

RICHMOND CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING April 14, 2015  
Approved May 12, 2015

Members present: Judy Rosovsky, chair; Bob Low; Rick Barrett; Alison Anand; Elizabeth Wright; Andy Solomon.

The meeting was held at the Richmond Town Office building and began at 7:30 p.m. There were no public comments. There was a brief discussion about moving the start time to 7:00 p.m. It was agreed to keep 7:30 as the meeting time due to work schedules of some members.

Plans were finalized for Green Up Day, Saturday May 2. Judy has asked Town Clerk Linda Parent to set up a new volunteer sign up for clean up areas on the town website. Andy said he would put more information in the Front Porch Forum. There is also a significant group of people who have traditionally cleaned up areas around town, especially in their neighborhoods.

Bob Low gave an update on Gillett Pond with the following:

1. The land has been purchased by the Richmond Land Trust for about \$85,000.
2. \$145,000 has been raised, leaving a surplus of approximately \$45,000 to \$50,000.
3. Requests have been issued for dam design and construction bids.
4. The Girl Scouts have kept the land to the west of the pond.
5. The Richmond Land Trust is talking with other land owners adjacent to the pond about conservation.
6. The town of Huntington agreed at its Town Meeting in March 2015 that its Conservation Commission could give funds for the project.
7. There will probably be an application to the Richmond Conservation Commission.
8. The potential cost to fix the dam is estimated between \$200,000 and \$300,000.

There was a recount of the close vote on the Water and Sewer project proposed for the Gateway area in Richmond. The recount showed the same result of 9 votes positive. There have been a number of postings on Front Porch Forum showing concern of long range consequences of the proposed project.

Alison agreed to be the liason to the Town Planning Committee, which is working on the next Town Plan. The RCC wants to know what kind of information they need from this board and a time line. There was a discussion about providing a scientific basis for which areas should be preserved. The Science to Action project has worked on wildlife habitat data. Bob asked why the recent zoning effort failed.

Elizabeth asked if the fireworks used for July 4<sup>th</sup> are green. Ones from China give off heavy metals.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,