



JAMESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

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

I. Roll Call and Call to Order: 7:05 pm

II. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes: February 21, 2023, **Motion to approve Meeting minutes 1st Leo Orsi, 2nd Susan Shim-Gorelick, 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) Discussed printing options and costs for Earth Day Fair banner/posters; JTN Press ads to advertise Earth Day Fair.

V. CRMC, RIDEM AND TOWN OF JAMESTOWN ORDINANCE REVIEW

Reviewed March 2023 CRMC Calendar for any JCC relevant issues
http://www.crmc.ri.gov/calendars/2023_03.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. No updates on the Town's plans for rebuilding/restoring Mackerel Cove dunes after recent December 2022 storm. The JCC discussed a list of JCC ongoing projects/issues to discuss with the new Town Administrator (Ed Mello) and the Town new building inspector (Peter Medeiros).
- 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 will continue communicating with these graphic designers to develop final drafts for JCC review and update the JCC as details develop. Bob Laman has volunteered to help out with keeping track of and replenishing the Trail Map boxes once the JCC has printed the new Trail Maps. We will need to make more Trail Map boxes to distribute across town and discuss new trail map price (possibly \$2). Barbara Lundy will explore printing costs with a couple of printing companies-and the JCC will then discuss how many to order and financing from the Town for printing costs.

C) **Public Education:** Earth Day 2023- revisioning Earth Day: Barbara Lundy led discussion about the details for hosting JCC’s “Earth Day Fair” on Saturday, April 22, 2023, from 10 AM – 2 PM at the Recreation Center in Jamestown. This fair will be set up with separate tables or booths for each organization (Sustainable Jamestown, Land Trust, Taylor Point, CISF, Coalition Center for Environmental Sustainability (c4es), 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 many positive responses for groups interested in participating.

D) **Cross-Jamestown Collaboration:** No new updates on any progress coordinating 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 use the Environmental Earth Day fair to connect and discuss community-wide collaboration with the other JTN environmental groups and then try to 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-** Bob Laman reported back on the hours long HMC meeting that was well attended by the public concerning the Conanicut Marina Ferry dockage issue with the Town. The Town and Conanicut Marina agreed to enter into mediation to work on resolving the conflicts.

F) **Tree Committee-** Barbara Lundy reports that the Tree Committee is very active planning for their participation for the Earth Day Environmental Fair, and replanting/replenishing the JTN Tree nursery at the Community farm. The tree committee has been dealing with some tree issues concerning the Historical Society Museum and other tree issues at the Spindrift ROW-which should be under CRMC jurisdiction.

G) **Gould Island Restoration-** no new updates

I) **Jamestown Affordable Housing Committee-** no new updates-

J) **Jamestown Bike Path Committee-**will be researching how bike safety and Bike Path 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, April 11, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

B) Bob Laman mentioned that there is a brother and sister Eagle Scout/Environmental senior project in the planning stages for developing Interpretative Educational materials about the habitat at the Conanicut Island Sanctuary Trail.

C) ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn –8:10 PM –Motion to adjourn Leo Orsi 1st, Barbara Lundy 2nd, all in favor-
motion passed

Respectfully submitted by Anne Kuhn-Hines