

East Providence Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2017

East Providence City Hall, Room A

6:30 PM

Members present: Wayne Barnes (City Liaison), James Boyd (Secretary), John Burridge, (Chair), Ernie Germani (Vice Chair), Carissa Lord and Cheryl Vieira

Members absent: Keith Gonsalves

Call to Order - Vice Chair Ernie Germani called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM

Review of Minutes - The May 16, 2017 meeting minutes were approved unanimously following a motion by C. Vieira and seconded by J. Burridge.

Public Attendees - None

Public Comment - None

Planning Department Update

- Diane Feather is acting City Planning Director following the resignation and departure of longtime City Planning Director Jeanne Boyle who has accepted a position with the City of Pawtucket. The City also has a new Waterfront Planner, Pam Sherrill.

Correspondence

- Email from Robert Myers Associates regarding oil spill contingency plan.
- Inquiry regarding size of Boyden Heights Conservation Area (estimated 11 acres of open space).

Old Business

- Marjorie Turner - The draft support letter on behalf of the Commission was accepted for sending to Marjorie Turner for her recent project "Easy Walks in the Ten Mile Watershed."

New Business

- National Trails Day recap - It was reported that weeding and mulching was completed at Hunt's Mill along with placement of some fallen logs to aid in trail definition.
- Summer meeting schedule - Commissioners agreed to not meet during August.
- Willet Pond Trail maintenance - Commissioners agreed to meet on July 18 at 6:00 p.m. to conduct trail maintenance along the pond trail. No regular meeting for July.

Commission Member Items

- Ernie reported that he would be meeting at the Hunt's Mills property with Adam Mercier of Project 401.
- It was reported that there was excellent participation at the last RI Great Outdoors Pursuit event.
- Wayne reported that the East Providence Conservation Commission is fully compliant with the Open Meeting Law requirements with proper and timely filings to the Secretary of State office (website) of Commission meeting notices and meeting minutes.

Adjournment - The Commission adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:05 PM.

The next regularly scheduled Conservation Commission meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room A at the East Providence City Hall.**

Respectfully submitted, James Boyd, Secretary