



JAMESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, June 14, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

In attendance: J. Antonello, B. Lundy, S. Shim Gorelick, A. Kuhn-Hines, Leo Orsi, G. Souza
Absent: R. Shein

I. Roll Call and Call to Order: 6:45 pm

II. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes: May 10, 2022, **Motion to approve Meeting minutes 1st Joyce Antonello, 2nd Susan Shim Gorelick all in favor - motion passed.** Review of May 16, 2022, Special meeting minutes, after discussion and suggestions to clarify some statements in the minutes for the Special meeting **Motion to approve Meeting minutes 1st George Souza, 2nd Joyce Antonello, all in favor - motion passed.**

III. OPEN FORUM:

Eagle Scout Candidate, Kyle Pierce, presentation on restoring the viewing platform at Conanicut Island Sanctuary Trail. Kyle gave a very detailed and comprehensive overview and description of his Eagle Scout project to replace a marsh viewing platform that had been built in the 1980s. Kyle described the three major parts of the project: the platform itself; the ramp and the guard rails. Kyle provided a very detailed and complete list of materials (composite decking, stainless steel screws, etc.) and tools (power saw, drills, safety goggles, carts and wagons). Kyle will provide pictures to the JCC when the project is completed.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE AND BILLS

V. CRMC, RIDEM AND TOWN OF JAMESTOWN ORDINANCE REVIEW

Nothing to report

VI. Old Business & Committee Reports:

- A) Rights of Way/Parks/Greenways & Public Access: Land Protection and Stewardship: Barbara Lundy continued monitoring and overseeing the Trail Map distribution boxes- verifying their locations and replenishing the boxes. Leo will continue to take care of the Beavertail Trail Map box. Barbara reported that there have been no new updates on the discussions she has had with local Jamestown professional graphic designers with GIS skills (Mary Hutchinson and Darcy Magratten) about updating, designing, and producing a revised Conanicut Island Trails Guide (adding in new trails: Godena Farm, Parker Farm, etc.). Barbara mentioned that the designers would like to develop/design digital maps for an online presence as well as the revised paper maps. Barbara will continue communicating with these graphic designers to explore options and update the JCC as details develop.
- B) Susan Shim Gorelick update the JCC on the “Rhody Grows Hope” innovative “upcycling” program initiated by the Coalition Center for Environmental Sustainability: <https://www.cc4es.org/rhody-grows-hope/>. Susan is still trying to source old sail material to create drop off containers made from old sail material. Susan mentioned that the Blackstone River Valley was celebrating the 50-year

anniversary of the ZAP (Zero Away Pollution) program-lots of events planned <https://www.zaptheblackstone.com/timeline/> The JCC continued discussing the coordination of future initiatives and community-wide collaborative coordination for environmental education with other JTN groups: e.g., Sustainable Jamestown, JAC, Conanicut Island Sailing Foundation, Taylor Point Restoration Association, JTN Friends of ROWs, etc. (Susan Shim Gorelick, JCC) <https://www.cc4es.org/>. The JCC will plan to coordinate a meeting with town council members and the other environmental groups working across Jamestown to discuss setting up a website supported by the Town. Education outreach initiatives could include water conservation, eco-friendly yard care, feeding wildlife, invasive plant control, dog waste/watershed protection; stormwater protection; coastal resiliency; community composting, etc.

- C) Harbor Management Commission- Leo Orsi reported that there were no new updates.
- D) Tree Committee-Barbara Lundy will continue discussing and coordinating with the Tree committee about the Town Tree trail map that is being developed-to see if the Tree trail will be added to the revised JCC Island Trail Guide.
- E) Taylor Point Restoration Association (G. Souza). The TPRA have continued their every other Saturday clean up events (weather dependent) and are busy removing and reducing invasive species (greenbrier) near the black cherry woodlands at Taylor Point.
- F) Gould Island Restoration- Leo Orsi reported there were no new updates since the last update on the Army Corp of Engineers (ACOE) restoration on Gould Island- extensive restoration work has been done over the fall/winter/spring-the Army Corp has completed removal of some hazards on Gould Island: Torpedo building, fire station, degaussing station, underground tanks, southern pier facility. The ACOE has collected soil samples around the island and will analyze the data, and plan for a Feasibility Study to conduct additional activities in Fall 2023. The feasibility study will produce options for further activities during 2024.
- G) Jamestown Affordable Housing Committee- JCC Liaison-Susan Shim Gorelick will be in touch with Bob Plain of the JAHC.

A) NEW BUSINESS

- A) The next JCC meeting will be Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at 6:30 pm.

B) ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn – 7:35 PM –Motion to adjourn George Souza 1st, Barbara Lundy 2nd, all in favor-motion passed

Respectfully submitted by Anne Kuhn-Hines