

**RICHMOND CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Draft Minutes, June 14, 2016**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**Town Center Meeting Room, 203 Bridge St.**

**Present:** Jake Davignon, Judy Rosovsky, Alison Anand, Bob Low, and Elizabeth (Ibit) Wright, Mary Houle

**19:45 Started Meeting**

**Public comments:** No members of the public were in attendance.

**Minutes for April & May 2016 meetings:** Approved.

**Additions, amendments to agenda; other business arising:**

**Introductions:** Mary Houle's first meeting as a member of the RCC, introductions were made for the entire group.

**River Race Update:** Weather and event layout weren't optimal for literature handout. New venue/time needed to handout Floodplain Forest info cards.

**Steering Committee:** Meeting Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup> to review Town Plan mapping, etc. Booth will be present at 4<sup>th</sup> of July to discuss as well. To be placed on July RCC meeting agenda.

**Barberry Removal Project Update:** Issue with invasive species in Richmond, origin is not completely understood. Barberry out competes most other plant species, and also acts as a habitat for ticks. CHMS kids helped with a removal project. >100 plants were removed during this stage of the removal process above the cemetery. 40+ 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students participate with tools borrowed from VYCC. Mary Houle attended on behalf of the RCC.

**Education Outreach Money:** Judy would like to approach Selectboard to use a small amount of funds, ~\$300, to better advertise RCC's mission and existence of RCC Fund bank. Requesting a formal RCC budget for these types of expenses could be a possibility. What events are best for disseminating information? FPF, Times Inc., July 4<sup>th</sup> Table, Library, Town Clerk's office, other?

**Friends of Winooski River Storm Water Project:** Does RCC want to partner with this project? What would be involved with this project for RCC? More information is needed, but RCC does support this project in principle. What are their meetings for?

**Alison Farewell:** Cheesecake and thanks! Alison appreciates the interest, commitment, and environmental background of everyone in the RCC. She is also pleased with the RCC's involvement with the Town Plan to help ensure that conservation and environmental issues are at the forefront. Over the years, we have also done several projects in community outreach and education, for example "Walks and Talks" and invasive species removal. Alison thinks that the establishment of the Conservation fund has been an important accomplishment of the Conservation Commission.

**Photo of the month club:** Rick posted photo on the RCC website. Photo of the week/month submission contest, could be turned into a great calendar to support conservation. To be added to subcommittee agenda. RCC members could begin by submitting photos by July 2016 meeting, which can be used to test out our marketing capabilities.

**Trees in Richmond Village:** Clare Rock received funding??? Grant available for review? for planting trees. Watering volunteer needed. Jake to reach out to Clare regarding availability of funding, and what is needed: planting, watering, after care, etc. Tree types, plan, hurdles, etc. Village tree inventory (Geoff), Main Street work. Tree Warden available for RCC outreach programs?

**Town Planning:** Pharmacy really needed in the town? Laundromat, all of this in the gateway area? Mom & pop restaurant? Pharmacy – is there really a need? Historically pharmacies have not done well due to competition from bigger stores. Can our town support a full pharmacy? Parking still seems to be a critical request.

**21:15 Meeting Adjourned**

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Jake Davignon*