

Richmond Conservation Commission Minutes  
Tuesday June 25, 2019 at 7PM. Richmond Town Hall 1529 State Road

Call to order and Introductions

- Ron Veillette, Co-Chair called the meeting to order at 7PM.
- Ron Veillette made this statement:

**Notice:** This meeting will be recorded by the Richmond ConCom (1) and if any other person will be recording the meeting they are to notify the committee at this time.

- Commission members present: Ron Veillette Co-Chair, Freya Segal Co-Chair, Dan Scorpa, Nick Martinelli, John Scorpa (associate member), Shep Evans (associate member & agent)
- Commission members absent: Adam Weinberg, Pat Seckler, Bob Dahlen
- Applicants and Others Present: Marc Volk (Foresight Land Services), Eric Smith (RFD), Robert Czerwinski (RFD), Steve Tavor (RFD Chief), Jay Phelps (RFD), Claudia Ryan (recording secretary)

**1. Review and approval of the minutes from June 11 ,2019 meeting.**

Ron Veillette asked if there were any comments concerning the minutes. There were none. Freya Segal made a motion to accept the minutes, it was seconded by Nick Martinelli and passed unanimously.

**2. Notices of Intent**

**2A. WPA File # 271-0206 from Foresight Land Services on behalf of the Trustees of the Richmond Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.** Property located at 40 Fire House Lane, Map 408 Lot 0000. The proposed work includes the construction of a 50' X 80' steel garage, as well as paving two areas of the existing gravel and grass to create space for emergency vehicles to maneuver on site. **Continued from June 11, 2019.**

Ron Veillette asked Marc Volk if he has received comments from the DEP concerning the updated plans which he has given the Conservation Commission. Marc Volk stated that the DEP has not sent any new comments. Ron Veillette asked Shep Evans if that was normal and Shep Evans said that it was common for no response from DEP. Ron Veillette made a point of saying everyone in the Richmond Volunteer Fire Department and Conservation commission are volunteers and are just doing their jobs and trying to do what is best for the town.

Ron Veillette passed out a list of questions he had for Marc Volk to answer about the project and the new set of plans, Dwg SP-1 dated 6/25/2019, that Marc Volk handed to the Commission.

**1. Why could they not just make structural changes to the existing building?**

1a. Marc Volk said that it was not anything that the Trustees could afford since the entire building would have to be brought up to building, ADA codes. This was the least expensive and most practical solution to the Fire Department needs.

2b. A spokes person for the RFD stated that after a lengthy analysis this was the only viable solution.

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2. Where will the DPW equipment currently stored in the RFD proposed Riverfront construction area be stored? Has the Town BOS and DPW been consulted?  
2a. The RFD stated that they have not consulted the BOS and DPW and that the land belongs to the Trustees and not the town, so where they put the equipment is not their issue.

3. Ron Veillette asked where the RFD members will park their own vehicles?  
3a. The RFD stated they will continue to park them in the same places they always have, in front of the picnic pavilion

4. Will there be a floor drain in the new building?  
4a. No drain in the floor of the new building.

5. Have you received agreement from the Town/DPW to plant local native riverfront vegetation behind the Salt Shed?

5a. No agreement has been made, it has not yet been discussed.

Where will the chipped stone the residents pick up for deicing their driveways be stored?

5b. The RFD stated that is not their issue.

6. Can the 4,000 sq. ft building footprint/square footage be reduced?

6a. The RFD stated that they need 4 bays, 3 for trucks and one for training space and for use of maintaining equipment. The new fire truck that the town needs would not fit into a building that was smaller than the one proposed.

7. Can paved areas be replaced with stone (not gravel) driveways designed for winter freeze/thaw conditions?

7a. Marc Volk stated that fire departments have paved areas for their building entrance areas and that stone is not an option.

7b. The RFD members stated that stone is unsafe for them, too easy to trip on stone when rushing around and that with the weight of the trucks the stone would be worn away and depressions would be created in the parking lot.

Ron Veillette noted that currently the RFD operates on the gravel roads around Richmond and that did not seem to be a problem.

8. Who owns the Fire House Lane road?

8a. The RFD stated it is owned by the town

A new revised, 6/25/2019, site plan was presented to the Commission depicting the proposed plantings. Ron Veillette asked about the changes in the new plans that Marc Volk gave the Commission.

Marc Volk said that the plants that will be planted have been decided upon and the varieties are noted on the plans. The catch basin will be eliminated but that a 40inch infiltration chamber will be installed to collect water from roof and gutter. Ron Veillette made a request that before the filtration chamber was buried that the Commission members be contacted so they may make a site visit to inspect the chamber.

Ron Veillette asked if plantings could be put in behind the picnic pavilion and Town Shed to the North and Marc Volk stated that they could put in a planting that of 500 sq. ft, 100' X 5' behind the pavilion

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and would look at the area behind the Town shed. Marc Volk said he would talk to the town about plantings that would be on town property.

Marc Volk asked the Commission if they could please close the hearing tonight so that they could get on with the next steps of the permitting process.

Ron Veillette made a motion to approve the application with Orders of Conditions which included no paving but only pervious surface stone entrances to the new building,

His motion was not seconded but a new motion was made by Freya Segal which included the paving, and seconded by Nick Martinelli with the following Conditions:

1. Correct the address of the property Location as 35 Fire House
2. The work shall be accomplished In Accordance With the Original NOI and Supplemental Narrative Revisions DEP 271-0206,( Dwg. SP-1 )dated 6/25/2019 modified or updated with the special Order of Conditions below:
3. Place permanent monuments along BVW resource area to establish the location of the BVW resource area for the future. Minimum 1" dia. pipe markers 1ft above ground level will be put at the presently flagged areas to designate what at the time of construction was the boundary of the wetlands.
4. The use of pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, fertilizers or other chemical treatment is prohibited.
5. Seek from the BOS permission (get it in writing) and plant MA Native species shrubbery/tree plantings behind picnic pavilion and Town Storage Shed up to the BVW. Provide new updated drawings once the BOS gives permission.

This motion was passed unanimously. Ron Veillette made a motion to close the hearing it was seconded by Nick Martinelli and passed unanimously. It was stated that there is a 10-day appeal period for the public before Foresight can have the Order of Conditions recorded with the registry.

**3. Request for Determination of Applicability.**

**3A. WPA RDA from Town of Richmond.** Property located adjacent to the Boat Ramp parking lot on Town Beach Road, Map 403 Lot 000. The proposed work consists of installing a bed of crushed stone on which will be placed an 11'2" x 28' shed to house a new emergency rescue boat and trailer. The chain link security fence around the present Pump Station will be extended to enclose the new shed.

Shep Evans passed out copies of the WPA Form 1- Request for Determination of Applicability that Chief Traver submitted. Shep Evans asked Chief Traver about the slope of the property and how were they going to deal with it. Chief Traver stated that they were going to level out the ground with gravel and pea-stone. He stated that no excavation was going to take place. Shep Evans requested that between the ground and the stone that landscaper's cloth not plastic be placed. The cloth will allow for drainage where plastic is an impervious surface. The stone will be 2ft wider than the building allowing for drainage off the roof. The building will be set on blocks with a small ramp for easier access to the boat. The boat is made of rubber with an aluminum trailer so it doesn't weigh very much, it is easy to move.

Ron Veillette made a motion to provide a negative determination since no excavation will take place, no silt fence will be necessary, Freya Segal seconded it, passed unanimously. The paperwork will be issued as soon as possible.

**4. Discussion of Enforcement Orders:**

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**4A. 159 Willow Road: Update on meeting with Robert Bohlman and discussion of recording a Notice of Enforcement Order in the Registry of Deeds.**

Shep Evans stated that he created a stop work poster and put it up in several locations on the property. Freya Segal asked Shep Evans if he had spoken with Paul Greene, building inspector, about the property and Shep Evans stated that he had and that Paul Greene agreed with him about the work stoppage posters. Mr. Evans stated that Mr. Bohlman had called him after the posters were put up and stated that he would make it right, he requested an NOI form.

Mr. Evans says that the town does have in its bylaws the ability to charge fines for doing work with out permits but he has asked the Town Administrator to contact the Town Council as to who has the authority to issue the fines.

Mr. Evans stated that what the Commission can do is issue a Notice of Enforcement. He has written it up and requested the Commission members to sign it, he then will have it notarized with his signature and present it with a copy of tonight's minutes to the Richmond Town Clerk who will attest that it was signed by the Commission members , and that the approval and signing recorded in the minutes of this meeting. It will be recorded at the Registry of Deeds

**5. No discussion on Special Permits**

**6. Discussion of the Conservation Fund:** Ron Veillette stated that Berkshire Farm Property was closed on today.

**7. Discussion of the Status of action item(s) in Town OSRP.**

Ron Veillette stated that he did a site visit to the town beach with the BOS and discussed with them his ideas for plantings and horse-shoe pits, etc.

**8.-9. No Discussion**

**10. Richmond Pond Association Update.** Dan Scorpa said he had just attended the RPA meeting and one item that they discussed was wanting to put kayak racks for the public to use down by the town owned area of the beach and boat launch.

**11. – 14. No discussion**

**15. Topics not previously anticipated.**

Freya Segal stated that she has resigned from the Commission as of June 26, 2019 after 17 years of service

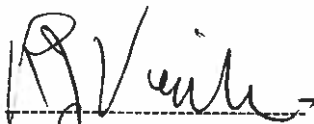
Everyone said they were sorry to see her leave the Commission.

16. Ron Veillette made a motion at 8:21 to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Nick Martinelli and passed unanimously.

**Next Meeting July 9, 2016**

**New Submittals Requested by Wednesday, June 19, 2019**

Signed:



Ron Veillette- Chair