JAMESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 6:30 PM



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

MEETING AGENDA

I. ROLL CALL and CALL TO ORDER

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Review Regular Meetings Minutes from April 8, 2025, meeting. Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote.

III. OPEN FORUM

- A) Scheduled requests to address
 - A) Proposal by Chris Powell for town and Audubon Society property in Great Creek. Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote.
 - B) Proposal by Chris Powell for a National Trails Day Walk with Town Council to be held on June 7th at the Conanicut Island Sanctuary. Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote.
- B) Non-scheduled request to address

IV. CORRESPONDENCE AND BILLS

Request from Town Council for Conservation Commission participation on ad hoc Fort Getty Committee. Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote.

V. CRMC, RIDEM AND TOWN OF JAMESTOWN ORDINANCE REVIEW

• May 2025 CRMC calendar: http://www.crmc.ri.gov/calendars/2025 05.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).
 - Update on the Adopt-A-ROW program (Bob Laman).
 - Town wide cleanup. Agreement was reached at our last meeting that a tentative date for a cleanup or other event could be on June 7th. Feedback from the Jamestown Climate Cafe (S. Shim Gorelick). Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote.

- Gould Island Discussion. Feedback from the Town Council on the establishment of a Gould Island Study group (Mary Glackin, Jeff Boal). Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote.
- 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.
- Hull Cove. Update on Town's withdrawal from the Hull Cove Beach Access Trail Grant # 17-90-21
- Kit Wright Trail. Update on efforts to make the trail handicap accessible.
- Update on the project held on 5/4 by Eagle Scout candidate Aidan O'Donnell at Conanicut Island Sanctuary. The project included the construction of a new 30-ft long footbridge over a muddy section of trail, building a new bench for visitors, deconstructing and redistributing an old foot bridge, clearing a new section of trail, and spreading a truckload of mulch to maintain the trail (Bob Laman)
- B) Public education:
 - Town-wide outreach education forum for sustainability and Jamestown Climate Café (S. Shim Gorelick).
- C) Harbor Management Commission update (Bob Laman).
- D) Tree Committee update (B. Lundy).
- E) Gould Island Restoration Advisory Board update (Bob Laman).
- F) Jamestown Affordable Housing Committee -update (S. Shim Gorelick).
- G) Jamestown Bike Path Committee (J. Antoniello).

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Discussion on Great Creek Bridge (Jeff Boal).
- B) Next scheduled meeting, June 10, 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.

Posted on the RI Secretary of State website May 9, 2025