



JAMESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

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

I. Roll Call and Call to Order: 7:15 pm

II. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes: November 8, 2022, **Motion to approve Meeting minutes 1st Barbara Lundy, 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

- A) Trail Map GIS mapping invoice-No invoice submitted yet
- B) Invoice for field clearing-maintenance at Conanicut Island Sanctuary Trail, did not have actual invoice so table until next month (January 10, 2023, meeting). Trail Steward for the Conanicut Island Sanctuary Trail, Chris Powell, will discuss setting up a standard price for maintenance clearing.

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 (possibly the Recreation Department working with the Public Works department) to do the construction, hopefully starting soon. 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 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 the trails-this precise geographic information will be

integrated into the GIS for the Trail Map redesign. Barbara will continue communicating with these graphic designers to develop final drafts for JCC review 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, JTN Bee Pollinator group, JTN Bike Path Committee, JTN Science Teachers, JAC, Clean Ocean Access, Save the Bay, RI Audubon, Teen Litter Team, Farm Fresh RI, Black Earth Composting, etc.) to display information about their organization and how it is helping the environment (focusing mainly on Jamestown). Barbara Lundy reported that she has been getting some positive responses for groups interested in participating.

D) **Cross-Jamestown Collaboration:** 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, <https://www.cc4es.org/> etc. The JCC will coordinate a meeting with town council members and the other environmental groups working across Jamestown as soon as possible 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 new Tree committee trail maps are 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) **Gould Island Restoration-** no new updates

I) **Jamestown Affordable Housing Committee-** no new updates-need to have Susan Shim Gorelick as the JCC liaison notified of any upcoming meetings

J) **Jamestown Bike Path Committee-**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) Retirement of George Souza from the JCC after 10 years of exceptional, dedicated, and passionate service to the JCC. Sincerest Gratitude for all of George’s years of service!! Congratulations-Onwards and Upwards to George!! George will be sorely missed!!
- B) The next JCC meeting will be Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 6:30 pm.

B) ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn –7:50 PM –**Motion to adjourn Barbara Lundy 1st, Susan Shim Gorelick 2nd, all in favor-motion passed**

Respectfully submitted by Anne Kuhn-Hines