

JAMESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
September 10th, 2002 7:00 PM, Jamestown Library
Minutes

Present: C. Powell, C. Crafts, D. Minto, R. Tyre, T. Johnson.

I. Approval of Minutes – August 2002 meeting. Motion (R. Tyre, 2nd D. Minto) unanimously approved as read.

II. Correspondence & Bills:

1. RI Natural History – Lecture series announcement
2. Memo from Jamestown Tree Warden re: removal of dead trees on grounds of Melrose and Lawn Ave. Schools.
3. Rhode Island Assoc. of Conservation Commissioners – RIACC gubernatorial candidates questionnaire.

III. Request to address the Commission:

None scheduled

IV. CRMC & RIDEM

1. CRMC - Notice – Stephen Evangelista – AP 4, Lots 137 & 138 – Recreational boating facility. Elevated platform included to allow for sufficient light for eelgrass beds.
2. CRMC – Notice – John R. Perez – AP 2, Lot 106 – Modification to existing recreational boating facility, install boat lifting davits. No concerns expressed by JCC.

V. Old Business:

1. Recreation, Conservation & Open Space Plan – No change in status- (C. Powell).
2. Water Protection Committee update – Consideration of properties for acquisition is continuing, especially town held properties resulting from non-payment of taxes. Attempt to prioritize properties for permanent protection (C. Powell).
3. Heyday update – Watson Farm, Sept. 28th. Photo contest and CC exhibit. Tom will assist with photo drop-off on Sept. 25th. R. Tyre will provide water conservation and master gardener displays.
4. High Water Table Ordinance status – Public hearing, Monday, Sept. 9th. Concerns were expressed that the ordinance proposed is too far-reaching. The comprehensive nature of the proposal was of concern. It was suggested that the Planning Commission should reconsider and attempt to limit the proposal to address the specific and most serious water problems on the Island. The meeting was continued until the 7th of October (C. Powell).
5. Application of Osprey Creek, LLC, AP 4, Lot 39. CC memo to Zoning. Letter from JCC was sent to Zoning Board.
6. Review and comment to Zoning re: application of Peter A. DiBiase, AP 15, Lot 67, for variance to Section 308 – Setback from Freshwater Wetlands, to locate an ISDS 114’ instead of the required 150’ from a forested wetland. CC memo to Zoning. Continued until Sept. 24th.

VI. New Business:

1. Application of Patricia J. Young, AP 12, Lot 212 for variance to Section 308 – Setback from Freshwater Wetlands, to locate an ISDS 100' instead of the required 150' from a "pocket wetland".

JCC members will meet Sat. Sept. 14th at 8:00 a.m. for a site visit at both AP 15, Lot 67 and AP 12, Lot 212 to consider both variance requests.

Motion (T. Johnson, 2nd D. Minto) to adjourn, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol B. Crafts

Next Meeting: October 8th, 2002, 7:00 PM, Town Hall.