

East Providence Conservation Commission

November 15, 2011

East Providence City Hall – Room 306

7:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Lorraine Nik (Chair), John Rose (Vice Chair), Wayne Barnes, John Burrridge, Keith Gonsalves

Guests: Joan Allen

Call to Order

Chair Nik called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm

Review of Minutes

The Commission voted to approve the October 2011 minutes as amended on motion by Keith Gonsalves and seconded by John Burrridge.

Planning Department Update

Forbes Street Landfill Closure Project and Solar Energy Proposal – No new information to report.

Fish Ladder Progress –Omega Dam ladder is partly built with one wall of the ladder complete.

Correspondences

Letter from RI Tree Council re: Annual Membership -EPCC does not have money to become a member of this organization.

Letter from RI Association of Conservation Commissioners re: Meeting of Conservation Commissions at 2012 Land and Water Summit – Notification of meeting of Conservation Commissions with enclosed survey. Wayne will send back the completed survey.

Letter from the City Engineer to RIDEM re: Boyden Heights Collections System Upgrades – Notice was given that the street abandonment at Boyden Heights Conservation Area has been recorded. The street abandonment was necessary to create a parcel for the pump station.

Memo from Waterfront Planner Roberta Groch re: Squantum Woods Storm water Management Project – Major renovations were done, including the cutting down of many trees, because of drainage issues from storm water run-off from the nearby road. Replacement trees will be planted.

Continued Business

Boyden Heights Conservation Area Trail Status – A few trees still remain down over the trail. Most of the trail has been cleared.

Hunts Mill Landscape Project Terrace Garden –East Providence Planning Dept purchased ten Mountain Laurels with grant money from the Blackstone Valley Corridor Commission. East Providence Conservation Commission members and Jeff Faria (URI Master Gardener) planted them on the west side of the trail at Hunts Mill.

New Business

Future Commission Membership -Frank Dias is moving to Massachusetts. This will leave us down by two members.

2011 Annual Report – Wayne handed out the 2011 EP Conservation Commission Annual Report for review.

December Meeting Status – We will not meet in December because of the Holidays. We will meet in January 2012 as scheduled.

Other - East Providence resident Joan Allen addressed the Council regarding a conservation easement.

Adjournment

The Commission voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm on a motion by John Rose and seconded by John Burridge.

The next scheduled Conservation Commission meeting will be in East Providence City Hall on Tuesday January 17, 2011 at 7:30 pm in room A (first floor).

Respectfully submitted by Lorraine Nik, Chair