

JAMESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
February 10th, 2004, 7:00 PM, Jamestown Town Hall
Meeting Minutes

Call to order at 7:08 pm.

Present: Pat Bolger, Grace Mariorenzi, Christopher Powell, Amy Barclay de Tolly. Suzanne Vetromile arrived at 7:13 pm. Tom Johnson arrived at 7:26 pm.

Absent: Steve Ryba.

I. Approval of Minutes – December 9th Special Meeting (motion to approve by Barclay de Tolly and seconded by Bolger, approved unanimously) and January 2004 meeting (motion to approve by Bolger and seconded by Mariorenzi, approved unanimously).

II. Correspondence & Bills:

1. RI Natural History Survey – membership renewal - \$100 (deferred until March 2004 meeting).
2. RI Natural History Survey – Conference Registration - Ecological Research in RI, March 5th, also Organizational displays solicitation. Powell and Vetromile plan on attending.
3. RI Natural History Survey - Newsletter and Publication Catalogue
4. RI Tree Council 12th Annual Conference, Sat., March 13, 2004.
5. Trails Guide Grant Bill from Richard Coren - \$1300. Bill received for Trails Guide GIS mapping since job has been completed. Motion made to pay bill by Bolger and seconded by Mariorenzi, approved unanimously.

III. Request to address the Commission: none scheduled

IV. CRMC & RIDEM

1. CRMC – Residential Assent – Isenberg Family Ltd. Partnership – raze dwelling and replace, AP 2, Lot 29, 5 Court Street.
 2. CRMC – Residential Assent – Mark Lancaster – remove dwelling and construct new, AP 4, Lot 49, 388 East Shore Road.
 3. CRMC – Assent – Thomas R. & Linda Pearson – residential boating facility, AP 14, Lot 18, 15 Seaside Drive.
 4. CRMC – Certificate of Maintenance – Joan Engel/David Guiney – Replace ISDS, AP 7, Lot 69, 32 East Shore Road.
 5. CRMC – Certificate of Maintenance – Duncan Laurie – Alteration of ISDS, AP 10, Lot 124, 2 Ft. Wetherill Rd.
 6. CRMC – FONSI – Joseph and Nancy Logan – Construct deck, AP 5, Lot 12, 149 Seaside Dr.
 7. RIDEM – Insignificant Alteration – Permit – Bartholomew Catanzaro- to construct dwelling, ISDS, well & garage, AP 5, Lot 164, Riptide St.
- All assents and findings of no significant impacts from CRMC & RIDEM.

V. Old Business:

1. Recreation, Conservation & Open Space Plan – Lisa Bryer has agreed to upgrade the statistics in the Plan.

2. Water Protection Committee: Additional lots are being brought forth as possible gifts to the Town by owners.
3. Highway Barn/Public Works Facility – CC letter to Council re: State Endangered Plant at Taylor Pt. and Green Building information from Steve Ryba/EPA. Forwarded a letter to the Council pertaining to the endangered species along with excerpts from the Plan noting the vegetations endangerment. The commission will be forwarding documentation, brochures and information about “green” building and its advantages, both financially (through grant applications) and environmentally.
4. Jamestown Harbor Management Comprehensive Ordinance. The Plan has been passed. The Council modified the existing ordinance that changes the representatives on the Harbor Management Commission requesting a Conservation Commission liaison. On the February 25th Special Meeting, the HMC Public Hearing will take input on the Ordinance.
5. Comprehensive Community Plan – Implementation Action Plan: Barclay de Tolly will speak to Mary Hutchinson and Lisa Bryer concerning a possible joint venture to GIS plat and lots with overlays of wetlands, already protected areas, water courses, and soils.
6. CC. Budget. No action.

VI. New Business:

1. Earth Day Shoreline Cleanup: Saturday, April 17th, 2004. Johnson is applying for a grant to defray the associated costs. Looking for public relations ideas to increase participation in the clean up.
2. National Trails Day, June 5th, CC event. Ideas to promote the day possibly include: dedicating the Trail and introducing the Trail Guide with walks throughout the Sanctuary. Marionenzi contacted the American Hiking Society who indicated that there is a great deal of handouts, fact sheets, and materials. The AHS is hoping the Commission will register the Trail with the AHS.
3. CC appointment to Ft. Getty Master Plan Committee. The Town Clerk has requested a liaison from the Conservation Commission. Barclay de Tolly motioned to appoint Bolger as liaison and seconded by Johnson. Approved unanimously.
4. North Rd. Cleanup – Schedule has been set for Saturday, March 20th 2004 at 8:00 a.m. at the Water Treatment Plant.
5. Eelgrass issue – Powell is forwarding Bolger with eelgrass bed map overlays to possibly include in the Harbor Management Ordinance. Powell will be putting forth a draft letter to the NMFC acknowledging its eelgrass resource and destructive shelling fishing methods that destroy this resource.
6. Bolger noted from the Penguin Plunge that there was dune destruction and suggested snow fencing the areas prior to the Plunge Permit. Powell said that the areas could be snow fenced by the Conservation Commission, perhaps in conjunction with the Recreation Department.
7. Seven public access points/rights-of-ways for Jamestown have been dropped from the State maps. This issue will be included for next meeting in March 2004.
8. The Manning Subdivision plans for initial comment was submitted. Additional information is required prior to any comments from the Commission. The plans will be considered again at the March 2004 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Next Meeting: March 9th, 2004, 7:00 PM, Town Hall.