



Town of Richmond, Rhode Island



Richmond Conservation Commission
Richmond Town Hall, Wyoming, RI 02898

Wednesday, July 10, 2019
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 7:20 pm

Roll Call

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

Absent: Dinalyn Spears, Pauline Streinz

Approval of Minutes

Jim Turek motioned, seconded by Lesley Bietz, to approve the June 12, 2019, meeting minutes with minor edits. **Motion passed.**

Communications

None

Treasurer's Report

Final FY19 budget is \$723.85.

Old Business

01 Richmond Heritage Trail - Continued from June 12, 2019

Pauline Streinz, with assistance from middle school student, Ethan Tarsagian planted approximately 100 swamp milkweed seedlings contributed by South Kingstown resident Bill McWha. Jim Turek also planted ~50 common milkweed roots donated by a Charlestown resident. These plantings occurred in the wildflower restoration area behind the on-site water tower and in front of the wooded area, and on the east side of the stone dust trail. RCC also discussed installing sweet fern plantings at the entrance sign off route 138. We agreed this work should occur in September, or thereafter.

02 Beaver River Watershed Assessment – continued from June 12, 2019

Jim Turek will follow up with Courtney Schmidt from SNEP to secure information on minor revisions needed for the scope of work for the grant award. Jim will also follow up with Karen Pinch and Shaun Lacey regarding next steps for the award and holding a kick-off meeting to advance the study. Jim met with John Perxinho to

thank him for his fund contribution (\$10,000) to the town, and to discuss the strategy for the project. Anticipated next steps: finalize SNEP award and meeting with project partners to plan out the study.

03 Richmond Town Parks and Preserves - Continued from June 12, 2019

Jim Turek plans to use the heavy cutter to remove invasive autumn olive at the Beaver River Preserve. Lesley Bietz pointed out that heavy autumn olive growth extends over some of the hiking trails. Turek will speak with Scott Barber about potential DPW assistance. RCC also needs to visit the Crawley Preserve to determine whether replacement of any damaged or missing station numbered plaques are needed. Tree watering bag has been purchased but has yet to be installed at Town Hall, along with the purchase of a watering hose extension. Pauline Streinz and Ethan Tarsagian installed 8 perennials in the pollinator garden; thanks Ethan for your help! Mary Doo and Pauline purchased additional plants, but still needs to install the plants.

04 RCC Public Outreach Planning – Continued from June 12, 2019

RCC discussed the June 24 open space meeting by the Planning Board, with the firm of VHB as the outreach consultant. Lesley Bietz mentioned that Sharon Gold, Citizens Climate Lobby, will be speaking on climate change at the Kingston Free Library on July 24, 6 pm. RCC may want to contact Dr. Gold about a potential fall presentation in Richmond.

05 Solar Farm and Proposed Model Ordinance – Continued from June 12, 2019

RCC will await next Planning Board meeting to address proposed Woodville Road solar farm project.

06 Richmond Green Energy Initiative – Continued from June 12, 2019

No updates

07 RCC Web and Blog Sites – Continued from June 12, 2019

Mary Doo suggested updates to “short takes” articles. Please offer ideas for brief articles.

08 Town Tree and Tree Ordinance Issues – Continued from June 12, 2019

No updates

09 Town Recycling – continued from June 12, 2019

No updates

10 KG Ranch Road/Valley Lodge Stormwater – continued from June 12, 2019

No updates

11 Town Comprehensive Plan – continued from June 12, 2019

Lesley Bietz and Pauline Streinz attended the June 24 Planning Board meeting. About 50 persons attended the meeting. Lesley indicated format and process of the meeting went very well including instant voting techniques and breakout groups. There was general audience consensus that medical facilities are supported for the commercial district in the vicinity of I-95 and Route 138. Support for open space lands was also high.

12 Camelot Estates Fishway – continued from June 12, 2019

No updates

New Plans and Submittals:

None

Other Business:

None

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

Adjourn: Jim Turek motioned, seconded by Dave Johnson to adjourn meeting at 8:47 pm. **Motion passed.**

Submitted by:



Approved:



Attest: