

Burrillville Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairperson Richard Dionne

Members Present: Rich Dionne, Leslie Bowen, Joe Pedro, Cameron Genereux, Mike Scurka, and Greg Devlin

Members Absent: None

Guests: Chase Zaricany, Mr. & Mrs. Zaricany

A motion was made and vote taken to accept the minutes of the August 13, 2019 meeting.
(Motion by Greg Devlin; Seconded by Cameron Genereux - passed unanimously)

Nipmuc Trail: Chase has begun work on the trail. Rich recently walked the trail, noting that the first new foot bridge looks good. Chase expects most of the bridges & trail markers to be completed before November. Water bars to control erosion will also be installed. Nipmuc history kiosk information will be a winter project. Chase will contact the Rich Amaral, donor of the cut logs for benches, to plan a pick up time. One abutting property owner had expressed his concern to the Scout Master of how the materials would be transported to the work site. However Chase is not aware of any issues since starting the project.

Wallum Lake Canoe Launch: Water level is 584.9, up slightly from last month. The “No Swimming” sign recently reattach by PUD is still in place. Thank you again Bill Guertin & PUD for their assistance in installing the sign at a height that will deter vandalism to the sign. However, Joe P did need to have the police remove a group of about 20 swimmers one day recently. There continues to be regular kayaking activity.

Gateway: The area continues to be well maintained by Roots & Shoots. Hope Leeson from the Wildflower Society should be in touch with Rich soon to let us know how we can be successful in enhancing the production of wildflower in this area.

Clear River Canoe Launch: Was last cut a couple of weeks ago and still looks okay.

Invenergy Clear River Energy: Still no written decision from the EFSB.

Green Festival: Greg and Rich attended the festival. They noted good participation by civic groups and the community. The Conservation Commission contributed a Rose of Sharon tree for the raffle.

Motion: Motion to approve \$60.00 for annual dues to the Environmental Council of RI.
(Motion made by Joe Pedro; Seconded by Greg Devlin - passed unanimously)

Resignation: Joe Lavallee resigned effective August 24, 2019.

Burrillville Planning Board: Rich attended the Planning Board’s Renewable Energy workshop. Issues discussed were battery storage, locations where large solar arrays would be allowed, and future power plant restrictions. Rich suggested a requirement to plant pollinator plants, such as clover, under the solar installations.

Natural History Survey Self-Assessment Tool/ Burrillville Land Trust: The Natural History Survey is developing a self-assessment tool, which can be utilized by groups with limited fund, when needing an assessment for acquisition of a land easement. Rich attended a demonstration conducted for the Burrillville Land Trust.

Mail: A letter was received on behalf of The Lion's from David Gould, co-chairperson of Earth Day, thanking the BCC for our efforts & contributions to this year's Earth Day event.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:00 PM

(Motion made by Rich Dionne; Seconded by Greg Devlin – passed unanimously)