JAMESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 6:30 PM



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

MEETING AGENDA

I. ROLL CALL and CALL TO ORDER

Welcome and Introduction of Richard Smith Jr. ("Rip") to the Conservation Commission!

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A) Review Regular Meetings Minutes from January 14, 2025, meeting. Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote.
- B) Review Regular Meetings Minutes from February 11, 2025, meeting. Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote.

III. OPEN FORUM

- A) Scheduled requests to address
- B) Non-scheduled request to address

IV. CORRESPONDENCE AND BILLS

• Application to adopt the Capstan Street ROW (CMRC G-12) received from Patrick Rasicot. Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote.

V. CRMC, RIDEM AND TOWN OF JAMESTOWN ORDINANCE REVIEW

A) March 2025 CRMC calendar: http://www.crmc.ri.gov/calendars/2025 04.html

VI. OLD BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A) Rights of Way/Parks/Greenways/Trails/Open Space & Public Access: Land Protection and Stewardship:
 - Update on the RI DEM Ocean State Climate Adaptation and Resilience Fund (OSCAR) grant that the JCC and Town Recreation Department jointly applied for in 2024 to enhance coastal resiliency at the Mackerel Cove beach, to mitigate the impacts of sea level rise and extreme weather events on coastal habitats and infrastructure (Anne Kuhn-Hines).
 - Discussion about the Fuso Truck Grant Request (Jeffery Boal). Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote
 - Update on the revision to the Adopt-A-ROW program (Bob Laman). Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote.
 - Earth Day Discussion: Earth Day is April 22nd. Do we want to sponsor a Town wide Cleanup, as we did in the past, on the Saturday Before (April 19th) or

Saturday after (April 26). Note that JTN school vacation is April 14th-18th. We could get a small dumpster donated by Island Rubbish and take out ½ page add in JTN press for approximately \$300. Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

- Gould Island Discussion
 - Discussion of meeting with Jeff Hall from the Audubon Society of Rhode Island.
 - O Discussion on passed motion from our February 11th meeting to draft a letter to the Town Council asking them to consider establishing an environmental study group to examine and evaluate the potential impacts on wildlife (especially migratory birds) related to RI DEM's plans to expand recreational use on Gould Island.
 - Assignment of Conservation Commission member responsible for drafting letter to the Town Council.
- Case Summary report from RIDEM on the impacts, degradation, eutrophication, and invasive vegetation occurring at Hammond Pond (Joyce Antoniello)
 - Assignment of Conservation Commission member responsible for drafting letter to have the town conduct a site survey to delineate the town property boundaries.

B) Public education:

- Discussion about the Public Forum held on Feb 20th on Mackerel Cove Resiliency plans: Town Planning, JCC, Recreation Department, URI Coastal Engineering and URI Landscape Architecture Capstone Classes (Anne Kuhn-Hines).
- Town-wide outreach education forum for sustainability ((S. Shim Gorelick).
- C) Discussion about the Public Forum held on Feb 20th on Mackerel Cove Resiliency plans: Town Planning, JCC, Recreation Department, URI Coastal Engineering and URI Landscape Architecture Capstone Classes (Anne Kuhn-Hines).
- D) Conservation Commissions mission/role in providing input into the discussion about Ft Getty Park future (Jeffery Boal).
- E) Harbor Management Commission update (Bob Laman).
- F) Tree Committee update (B. Lundy).
- G) Gould Island Restoration Advisory Board update (Bob Laman).
- H) Jamestown Affordable Housing Committee -update (S. Shim Gorelick).
- I) Jamestown Bike Path Committee (J. Antoniello).

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A) Next scheduled meeting, May 13, 2025.

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 www.jamestownri.gov.

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