



JAMESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Meeting held on Zoom: Meeting ID: 857 2918 0967

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

I. Roll Call and Call to Order: 6:35 pm

II. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes: February 8, 2022, **Motion to approve Meeting minutes 1st Susan Shim Gorelick, 2nd Barbara Lundy all in favor - motion passed.**

III. OPEN FORUM:

- A) Scheduled request to address: None scheduled
- B) Non-scheduled request to address: None.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE AND BILLS

- A) Conanicut Island Sanctuary Trail-invoice for new chainsaw and folding saw \$299.58 **Motion to approve reimbursement to JCC Trail Steward, Chris Powell: 1st George Souza, 2nd Barbara Lundy all in favor- motion passed**
- B) Correspondence: JCC draft Memo to Town Council supporting the JTN Friends of ROWs MOU with CRMC. JCC reviewed and approved JCC Memo to Town Council.

V. CRMC, RIDEM AND TOWN OF JAMESTOWN ORDINANCE REVIEW

- A) Revised Freshwater Wetlands Rules have been finalized and will go into effect on July 1, 2022: <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/water/permits/pn-wetland.php>
- B) CRMC: Updated report 2/9/22 on CRMC Rights of Ways (ROWs) across Rhode Island (14 CRMC ROWs on Jamestown) <http://www.crmc.ri.gov/publicaccess.html>
March 2022 calendar: http://www.crmc.ri.gov/calendars/2022_03.html

VI. Old Business & Committee Reports:

- A) Rights of Way/Parks/Greenways & Public Access: Land Protection and Stewardship: No new official updates to report on the 91 Carr Lane Mixed -Income Development project proposal since the July 7, 2021, JTN Planning Commission Meeting regarding the 91 Carr Lane project proposal (when the Church Community Housing Corporation requested more time to revise the proposal). The JCC discussed Mackerel Cove dune restoration plans-replanting dune plants this Spring (April-June) and this Fall 2022- Rob Shein reported on his research on sources, prices and availability of various dune plants. The JCC decided that for the April planting on Earth Day weekend (April 23, 2022) we would focus on planting American beachgrass which is available at Sylvan's Nursery (Westport, MA) and Cape Cod Organics (Barnstable, MA). Update on JCC discussion with the Town re: dune fencing replacement options at Mackerel Cove-the

Town is going to go ahead with replacing the snow fencing with new snow fencing and will consider split-rail fencing in the future. The JCC will be coordinating with the Recreation Department on the logistics and timing for the dune restoration. The JCC will coordinate the dune restoration with volunteer groups (e.g., Conanicut Island Sailing Foundation, Teen Center, Girl Scouts, etc.). The planting will be on the same day as Earth Day cleanup (April 23, 2022). The JCC will advertise in the JTN Press and on the Clean Ocean Access and Save the Bay event calendars. Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote.

- B) Barbara Lundy reported on the various contacts and 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.). JTN resident, Mark Baker, still had the original files and provided them to Barbara. The JCC discussed that it would be good to have professional graphic designer help on updating, designing, and producing the revised Trail Maps. Barbara will continue communicating with these graphic designers to explore options and update the JCC as details develop.
- C) 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 reported that the Baptist Church, the JTN Library, the JAC and McQuades were willing to have drop off bins located at their places to encourage local support and to implement the Rhody Grows Hope container gardening project that inspires and supports growing food for food security, sovereignty, and justice. Susan will continue exploring other convenient drop off locations (CISF, Community Farm, etc.) so that islanders can contribute to the project by upcycling food containers to be used for growing vegetables, etc. 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 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.
- D) Harbor Management Commission-George Souza and Leo Orsi provided an update on the HMC which is overseeing various eelgrass issues related to residential pier expansion applications. Leo and George also reported how the HMC is discussing updates to their Harbor Management Plan which is due in 2023 (CRMC/state mandates that management Plans be updated every 5 years).
- E) Tree Committee (G. Souza). George Souza and Barbara Lundy reported that the Tree Committee is planning to restore/clean up the Town Tree Nursery/Inventory located on a plot next to the Jamestown Community Farm. Barbara Lundy will discuss and coordinate 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.
- F) 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.

A) NEW BUSINESS

- A) The JCC discussed planning details for the JCC Earth Day cleanup which will be on Saturday April 23, 2022. The JCC will place ads and press releases in the JTN Press, produce flyers to post around town, and advertise the event on local event calendars (Clean Ocean Access, Save the Bay, Town Calendar, etc.). The JCC will also host and coordinate the dune restoration-dune planting at Mackerel Cove on the same day.
- B) The next JCC meeting will be Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 6:30 pm.

B) ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn – 8:36 PM –Motion to adjourn Leo Orsi 1st, Joyce Antonello 2nd, all in favor-motion passed

Respectfully submitted by Anne Kuhn-Hines