



JAMESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

Meeting Minutes

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

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

II. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes: September 13, 2022, **Motion to approve Meeting minutes 1st George Souza, 2nd Joyce Antonello, all in favor - motion passed.**

III. OPEN FORUM:

- A) Scheduled Requests to Address: None
- B) Non-scheduled Requests to Address: None

IV. CORRESPONDENCE AND BILLS

None

V. CRMC, RIDEM AND TOWN OF JAMESTOWN ORDINANCE REVIEW

November 2022 CRMC Calendar

http://www.crmc.ri.gov/calendars/2022_11.html

VI. Old Business & Committee Reports:

A) Rights of Way/Parks/Greenways & Public Access: No updates on Trail Grant applications for upgrading and adapting the Kit Wright trail, as there has been no new announcements from RI DEM or other granting sources with funding available. The JCC will keep searching for trail grant funding opportunities. No update on Hull Cove Trail construction-town planning to do the construction. Hull Street ROW: the town has completed the planting, added loam, and installed large boulders to block vehicles (according to the CRMC restoration plan). The town will be installing fencing and posting CRMC ROW signs. The town will be billing the abutters who were in violation-encroaching on the ROW. Spindrift ROW: the town has obtained a CRMC permit to clear the trail and overgrown brush, adding woodchips and installing a fence post and signage. The abutter has removed the pergola structure that was encroaching onto the ROW.

B) Land Protection and Stewardship: Barbara Lundy continued monitoring and overseeing the Trail Map distribution boxes- and depositing trail map sale money to Town Hall. Leo Orsi continues to take care of the Beavertail Trail Map box. Barbara reported that work is progressing with local Jamestown professional graphic designers with GIS skills on updating, designing, and producing a revised Conanicut Island Trails Guide (adding in new trails: Godena Farm, Parker Farm, etc.). Barbara reported that Jim Turenne and his son Ben Turenne have provided tremendous support to the JCC, by using GPS to accurately geolocate all of the trails-this precise geographic information will be integrated into the GIS for the Trail Map redesign. Barbara also mentioned that the designers would eventually 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.

C) **Public Education:** Earth Day 2023- revisioning Earth Day: The JCC discussed the idea of hosting an “Earth Day Fair” on Saturday, April 22, 2023, from 10 AM – 2 PM at the Recreation Center in Jamestown. This fair would be set up with separate tables or booths for each organization (Sustainable Jamestown, Land Trust, Taylor Point, CISF, Tree Committee, Bike Path Committee, JTN Science Teachers, JAC, Clean Ocean Access, Save the Bay, Farm Fresh RI, Black Earth Composting, etc.) to display information about their organization and how it is helping the environment (focusing mainly on Jamestown). The JCC will start contacting the other environmental groups across JTN-with a letter inviting their respective organizations, to get an idea of interest in participating.

D) The JCC also 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, <https://www.cc4es.org/> etc. The JCC will 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.

E) Harbor Management Commission- no new updates.

F) Tree Committee- the Tree committee held a very successful guided walking tour with their new Town Tree trail maps (available for sale at Windmist Farm) Barbara Lundy will see if the Tree trail will be added to the revised JCC Island Trail Guide.

G) Taylor Point Restoration Association 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.

H) Gould Island Restoration- 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.

I) Jamestown Affordable Housing Committee- no new updates

J) Jamestown Bike Path Committee-they will be researching how bike safety will be incorporated to the North Road upgrades planned by the state DOT- no other new updates.

A) NEW BUSINESS

A) The next JCC meeting will be Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at 6:30 pm.

B) ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn – **8:00 PM** –**Motion to adjourn Leo Orsi 1st, Susan Shim Gorelick 2nd, all in favor-motion passed**

Respectfully submitted by Anne Kuhn-Hines