



*TOWN OF BRISTOL
CONSERVATION COMMISSION*

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

Tuesday, March 5, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m.

MARCH 2024 MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

Tony Morettini

Craig Fisher

Lee Ann Freitas

Jay Maciel

Staff Present:

Ed Tanner

Members Absent:

Ray Payson

Lindsay Green

Glenn Donovan

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

1. Minutes: A motion to approve the February minutes was made by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Ms. Freitas. Vote: 4-0.
2. Tree Program: Mr. Morettini said that he and Mr. Tanner met with Tig Tillinghast from Forest Metrix to discuss our use of the Accessible Urban Tree Inventory (AUTI) system. This application comes with no out-of-pocket cost due to grant monies received by Forest Metrix from the USDA. The next step would be to meet with Tree Warden Steve Saracino to review the new program.
3. Clean Up Day: Mr. Maciel said that the telephone pole banners for this year's Keep Bristol Clean effort, which takes place on Saturday, April 27, 2024, are currently at the sign shop and will go up around Bristol when they are done. Discussion ensued about locations to clean up, additional marketing to be done, supplies needed, and refreshments that will be served on that day. Mr. Maciel said he will present a task list for the event that will be reviewed at the next meeting.
4. Infrastructure Bank Grant: Mr. Tanner reported that Town officials will attend a ceremony at the State House given by the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank to celebrate the recent award of a Municipal Resilient Program Action Grant. Mr. Tanner also mentioned that next, a grant agreement has to be done for the award.
5. Composting Study: Mr. Morettini said that he met with Roger Williams University students to review the municipal composting project they chose for their Sustainability Studies class. He reported that students have started their project and they are on their way.
6. Planning Board Tree List: Mr. Tanner passed on a request from the Planning Board asking the Conservation Commission to review the list of recommended street trees as outlined in their Subdivision and Development Review Regulations, and make any changes to the recommended tree list so as to be incorporated in their next update of the regulations. A review of the street trees list was performed by Commission members and amendments to the list of recommended urban street trees was made.

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7. Around the Room: Mr. Morettini suggested the idea of establishing an Indigenous Land Acknowledgement to honor the original inhabitants of our area. Mr. Morettini and Ms. Freitas discussed holding our May 7, 2024 meeting at the Roger Williams Park Stormwater Innovation Center.
8. The next Conservation Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.
9. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jay Maciel