JAMESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION Tuesday February 9, 2021 6:30 PM MEETING AGENDA

PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-05 EXECUTED BY GOVERNOR GINA RAIMONDO ON MARCH 16, 2020, THIS MEETING WILL BE TELECONFERENCED VIA ZOOM:

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- I. ROLL CALL:
- II. CALL TO ORDER

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Review January 12, 2021 Regular Meetings Minutes review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

IV. OPEN FORUM

- A) Scheduled request to address: None scheduled
- B) Non-scheduled request to address:

V. CORRESPONDENCE AND BILLS

A) Invoice for new "No Pets Allowed" sign for the Conanicut Island Sanctuary Trail from Chris Powell JCC trail steward: \$40. Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote.

VI. CRMC, RIDEM AND TOWN OF JAMESTOWN ORDINANCE REVIEW

A) Section 308; review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote concerning state RIDEM wetland setbacks.

See copy of letter describing the Town's concerns regarding the proposed new regulations that were submitted to Town Council for review. The Town Council approved and voted to submit the Town endorsed letter to RIDEM. The letter describes the specific concerns Jamestown has relative to reductions in wetland



setback buffer distances and water resource protection, especially in areas that rely on private wells and onsite wastewater treatment systems (OWTS).

B) CRMC: Update on Safe harbor JTN Boatyard dredging and dock expansion project. Dredging was completed in one week during the second week of January.

VII. OLD BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A) Rights of Way/Parks/Greenways & Public Access: Land Protection and Stewardship: The town of Jamestown's Planning Department submitted an application proposal for the Hull Cove Trail: http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/planning/grants/ for a \$67,600 grant to build a 450-foot wooden walkway from Beavertail Road to Hull Cove. JCC to discuss maintenance and improvements for Kit Wright trail, with possible improvement for wheelchair accessibility. JCC to discuss replacement options of Mackerel Cove's dune protection snow fencing (which the town installed in 2015) which is now destroyed from years of coastal storms. One more sustainable replacement option is to install split rail fence similar to dune fencing at Napatree Point Conservation area (see pictures provided). JCC to discuss working with the town (Public Works department) to design and install replacement fencing before summer beach season. JCC to discuss need and approval of funding for more prohibited activity signs, interpretative signs, trail layout sign with a map noting locations of observation platforms and benches at the Conanicut Island Sanctuary Trail (CIST) (discuss and vote to approve up to \$200 for multiple signs). Also, at the CIST there are five areas where the trails are seasonally wet totaling approx. 415 linear feet. Trail Steward, Chris Powell, has priced out pressure treated lumber and materials for a simple twoplank system design (see photo provided). The pressure treated lumber and stainless-steel decking screws required for 100 ft of boardwalk is estimated to cost around \$650-\$700. This would not include any discount the Town might get or a volume discount. The pressure treated lumber prices were from Riverhead and were top quality pressure treated lumber. Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote. Update on Town Council action and plans for Wickford Avenue ROW-Paper Street. Discuss Paper Streets and ROWs in Jamestown in general (refer to JCC letter submitted to JTN Town Council 11/2018). Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote.
- B) Discuss date (s) for JTN Shores new tax lot surveys with CILT and JTN Shores Association-Saturday, February 20th (10am-12), with weather backup date of Saturday, February 27th (10am-12). Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote. Earth Day planning to discuss details for Covid-safe Cleanup: small groups with online signup, pick up supplies on Friday afternoon, Island Rubbish dumpster, etc (Barbara Lundy). Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote. Review, update with new trails (e.g. Godena Farm trail) and design, for the reprinting of Jamestown Island Trail Maps (JCC), continue discussing greenmaps.org and Sustainable Jamestown websites

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- C) Public education: Continue discussing possible future initiatives: water conservation initiatives, eco-friendly yard care, feeding wildlife, dog waste/watershed protection; stormwater protection; coastal resiliency; community composting (JCC). Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote.
- D) Harbor Management Commission (G. Souza). Update
- E) Tree Committee (G. Souza). Update
- F) Taylor Point Restoration Association (G. Souza). Update

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A) Next JCC Meeting: March 9, 2021

IX. 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 <u>www.jamestownri.gov</u>.

Posted on the RI Secretary of State website February 5, 2021