TOWN OF BRISTOL
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

Tuesday, October 7, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 2025 MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:
Ray Payson, Vice-Chairman
Lindsay Green
Craig Fisher
Glenn Donovan
Jay Maciel, Recording Secretary

Staff Present:
Ed Tanner

Members Absent:
Tony Morettini
Lee Ann Freitas

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Payson at 5:37 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the September minutes was made by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Ms. Green. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.
2. Open Space: Mr. Tanner said that "Town of Bristol" markers have been put up and "No Trespassing" signs have been taken down at the Mount Hope Community Forest. A winter walk at the property will be organized for Commissioners sometime after deer hunting season ends.
3. Tree Program: Mr. Tanner said that a bid has been awarded for another round of tree planting that has been funded by a grant from the RI Infrastructure Bank. 100 trees, which will be 1 ½ to 1 ¾ inch caliper, will be planted this fall in the Silver Creek watershed. Mr. Payson reported that he has placed "24 Years" stickers on the three Tree City USA signs located at entrance points to Bristol.
4. Composting Program: Ms. Green reported that there are currently 241 participants in the residential curbside composting program, which is 48% of the target. Mr. Donovan provided an overview of the Food Smart RI, or RI School Recycling Project, that brings composting and recycling programs to students in RI schools, which is now targeting Bristol elementary schools.
5. Pollinator Pathway: Ms. Green said she went to a meeting recently that was organized to have Bristol designated a Pollinator Pathway, a national pollinator corridor program that Barrington and Warren are already a part of. The need for legislation against neonics, insecticides that are lethal to pollinators, was also discussed. The next meeting for this effort is Thursday, November 6 at 6:00 p.m. at the Audubon Nature Center in Bristol.
6. Around the Room: Mr. Tanner announced that there will be a Comprehensive Plan Update workshop on Monday, October 20 at 6:00 p.m. at the Bristol Maritime Center.
7. The next Conservation Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 4 at 5:30 p.m.
8. Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Ms. Green. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0 and the meeting ended at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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