

## **Cranston Conservation Commission**

Cranston City Hall  
869 Park Ave.  
Cranston, RI 02910

## **Monthly Meeting Minutes**

Date of Meeting: **25 September 2012**

Call to Order: 6:35pm *attending*: S. Pilz, B. Fontaine  
*absent*: L. Harrington, M. Jerzyk, R. DeGrandpre, G. Parrillo, and M. Hengen  
(Absence of a quorum - therefore discussion with no actions is to proceed per Chair Pilz)

Approval of Minutes: Mtg. of 28 Aug. 2012, approved as submitted

### **Reports:**

1. Fiscal Year July 1 to June 30, 2013 remains at 2,500.00 balance.

### **Correspondence:**

1. RITree annual membership renewal notice received.
2. Chair Piz emailed Ken Pastore regarding a request of the Conservation Commission to list the monthly meeting dates and link the meeting minutes in the City's Cranston Events "Calendar". Ken Pastore replied that he will verify any City requirements and reply to the Commission.

### **Old Business:**

1. No reply received from member Hengen regarding the NEGEF (New England Green Roots Fund) application.
2. The Mature Tree Care Program mulch project will be completed by the end of October, due to rescheduling.

### **New Business:**

1. The proposed ordinance change from Site Plan Review (SPR) to Development Plan Review (DPR), (chap. 17.84) is scheduled to be heard at the City Council meeting on 24 Sep 2012. Discussion and awareness recommended by Chair Pilz. The DPR as an entire chapter is proposed to substitute the entire Site Plan review chapter. The proposed language does not list the Conservation Commission (CC) as a voting DPR member. The CC was not asked to comment on the proposed ordinance change. The CC will continue to attend the DPR meetings to contribute project review comments and recommendations.
2. New member Barry Fontaine attended. Clarification of his term expiration date is needed. Member Fontaine will contact Maria Medeiros, Dept. of Records, to clarify that his appointment is a 3 year term, per chapter 2.52.030.
3. Chair Pilz asked member Fontaine to also clarify the term expiration dates of members Mathew Jerzyk and Mark Hengen, with the Dept. of Records.
4. Chair Pilz discussed a memo dated 24 Sept. 2012 sent to the Mayor informing him of the resignation of member Terah Sprague-Chadbrown. This resignation resulted in 1 member vacancy. The memo to the Mayor included the following 3 names for his consideration; Doug Doe, Bridgette Graziano, and Norma Nelson.

**Adjournment:** 7:40pm

**Next Meeting:** 23 October 2012 @ 6:30 pm