TOWN OF BRISTOL
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

Monday, December 2, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m.

DECEMER 2025 MEETING MINUTES

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

Staff Present:
Ed Tanner

Members Absent
Glenn Donovan
Lee Ann Freitas

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

1. Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the November minutes was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Mr. Fisher. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.
2. Tree Program: Mr. Tanner said 104 trees have been delivered and that most are in the ground, with about 35 remaining for the fall tree planting program. These trees, ranging from 1 ½" to 2" in caliper, are being planted in the Silver Creek watershed. This lot of trees represent the end of the $113,000 RI Infrastructure Bank Municipal Resiliency Program grant.
3. Composting Program: Mr. Morettini reported that Bristol now has 269 participants in the Black Earth Compost pilot composting program, effectively diverting a total of 41 tons of food waste from the central landfill.
4. Providence Leaf Blower Ordinance: Mr. Fisher presented a document outlining a list of best practices for a leaf lower ordinance. All agreed to review the document prior to being discussed at the next meeting.
5. Around the Room: Mr. Morettini reported that Andrea Rounds of the Sowams Heritage Area will request Town Council support for designating the Sowams region as a National Heritage Area at their December 10 meeting. Ms. Green announced that there will be a pollinator pathway meeting on December 4 at 6:00 p.m. at the Audubon Nature Center during which legislation for pesticides will be discussed. Mr. Tanner noted that a champion is needed for the garden maintenance at the Guiteras School. Mr. Payson announced that the Bristol Land Conservation Trust will sponsor an Owl Prowl and presentation on December 4 at 7:00 p.m. at Mount Hope Farm.
6. The next Conservation Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.
7. Adjourn: All items on the agenda were completed and the meeting ended at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jay Maciel