



*TOWN OF BRISTOL
CONSERVATION COMMISSION*

*Department of Community Development
235 High Street, Bristol, Rhode Island*

Tuesday, May 2, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.

MAY 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

Tony Morettini

Ray Payson

Lindsay Green

Craig Fisher

Glenn Donovan

Lee Ann Freitas

Jay Maciel

Staff Present:

Ed Tanner

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Morettini at 5:35 p.m.

1. Minutes: A motion to approve the April minutes was made by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Payson. Vote: 7-0.
2. Tree Program: Mr. Tanner reported that 15-20 trees will be ordered by the Tree Warden for the spring tree planting cycle.
3. Pollinator Garden Initiative: Ms. Freitas presented a draft of the pollinator garden sign which was approved by all. Ms. Freitas mentioned that the next step with the initiative was for the Town to be designated a Bee City USA, which means submitting an application and passing a resolution committing to the effort. In addition, Ms. Freitas said a pollinator ArcGIS StoryMap could be created or, pollinator information could be uploaded to the Conservation Commission page on the Town's website. Mr. Tanner reported that Town Administrator Contente recently signed the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge to help save the monarch butterfly.
4. Keep Bristol Clean Effort: Mr. Maciel provided an overview of the Town wide cleanup effort that will take place on Saturday, May 13, 2023. Four banners with this year's dates have been installed on telephone poles around Bristol. A press release was drafted and submitted to the Bristol Phoenix. Also, a \$200 corporate sponsorship for the event was secured from BayCoast Bank.
5. Arbor Day Tree Planting: Mr. Payson provided a review of Arbor Day activities. A statewide celebration, hosted by the RI Tree Council, was held at Miantonomi Memorial Park in Newport on April 28, 2023 which he and Mr. Maciel attended. At the event, Bristol was recognized as a Tree City USA for the 22nd consecutive year. On May 3, 2023, the Bristol Garden Club observed Arbor Day by planting two trees at Mrs. Perry's Garden in Thomas Park, a hornbeam and a trident maple. Mr. Payson said he spoke about the importance of trees at that event. Mr. Payson also announced that the Town of Bristol will hold its Arbor Day celebration this Friday, May 5, 2023, at Rockwell School, where an October glory red maple, *Acer rubrum*, will be planted.

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6. MyCoast Application: Mr. Morettini provided an overview of the MyCoast application, in which citizen scientists can report coastal incidents such as flooding, storm damage and king tides, with photographs. This information may then be used by various stakeholders to make informed decisions about climate change. Mr. Morettini said that the URI Coastal Resources Center was looking to roll out the application in Bristol to gather more data in Town.
7. Around the Room: Mr. Tanner provided an overview of the new deer hunting agreement, or memorandum of understanding, between the Town and State. Four open space, Town owned locations were selected to allow bow hunting from September 15 until January 31: south of Gooding Avenue, the Perry-Tavares Farm, north of Tower Street, and north of Hopeworth Avenue. Ms. Green introduced resident Todd Tihen who came to discuss his thoughts on residential composting in Bristol and means of increasing food scrap composting, which could ultimately reduce tipping fees.
8. The next Conservation Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.
9. The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Maciel", is written over a horizontal line.

Jay Maciel