JAMESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION Tuesday, January 9, 2024, 6:30 PM



Jamestown Town Hall Small Conference Room 93 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown, RI

MEETING AGENDA

I. ROLL CALL and CALL TO ORDER

Warm Welcome to Jeff Boal to the Conservation Commission!! Welcome Aboard!!

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Review December 12, 2023, Regular Meetings Minutes, Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

III. OPEN FORUM

- A) Scheduled request to address: none scheduled
- B) Non-scheduled request to address

IV. CORRESPONDENCE AND BILLS

A) Invoice for \$685 from M.P. Dutton for annual mowing of the meadow at Conanicut Island Sanctuary Trail. Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

V. CRMC, RIDEM AND TOWN OF JAMESTOWN ORDINANCE REVIEW

- A) January 2024 CRMC calendar: http://www.crmc.ri.gov/calendars/2024_01.html
- B) CRMC Aquaculture application (2023-10-067) to grow Sugar Kelp off Dutch Island from November 1st-May 1st annually; Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote.

VI. OLD BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

 A) Rights of Way/Parks/Greenways/Trails/Open Space & Public Access: Land Protection and Stewardship: Any updates on ROWs surveys/findings/maps/report produced by JCC (Bob Laman), Harbor Management Commission (HMC) and JTN Friends of ROWs & Roads. Review and discuss feedback from Town Council and HMC regarding JCC's proposal to take on "Ownership/Stewardship/Responsibility" with oversight of JTN ROWs, ROW surveys, and the update to the 2013 ROW report (Bob

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- B) Review and discuss the Jamestown proposed Zoning Ordinance discussion relative to Communication Towers and Open Space (see Table 6-1 page 49), <u>https://www.jamestownri.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/81185/63839441</u> <u>7420200000</u>. Proposed ordinance notes that Communication Towers could be allowed at Open Space-1 and Open Space-2 locations classified as "S" = Permitted by Special Use Permit. Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote.
- C) Continue discussing any updates and planning for long-term plans for planting American beach grass (*Ammophila breviligulata*) and other dune plant species at the JTN Community Farm for sustainable annual dune replenishment at Mackerel Cove and other sites across the island. Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote.
- D) Update on distribution of the new Conanicut Island Trail Guides, location of distribution boxes, collection of proceeds, etc. (B. Lundy) Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote.
- E) Public education: Update/discuss feedback on the initiative to develop a Townwide outreach education platform/forum for sustainability in Jamestown and provide any related updates (S. Shim-Gorelick and JCC members) Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote.
- F) Harbor Management Commission update (Bob Laman)
- G) Tree Committee update (B. Lundy)
- H) Gould Island Restoration Advisory Committee- update (Leo Orsi)
- I) Jamestown Affordable Housing Committee-update (S. Shim-Gorelick)
- J) Jamestown Bike Path Committee (J. Antoniello)

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A) Next scheduled meeting, February 13, 2024.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-6(c) Notice of this meeting shall be posted on the Secretary of State's website, Town Hall, and Jamestown Police Station; notice also may be posted at the Jamestown Philomenian Library and on the Internet at <u>www.jamestownri.gov</u>.

Posted on the RI Secretary of State website January 5, 2024

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