



*TOWN OF BRISTOL  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION*

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

*Tuesday, March 4, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m.*

**MARCH 2025 MEETING MINUTES**

*Members Present:*

*Tony Morettini, Chairman*

*Lindsay Green*

*Craig Fisher*

*Lee Ann Freitas*

*Jay Maciel, Recording Secretary*

*Staff Present:*

*Nick Toth*

*Members Absent:*

*Ray Payson*

*Glenn Donovan*

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

1. Minutes: A motion to approve the February minutes was made by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Ms. Green. Vote: 5-0.
2. Tree Program Update: Mr. Morettini said that he and Mr. Tanner are awaiting confirmation from DPW Director Chris Parella regarding a time for a demonstration of the Davey Tree Keeper tree inventory system.
3. Landscaping Plan for New BWRSD High School Review: Mr. Morettini said he sent a letter to Director of Community Development Diane Williamson with the Conservation Commission's input from their review of the landscaping plan for the proposed high school on Chestnut Street. Among the findings was a request to preserve young and healthy trees from removal as well as feedback on the use of downlighting to make it safer for birds.
4. Clean Up Day: Mr. Maciel provided an update to the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Keep Bristol Clean town-wide cleanup day, scheduled for Saturday, April 19. Mr. Maciel said he has applied for two grants and that the Conservation Commission has been awarded both to underwrite the cost of the cleanup: A RI DEM Litter-Free Rhode Island Cleanup grant in the amount of \$500 and a sponsorship from BayCoast Bank in the amount of \$200. Mr. Maciel requested that Commissioners be on the lookout for areas around town with litter that need attention. Ms. Freitas said we should seek out volunteers for maintenance of the Metacom Avenue pollinator garden.
5. Around the Room: Ms. Green questioned whether there are ways to protect the water viewscape in Bristol. Mr. Maciel announced that the proposed hotel on Gooding Avenue was on the Planning Board agenda for their March 13 meeting and that the agenda packet was available online.
6. The next Conservation Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.
7. The meeting ended at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jay Maciel