

# East Providence Conservation Commission

September 18, 2012  
Boyden Heights Conservation Area, East Providence  
7:30 PM

## Meeting Minutes

**Members present:** Lorraine Nik (Chair), John Rose (Vice Chair), Wayne Barnes, John Burridge, Marie Esten, Keith Gonsalves, and James Boyd (Secretary)

**Member Absent:** None

**Public present:** None

**Call to Order** - Chair L. Nik called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

**Review of Minutes** - The Commission voted to approve the meeting minutes of July 17, 2012 on a motion to accept by J. Burridge and seconded by J. Rose.

**Public Comment** - None

## **Planning Department Update**

Ten Mile River Fish Ladder update - K. Gonsalves provided members with an email from the Army Corps of Engineers on fish ladder progress for the Turner Reservoir, Hunt's Mill and Omega Pond. Commission members discussed site cleanup and project completion at Turner Reservoir and it appears that that project will be completed soon.

City Department Offices - W. Barnes reported that the Planning Department was moving due to consolidation of City Departments. The consolidation is designed to save the City operating costs, but it remains to be seen whether the effort will impact department operations.

## **Correspondence**

- CRMC public notice dated July 17 regarding proposed East Providence Fire Department boat facility at Tockwotton House (Seekonk River)
- RI Tree Council 2012 Fall Tree Steward Course notice
- RIDEM Wetland BMP manual
- RIDEM Trail Grant announcement

## **Old Business**

Boyden Heights Conservation Area - Boardwalk stairway. The Commission determined that it would postpone stairway work and bike path trailhead improvements until Spring 2013. It appears that the slope vegetation along the recently installed sewer line is very robust and does not show any sign of significant erosion at this time. However, the Commission will maintain observation and note any future problems that may need attention and action. Members discussed and agreed to hold a trail maintenance work morning on **Saturday, October 27** from 9:00 am until Noon.

**New Business**

Hunt's Mill Terrace Garden Trail - W. Barnes indicated that he would be working on obtaining funding through DEM and RIDOT (FHWA funds) for trail improvements at Hunt's Mill. He will prepare a grant application for review by the Commission at the October 16 meeting.

**Adjournment**

The Commission voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 PM on a motion by J. Boyd and seconded by J. Burrige.

**The next regularly scheduled Conservation Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at 7:30 pm in Room A (1st floor) East Providence City Hall.**

Respectfully submitted,  
James Boyd, Secretary