*TOWN OF BRISTOL*
***CONSERVATION COMMISSION***

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

*Monday, November10, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m.*

***NOVEMBER 2025 MEETING MINUTES***

*Members Present:*
*Tony Morettini, Chairman*
*Ray Payson, Vice-Chairman*
*Lindsay Green*
*Craig Fisher*
*Glenn Donovan*
*Lee Ann Freitas*
*Jay Maciel, Recording Secretary*

*Staff Present:*
*Ed Tanner*

*The meeting was called to order by Chairman Morettini at 5:33 p.m.*

1. Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the October minutes was made by Mr. Donovan and seconded by Ms. Payson. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0.
2. Tree Program: Mr. Tanner said 50 trees have been delivered to Guiteras School and that the fall tree planting has started. Another 54 trees will be delivered on Thursday and this lot of trees represents the balance of the RI Infrastructure Bank grant.
3. Composting Program: Mr. Morettini reported that Bristol now has 267 participants in the Black Earth Compost pilot composting pilot program, representing over 50% of the target.
4. Providence Leaf Blower Ordinance: Mr. Morettini presented an overview of the new Providence leaf blower ordinance. Beginning in 2028, the use of gas-powered leaf blowers will only be allowed from October 1 through December 15, with a full ban taking effect on January 1, 2033. The first violation will be met with a warning and subsequent violations will carry a fine of $100 to the property owner. Mr. Fisher questioned whether Bristol could have an ordinance. All agreed to review the ordinance and provide input as to how this might be adopted in Bristol.
5. Around the Room: Mr. Morettini said that the Sowams Heritage Area is seeking to develop the Sowams region as a federally designated National Heritage Area. Andrea Rounds from the Sowams Heritage Area will present the proposal to the Bristol Town Council seeking their support of the project. Mr. Payson reported that former Conservation Commission member Zane Anderson, founder of the Bristol Tree Society, recently passed away. A memorial service will be held on November 15 at 2:00 p.m. at Roger Williams University. Mr. Morettini announced there will be a tree planting event at Burr's Hill Park in Warren on November 15 and that volunteers are needed to help.
6. The next Conservation Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 2 at 5:30 p.m.
7. Adjourn: All items on the agenda were completed and the meeting ended at 6:38 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Jay Maciel*