TOWN OF BRISTOL
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

Tuesday, July 1, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m.

JULY 2025 MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:
Tony Morettini, Chairman
Lindsay Green
Craig Fisher
Lee Ann Freitas
Jay Maciel

Staff Present:
Ed Tanner

Members Absent:
Ray Payson
Glenn Donovan

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Morettini at 5:34 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the May minutes was made by Ms. Freitas and seconded by Mr. Fisher. Vote: 5-0.
2. Open Space: Mr. Tanner said that the Town is still awaiting reimbursement from the US Forest Service for the grant awarded to support the purchase of the Mount Hope Community Forest.
3. Tree Program: Mr. Tanner said that tree planting efforts are ongoing in the Annawamscutt area and that of the 91 total trees to be planted, about 15 trees are left.
4. Leaf Blowers: Mr. Morettini announced that the ordinance petitioned by George Voutes to restrict gas-powered leaf blowers was received and filed by the Town Council at a recent Council meeting. Discussion ensued about the benefits of the proposed restrictions.
5. View Corridor: Ms. Green reported that there is no new update to her findings on a means to protect water viewscapes in Bristol.
6. General Assembly Composting Bill: Mr. Morettini reported that Sara Churgin of the Eastern RI Conservation District recently circulated a request to many local Town Councils, including Bristol, for a resolution to support a bill in the General Assembly that would promote composting and ultimately reduce the amount of solid waste sent to the Central Landfill. Mr. Morettini sent a letter to the Town Council on behalf of the Conservation Commission in support of adopting the resolution. The request was received and filed by the Town Council.
7. Around the Room: Mr. Morettini recommended an article in today's Providence Journal about preserving stone walls in Little Compton. Mr. Maciel said that he, Ms. Freitas, Mr. Fisher, and Mr. Donovan performed maintenance and weeding at the pollinator garden Metacom Avenue on June 3. Mr. Maciel expressed his concern about the damage caused to trees along the parade route by stapling trash bags to them.
8. The next Conservation Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.
9. Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:49 p.m. by Ms. Freitas and seconded by Mr. Maciel. Vote 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jay Maciel