

RICHMOND CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting agenda, August 11, 2015
7:30 p.m.
Town Center Meeting Room, 203 Bridge St.

Present: Rick Barrett, Jake Davignon, Judy Rosovsky, Andy Solomon, Elizabeth Wright

7:30 Minutes for July meeting: Approved.

7:40 Additions, amendments to agenda; other business arising:

Andy will arrange for an interactive web-page for Green-Up Day.

River Clean-Up: The Conservation Commission supports the River Clean-Up event. Jake will volunteer his time to the Clean-Up and offer his premises to act as a drop off spot. Jake will also check with the Town Highway Department to see what might be involved in asking them to pick up the trash and debris; which is removed from the river.

Wetlands Permit 2015-272 Gillette Pond and Wes White Hill Road power line replacement: Burying power lines usually appears to be a favorable thing. At first blush there seems to be no other viable alternative. The CC would not voice an objection unless it was demonstrated that there would be a severe impact on the immediate environment.

Bury the power lines on the East Main Street: The East Main Street project seems to present an excellent opportunity to bury the power lines. The CC can voice a recommendation to this effect. It is unfortunate that the power lines were not buried during the West Main Street beautification project.

7:50 Review Green Infrastructure memo:

CCRPC Discussion Of Green Infrastructure: Explore opportunities for Vermont municipalities to reduce the impacts of stormwater on municipal budgets and assets, while protecting vital natural resources.

Topics:

- what Green Infrastructure (GI) is and some examples of how it's been used
- tools for self-assessment of your current bylaws (e.g. parking ratios, lot coverage, density, landscaping, etc) and whether they help or hinder GI
- what measures your towns are already using to promote GI
- promoting GI in your municipal plans (town plan, open space plan, stormwater master plans, flood resiliency, etc.)
- the (almost) updated State Stormwater Manual and the coming Municipal Roads Stormwater General Permit

We will try to have a presence at the discussion.

8:00 Town Plan Revisions:

The CC members need to finish their review the existing town plan and offer their recommendations to the Richmond Town Plan Steering Committee. We should view the plan with an eye toward what we think should be amended or added to benefit the Town, including any personal requests. For example we can address via bullet points or narrative, such things as: natural travel ways, buried power lines, wildlife corridors, bike paths, an expanded park'in ride; greater recreation opportunities (which could include more designated/safe parking areas on Dugway Road and ticketing of blatantly illegally parked vehicles), outreach material advising of the additional parking available for bikers and hikers by the Water Treatment Plant (keep street parking open for businesses),

The CC elected Bob Low to be its editor. He will assemble all of the comments and present one comprehensible document to the Steering Committee.

The Current Dugway parking problem: A meeting was held to discuss the current plan proffered by the Selectboard; however nothing was resolved and the issue remains under discussion.

8:50 Other:

We want to remember that Richmond is still, largely, a rural area and as such has a good number of natural resources.

9:00 Adjourn: adjourned at 8:50