

East Providence Conservation Commission

October 19, 2010 Meeting
East Providence City Hall - Conference Room A
7:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

Members present: Lorraine Nik (Chair), Wayne Barnes, John Burridge, Keith Gonsalves, and James Boyd (Secretary)

Call to Order

Chair L. Nik called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

Review of Minutes

The Commission reviewed and approved the minutes from the August 17 meeting on a motion by W. Barnes, seconded by J. Burridge and the October 5 minutes on a motion by K. Gonsalves and seconded by J. Burridge

Planning Department Update

Hunts Mill project update - Progress continues on the access road by Cardi Corp. The roadway is constructed of pervious pavement and will be completed this fall for Cardi Corp. to meet an EPA deadline requirement.

Ten Mile River Hydroelectric feasibility study - Wayne reported that a consultant group had been selected by the City to conduct a study as to the feasibility of a small-scale hydroelectric facility at Hunt's Mill.

Forbes Street landfill closure & solar energy proposal - Wayne reported that a consultant has been selected to investigate the feasibility of a solar panel array to be installed on a portion of the 70 acres of upland area once the landfill is capped. Fill material from the Route 195 project will be used for capping, benefiting both the City and the RIDOT.

Seekonk Trails Committee - A meeting is schedule for November 9 and Wayne indicated that the Committee was still interested in obtaining the property at the southeast corner of Ledge and Arcade Roads for new trails that would link up with the existing trial network along the Turner Reservoir.

Correspondence

NRICD education grant - The Conservation Commission has forwarded a letter of support to NRICD for the educational grant seeking to continue conservation education in local schools.

Continued Business

Boyden Heights boardwalk reconstruction - Wayne reported that a meeting was held on October 13 at the City garage on Bentley Street with Alex Duarte (Eagle Scout), Ed Catelli, Erik Skadberg, Keith Gonsalves, and Wayne Barnes to discuss the final phase of the boardwalk reconstruction project. Ed Catelli and crew would complete one section of rails and balusters on each side and the terminus the boardwalk to serve as a model for the remaining unfinished

sections. The Commission made plans to meet with Alex's Scout Troop on Saturday, October 23 first meeting at the City Garage at 7:00am to pick up materials and then at the boardwalk to complete the project.

New Business

No new business

Adjournment

The Commission voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 PM on a motion by J. Burrige and seconded by J. Boyd.

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

Respectfully submitted,
James Boyd, Secretary