



JAMESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

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

I. **Roll Call and Call to Order: 6:54 pm**

II. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes: April 12, 2022, **Motion to approve Meeting minutes 1st Barbara Lundy, 2nd Susan Shim Gorelick all in favor - motion passed.** Review of April 19, 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 Antoniello, all in favor - motion passed.**

III. **OPEN FORUM:**

Nothing to report

IV. **CORRESPONDENCE AND BILLS**

- A) Cape Cod Organics Invoice for \$936 for 8,000 dune grass culms (American beachgrass) for Mackerel Cove dune restoration. Motion to approve payment 1st Barbara Lundy, 2nd Leo Orsi **all in favor - motion passed.**
- B) Earth Day cleanup leaf bags reimbursement to Joyce Antoniello for \$164.50 Motion to approve payment 1st Barbara Lundy, 2nd Susan Shim Gorelick **all in favor - motion passed.**
- C) Dune grass plant pickup at Cape Cod Organics in Barnstable, MA, reimbursement for gas to Anne Kuhn-Hines \$37.67 (162 miles round trip). Motion to approve payment 1st Barbara Lundy, 2nd Leo Orsi **all in favor - motion passed.**

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:
The JCC members discussed draft review comments requested by the JTN Consultant Planner (Ashley Sweet) concerning the 91 Carr Lane project. George Souza noted that the JTN Comprehensive plan explicitly calls for the protection of the sole source drinking water supply watershed, by limiting development in RR-200 zones within the watershed. George noted how the Carr Lane proposal conflicts with the goals of protecting the drinking water supply detailed in the Comprehensive Plan. Susan Shim Gorelick noted the concerns about cumulative impacts especially in the water supply watershed. The JCC members voiced that they wanted the JCC review comments submitted to the Planning Commission to clearly recommend against approval-and to recommend the Affordable Housing committee and the town seek to locate affordable

housing within the village, where public transportation is available and other amenities-as suggested in the Comprehensive Plan. The JCC reviewed how the 2022 Earth Day Cleanup went and how to improve on the event in the future. Joyce Antoniello reported that Island Rubbish said it was 0.2 tons of trash- which is lower than the usual Earth Day collection. The JCC noted that participation was low this year- not many volunteers picked up the free leaf bags (lots left over)-Joyce suggested reaching out to the schools to see if there are any community service ideas- to encourage students to get more involved in the planning and implementing of projects for Earth Day. Barbara Lundy noted that Earth Day events in general are not as well attended and suggested that the JCC think about hosting a town-wide Environmental Fair with other environmental groups working across the island (Taylor Point, CISF, Tree Committee, etc.) and suggested holding it in June- instead of Earth Day weekend- since the schools are usually on Spring break during Earth Day week. The JCC will explore these ideas and maybe plan something different for next year.

- A) Barbara Lundy volunteered to oversee the Trail Map distribution boxes-verifying their locations and replenishing the boxes. Leo will 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 reported that the Baptist Church, the JTN Library, the JAC, McQuades and CISF 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 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 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-George Souza and Leo Orsi provided an update on how the HMC is discussing updates (adding/reducing moorings at different locations) to their Harbor Management Plan which is due in 2023 (CRMC/state mandates that management Plans be updated every 5 years). The HMC approved the transfer of 150 moorings from Conanicut Marina to TPG-the new owners of the marina.
- D) Tree Committee (G. Souza). George Souza and Barbara Lundy reported that the Tree Committee is planning for Arbor Day and continuing to restore/clean up the Town Tree

Nursery/Inventory located on a plot next to the Jamestown Community Farm. 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.

A) NEW BUSINESS

- A) The next JCC meeting will be Monday, May 16, 2022, Special Meeting with Church Community Housing Corporation at 5:30 pm.

B) ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn – 8:34 PM –Motion to adjourn George Souza 1st, Barbara Lundy 2nd, all in favor-motion passed

Respectfully submitted by Anne Kuhn-Hines