



Town of Richmond, Rhode Island



Richmond Conservation Commission
Richmond Town Hall, Wyoming, RI 02898

Wednesday, January 9, 2019
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 7:09 pm

Roll Call

Present: Lesley Bietz, Mary Doo, David Johnson, Dinalyn Spears, Jim Turek

Approval of Minutes

David Johnson motioned, seconded by Jim Turek, to approve the December 12, 2018 meeting minutes with minor edits. **Motion passed.**

Communications

Jim Turek met with Julianna Berry regarding multiple projects and agenda items. Results indicated, below.

Commissioners received emails regarding the 2019 Land and Water Summit, scheduled for Saturday, March 9, 2019. Bietz, Doo and Johnson request attendance, and Turek will submit funding request to Finance Director.

Treasurer's Report

Current RCC Budget balance is \$3,790 after payment to Rhode Island Natural History Survey annual membership renewal at the organization level in the amount of \$100. Jim Turek will process the payment which will be charged against the membership dues line item. Treasurer Johnson will receive email copy of the payment request to be sent to the Town Finance Director.

Old Business

01 Earth Day Planning – Continued from December 12, 2018

Lesley Bietz recommended hosting the event at the transfer station, with low-level of effort, and to distribute information about recycling and RCC activities. Lesley supports the slogan – “Keep Richmond Clean – No Littering”. Keep it in line with the current theme that the Town is already using, many signs have been hung with the slogan already. Another alternative: “Join the Team – Keep Richmond Clean”. RCC to look up Plastic Markers for signage on Chain link fences. Tentative date for the Earth Day Event is April 27, 2019, between 8 am and 2 pm. RCC will continue with the Town-wide Cleanup Event. RCC discussed other ideas such as handouts when town residents visit – framed RCC postcard, free tickets to Washington County Fair – Jim Turek will contact Richard Malar regarding tickets for the August 2019 fair. Also discussed having a presence at the

Stop & Shop, Lesley Bietz will speak with the Manager about set-up at the entrance. Bietz says she secured 400 packets of vegetable and flower seeds. Jim Turek will follow up with Scott Barber on the transfer location and proposed date for DPW staff participation. We should plan for snacks and drink for the event; assume at least \$30 expenditure. Bietz will purchase.

02 Richmond Heritage Trail - Continued from December 12, 2018

Turek recently cleaned the boardwalk; no tires or other trash present and Turek reinstalled the guy-line for the sugar maple planting along the trail entrance. RCC discussed purchasing a leaf blower, and applying stone dust at the trail. Jim Turek will speak with Scott Barber regarding trail improvement needs using stone dust and overall trail maintenance issues.

03 Richmond Town Parks and Preserves - Continued from December 12, 2018

Bradner Trail – RCC discussed how the station signage was holding up. Jim Turek will visit to assess the signage conditions, and report results to Dave Johnson.

Crawley Preserve – Dave Johnson will visit the trail station signs to check on condition and any replacement needs.

Beaver River – RCC discussed the condition of the trash receptacles, and whether maintenance is occurring.

04 RCC Public Outreach Planning – Continued from December 12, 2018

RCC discussed outreach by URI Cooperative Extension – Well Water Presentation. David Johnson received an email regarding well water information. David will send the email to the RCC. RCC discussed hosting another private well presentation. Additional public outreach workshops – Mary Grande at the RIDEM Great Swamp, potential turkey presentation – Jim Turek to contact RIDEM staff and seek one or two presenters with potential dates in March 2019.

05 Solar Farm and Proposed Model Ordinance – Continued from December 12, 2018

Jim Turek asked Julianna Berry regarding update on the State's Office of Energy Resources (OER) on their draft model ordinance for solar farms. The revised draft has not yet been completed for public review.

06 Richmond Green Energy Initiative – Continued from December 12, 2018

Go Green Richmond events are scheduled for every Thursday afternoon meeting at the Clark Library for home solar energy information. This information can also be announced in the local newspaper. Jim Turek will follow up with Julianna Berry regarding any other solar farm proposals.

07 RCC Web and Blog Sites – Continued from December 12, 2018

Jim Turek will send information to Mary Doo information to post for the RIDEM presentations.

08 Town Tree and Tree Ordinance Issues – Continued from December 12, 2018

Jim Turek discussed seeking a grant to plant native and sustainable trees at the Heritage Trail. Need grant that meets our needs and funding level. This topic to be continued.

09 Town Recycling – continued from December 12, 2018

No updates

10 KG Ranch Road/Valley Lodge Stormwater – continued from December 12, 2018

According to Juliana Berry, the Town is still waiting on RIDOT for a commitment to the SWM design study.

11 Town Comprehensive Plan- continued from December 12, 2018

Still awaiting the updates. Public outreach meeting this February through Planning Board. URI student will help with the updates, and consultant (VHB) has been hired to help with the plan update.

12 Camelot Estates Fishway – continued from December 12, 2018

No updates

New Plans and Submittals:

None

Other Business:

None

Next Meeting: The next RCC meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 7 p.m.**

Adjourn: Jim Turek motioned, seconded by Mary Doo to adjourn meeting at 9:01 pm. **Motion passed.**

Submitted by:



Approved:



Attest: