

East Providence Conservation Commission

March 15, 2011
East Providence City Hall - Room 306
7:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

Members present: John Rose (Vice Chair), Wayne Barnes, John Burrridge, Frank Dias, Keith Gonsalves, and James Boyd (Secretary).

Call to Order

Vice Chair Rose called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

Review of Minutes

The Commission voted to approve the February 15 meeting minutes on a motion by K. Gonsalves seconded by J. Burrridge. The Commission will review the January 18 meeting meetings at the April meeting.

Election of Officers

As approved by the Commission at the February meeting, John Rose accepted his nomination and election as Vice Chair for 2011.

Planning Department Update

Forbes Street landfill closure & solar energy proposal - A public meeting was held on March 14 at the Riverside Middle School with about 70 people in attendance. The meeting included a presentation on the proposed solar project to generate electricity.

Seaconke Trails Committee - The committee is seeking funds for trail building trail maps for distribution. National Trails Day is planned for June 4th.

Rails to Trails Conservancy - Wayne reported that he submitted a report to DEM seeking reimbursement of \$1500 in grant for work completed at Boyden Heights. Wayne also submitted a similar report to "Rails to Trails" to satisfy grant reporting requirement on project completion.

Ten Mile River Fish Ladder update - Work continues on the Hunts Mill and Turner Reservoir fish ladders, but dewatering issues have plagued construction at the Turner Reservoir site.

Correspondence

CRMC public hearing - April 12, application 2010-12-022 for construction of a new sewer line along the East Bay Bike Path from Watchemoket Cove to the EP wastewater treatment facility.

Continued Business

Earth Day Clean-up - The Commission will sponsor a cleanup along the shoreline of the Boyden Heights Conservation Area on April 16 from 9am until Noon. Participants will meet in the Boyden Heights parking lot off Boyden Blvd.

George Kent Memorial Bench - Wayne reported that the City owns all the property along the Ten Mile River Greenway Bike path, so there should be no issue regarding installation of the proposed memorial bench. Wayne is seeking recommendations on the type of bench and installation techniques from the City Parks Department. The Commission discussed the proposed wording for a plaque to include wording as follows:

In Memory of George Kent
East Providence Conservation Commission
East Providence Fire Department

Boyden Heights Boardwalk Staircase - Wayne reported that there are enough remaining materials to construct the entrance stairs. There is the possibility that City Public Buildings Division personnel may be able to fabricate the stairs for installation.

New Business

Commission membership opportunity - There are seven current members with one opening.

Adjournment

The Commission voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM on a motion by K. Gonsalves and seconded by J. Boyd.

The next regularly scheduled Conservation Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at 7:30 pm in Room A (1st floor) East Providence City Hall

Respectfully submitted, James Boyd, Secretary