

JAMESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Tuesday February 8, 2022, 6:30 PM

MEETING AGENDA

Pursuant to Executive Order NO. 22-01 Executed by Governor Daniel J. McKee on January 6, 2022, this meeting will be teleconferenced via Zoom:

The public is invited to observe and participate in the deliberations of this meeting by accessing the meeting link set forth herein.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87555246071?pwd=SStrQmtkSDlqeWMvbDQ5LzREdEdGUT09>

Meeting ID: 875 5524 6071

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WHEN PROMPTED, ENTER MEETING ID: 875 5524 6071

PRESS # AGAIN TO JOIN THE MEETING

ANTICIPATED REMOTE MEETING: It is anticipated that this meeting will be conducted remotely in Zoom webinar format. Authority to conduct remote meetings is pursuant to Governor Daniel J. McKee's Executive Order No. 22-01, which was executed on January 6, 2022. This remote meeting on February 8, 2022 will only occur if Governor McKee further extends EO22-01, which is expected but has not yet occurred as of the publishing of this agenda.

POTENTIAL FOR IN-PERSON MEETING: If EO22-01 is not extended, and if no other legal authorization occurs prior to the meeting date, the **Jamestown Conservation Commission will conduct an in-person meeting with no remote component on February 8, 2022 at the Jamestown Town Hall, Rosamond A. Teff Council Chambers.** Please contact the Town Clerk Roberta Fagan at (401) 423-9800 or at rfagan@jamestownri.net for updated information as to meeting format and location.

REMOTE MEETING ACCESS: The public is invited to observe and participate in the deliberations of this meeting by accessing the meeting link set forth herein. For those without access to video observation platforms, you may also call in to listen to the deliberations of this meeting by using the call in phone number provided herein. To participate during Public Hearing or Public Input you will press *9 to raise your hand

I. ROLL CALL and CALL TO ORDER

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A) Review December 14, 2021 Regular Meetings Minutes review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

III. OPEN FORUM

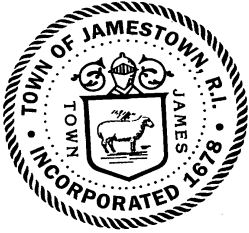
- A) Scheduled request to address: Carol Nelson-Lee and Mary Jo Diem of the Friends of Jamestown Rights of Ways and Roads
- B) Non-scheduled request to address:

IV. CORRESPONDENCE AND BILLS

- A) None received
- B) CRMC, RIDEM AND TOWN OF JAMESTOWN ORDINANCE REVIEW

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- A) Section 308; review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote concerning state RIDEM wetland setbacks. Revised Freshwater Wetlands Rules have been finalized and will go into effect on July 1, 2022: As part of recent rulemaking, the Department filed new Rule and Regulations for Administration and Enforcement of the Freshwater Wetlands Act (250-RICR-150-15-3) that extend the effective date for the new rules from January 15, 2022 to **July 1, 2022**. During the transition period, the existing Freshwater Wetlands Rules(250-RICR-150-15-1) will remain in place.
<http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/water/permits/pn-wetland.php>
- B) CRMC: Draft Proposals for Narragansett Bay SAMP Aquaculture Working Group: New Enhanced Notification Processes for Aquaculture Applications (Stakeholder Notification: Aquaculture Listserve, and Notification of coastal property owners within 500 ft of any Aquaculture applications); and Aquaculture Application Process (Expanded CRMC Aquaculture Preliminary Determination Process with local scoping sessions, etc.).
February 2022 calendar: http://www.crmc.ri.gov/calendars/2022_02.html

V. OLD BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A) Rights of Way/Parks/Greenways & Public Access: Land Protection and Stewardship: Review any updates on the 91 Carr Lane Mixed -Income Development project proposal. Review/discuss any updates/plans on Wickford Avenue ROW (possibly applying for trail grant for access stairway at Wickford Ave) (L. Orsi) and Hull Cove Trail ROW. Review/discuss any updates on Hull Street buffer violations in the ROW and Town/CRMC action. Update on development of JCC project proposal to submit for state trail grant funding to adapt the Kit Wright trail for accessibility. Mackerel Cove dune restoration plans-replanting dune plants this Spring and this Fall 2022 (plant species lists and estimated prices sent to JCC members). The JCC is discussing dune fencing replacement options at Mackerel Cove with the Town (JCC is requesting more dune-friendly split rail fencing with roping, as opposed to ‘snow fencing’).
- B) Update and continue discussion on the possibility of using professional high quality drone aerial imagery for portions of the revised Trail maps (e.g., Godena Farm, Parker Farm, other trail locations) (B. Lundy). Good quality aerial photos will be useful for town web pages, display board at events, Earth day, festivals, or Chamber events in Town in the future. Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote.
- C) Public education: Update and continue discussing the coordination of future initiatives and cross community-wide collaborative coordination for environmental education with other JTN groups: e.g., Sustainable Jamestown, JAC, Conanicut Island Sailing Foundation, Taylor Point Restoration Association, etc. (Susan Shim Gorelick, JCC) <https://www.cc4es.org/>. Environmental education outreach initiatives could include water conservation, eco-friendly yard care, feeding wildlife, invasive plant control, dog waste

control, watershed protection; stormwater protection; coastal resiliency; community composting, etc. 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

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Discuss environmental concerns related to the proposed siting of a new Island Cell Tower location. Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote.
- B) Discuss appointing a JCC member to act as a liaison to the Gould Island advisory board/ad hoc committee appointed by the Town to work with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to remediate Gould Island beyond the scope of the current congressional authorization. Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote.
- C) Discuss appointing JCC members as Harbor Commission and Tree Committee liaisons, replacing JCC member, George Souza, who is in his final year of his third 3-year term of dedicated, tireless service on the JCC (nine years-but it might be even longer??!!). Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote.
- D) Next JCC Meeting: March 8, 2022.

VII. 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 February 3, 2022