

JAMESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
September 13, 2005, 7:00 PM
Jamestown Police Station, Conference Room
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Began: 7:02pm

Present: C. Trocki, C. Powell, D. Minto, P. Bolger, T. Johnson,

Absent: J. Talancy, S. Ryba

Others present: Sam Bari (Press)

I. Approval of Minutes - August meeting.

Motion to Approve : P. Bolger

2nd by C. Trocki

Amendments: #6 – Should be *Sanctuary Trail*

#8 - % should be \$

II. Correspondence & Bills:

1. R I Tree Council newsletter
2. Grow Smart RI Workshop announcement – Housing Trust Funds & Community Housing Land Trusts.
3. Comprehensive Environmental Inc. - Stormwater Workshop announcement
4. R I Natural History Survey Annual Meeting & Lecture Series announcement (Sept. 15, 5:30PM)
5. RICRMC Coastal Features Newsletter
6. Greg Clark – Invoice for trimming of Kit Wright Nature Trail - \$125

Motion to Accept: C. Trocki

Second: P. Bolger

7. Town Notice of Water Ban Update

III. Request to Address the Commission – John Somyk presented his proposal for a Wetland Setback Variance, AP 16, Lot 232.

Request for Section 308 Variance to locate ISDS 125'

from a freshwater wetland instead of the required 150'. Lot is downhill from wetland. Discussion resulted in agreeable recommendation for Easement on coastal managed area and/or conservation easement on buffer area. Motion to approve C. Trocki

Second: C. Powell

IV. CRMC & RIDEM:

1. RIDEM Freshwater Wetlands Program – David Thurston, AP 16, Lot 12 – Denial of wetland alteration request.
Reviewed original variance request from 2004. No action.

V. Old Business:

1. Trails Guide – status – Chris **Maps are done; waiting for delivery**
2. Conanicut Island Raptor Project – update – Chris
Meeting held 9/11; Website was down but is back up; Cam likely out until spring; migration movement being tracked.
3. Harbor Mgt. Plan – status – Tom

Expected possible response from CRMC on Harbor plan in October. No new business.

4. RC & OS Plan – status – Danielle

Working on compiling Easement Acreage for the Island

5. Trails maintenance – Pat **Finished Sanctuary improvements; Now working on Signage.**

6. Deer Management – Letter from CC to Town Council – Discussion of Abstracts

Commission agreed to send Town Council previous correspondence. Public Workshop on Deer scheduled for Thursday Sept. 15th.

7. Town Council request for CC designee to Wildlife Committee

Commissioner Steve Ryba previously nominated

8. Memo to Town Clerk re: CC designee to Wildlife Committee

Commissioner Steve Ryba previously nominated

9. CC Field trip to properties – discussion & recommendations. **Next CC meeting should focus on reviewing points from the Conservation Area visits and addressing specific points from that exercise.**

10. Other

No Other Old Business

VI. New Business:

1. John Somyk – Section 308 Variance to locate ISDS 125' from a freshwater wetland instead of the required 150'. **Moved up to III – Request to Address**
2. Memo from Town Clerk re: Open Meeting Act changes
Question was raised regarding whether minutes need to be filed with state.
3. Other
 - **Cleanup of North Road scheduled Oct 15 8AM (subsequently rescheduled to Oct. 22nd).**
 - **Thank You received from the Litter Corp for Commission support.**

Motion to Adjourn: T. Johnson

Second: P. Bolger

Meeting Adjourned: 8:54pm

Minutes taken by Tom Johnson

Next Meeting: October 11th, 2005, 7 PM, Ft. Wetherill Marine Laboratory

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