

JAMESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
February 11th, 2003 7:00 PM, Town Hall
Meeting Minutes (unofficial)*

Present: C. Powell, G. Mariorenzi, C. Crafts.

I. Approval of Minutes – January 2003 meeting. Deferred until next meeting since a quorum was lacking.

II. Correspondence & Bills:

1. RI Natural History Survey – 2003 Conference – Final call for abstracts.
2. Environment Council of RI – 4th Annual Senator John H. Chafee Conservation Awards – Call for nominations.
3. R.I. Tree Council – 11th Annual Conference, March 15th, Salve Regina University
4. Eastern R.I. Conservation District – 2001-2002 Annual Report. Tom Sandham, District Manager will come March 11th to talk about their functions.
5. International Migratory Bird Day, May 10th
6. Save the Bay Newsletter.
7. Letter from Conanicut Island Land Trust re: support of Conanicut Island Greenway project, new trail at Conanicut Island Sanctuary. CRMC will review for approval.
8. Save the Bay request for letter to CRMC from the Town supporting eelgrass restoration in Narragansett Bay.
9. Copy of Zoning Board Review's decision on DiBiase, AP 15, Lot 67, request for variance form Section 308, Setback from Freshwater Wetlands. Variance granted.
10. National Trails Day – June 7th. CC will plan an event, perhaps in conjunction with work on the new trail at the sanctuary.

III. Request to address the Commission: none scheduled

IV. CRMC

1. High Street ROW – CRMC decision in favor of ROW – CC request for ROW marking and improvements.

V. Old Business:

1. Recreation, Conservation & Open Space Plan - Chris
2. Water Protection Committee - Chris
3. Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup – Sat. April 5th. 8:30 a.m.
4. Trails Guide Grant – Signs complete; Guide still pending.
5. Section 308 and High Groundwater Table Ordinance – Passed Feb. 10, 2003.
6. Letter to TC regarding Charter changes – Points to be included: Residency should be a criterion as opposed to being an elector in addition. Town should be encouraging not discouraging service. Difficult to establish leadership or continuity if terms are limited to three. Council already has the option to not reappoint and doesn't need term limits as a means of changing commission membership.

VI. New Business:

1. Review of applicants for appointment to CC with recommendations to the Town Council.
2. CC Budget Balance for 2002-2003 – proposed expenditures.

Next Meeting: March 11th, 2003 7:00 PM, Town Hall.

* Unofficial minutes due to lack of quorum. Lack of quorum also precluded vote on January meeting minutes.