boxes to be installed at Town properties (Beaver River Park, Town preserves). RCC also discussed other potential end-of-fiscal year expenditures including bat boxes for town properties, security signs, animal cams, leaf blower, water stain and brushes for Heritage Trail boardwalk, trail guide copies, and work gloves, and cleanup bags for potential fall cleanup.

## **Old Business**

### **01 Richmond Heritage Trail - Continued from May 20, 2020**

RCC discussed the installation of the park bench by Town DPW, and donated by Ms. Price. This bench was installed near the entrance to the all-persons trail at the Heritage Trail property, along with two similar benches installed at Beaver River Park. Turek will contact Karen Pinch and Scott Barber about notifying Ms. Price that benches have been installed, and to thank her again for her donation. Pauline Streinz suggested an interview with Ms. Price to be a focus of a newspaper article or Town website story. Turek to take photos of the installed

benches. We also discussed the successful installation of 6 shrubs encircling the Heritage Trail entrance sign. Installation completed by Mary Doo, Pauline Streinz and Jim Turek. Great job folks! Lastly, RCC discussed concerns about ongoing vandalism at the site. Can security cameras or signage be installed to lessen vandalism? Turek will discuss options with Karen Pinch.

**MOTION:** RCC to spend up to \$852.17 on various materials and supplies for projected town site or RCC work needs for the Heritage Trail, Beaver River Park, and other Town preserves, including bat box construction and security and other signage. **Motion passed.**

**02 Beaver River Watershed Assessment – Continued from May 20, 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 available through RIDEM 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 May 20, 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 May 20, 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 May 20, 2020**

RCC discussed options and proposed a fall clean-up event. Turek will discuss potential event with Karen Pinch.

**06 RCC-RRLPT Collaboration – Continued from May 20, 2020**

No updates

**07 Solar Farm and Proposed Model Ordinance – Continued from May 20, 2020**

No updates

**08 Richmond Green Energy Initiative – Continued from May 20, 2020**

No updates

**09 RCC Web and Blog Sites – Continued from May 20, 2020**

Pauline Streinz recommended a newspaper or web article about the Heritage Trail and Ms. Price bench donations. Turek to discuss with Karen Pinch.

**10 Town Tree and Tree Ordinance Issues – Continued from May 20, 2020**

No updates

**11 Town Recycling – continued from May 20, 2020**

No updates

**12 Town Comprehensive Plan – continued from May 20, 2020**

No updates

**New Plans and Submittals:**

None

**Other Business:**

**Next Meeting:** The next RCC virtual meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 8, at 5:30 pm.**

**Adjourn: Jim Turek motioned; seconded by Lesley Bietz to adjourn meeting at 6:32 pm. Motion passed.**

Submitted by:



Approved:



Attest: