



**TOWN OF BRISTOL  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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

*Tuesday, April 4, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.*

**APRIL 2023 MEETING MINUTES**

**Members Present:**

*Tony Morettini  
Ray Payson  
Lindsay Green  
Craig Fisher  
Glenn Donovan  
Jay Maciel*

**Staff Present:**

*Ed Tanner*

**Members Absent:**

*Lee Ann Freitas*

*The meeting was called to order by Chairman Morettini at 5:39 p.m.*

1. Minutes: A motion to approve the March minutes was made by Mr. Payson and seconded by Ms. Green. Vote: 6-0.
2. Open Space: It was agreed that Commission members will meet at the Perry-Tavares Farm on San Francisco Street to perform trail work, including the painting of blazes, on Monday, April 10 at 10 a.m. Mr. Tanner mentioned that the DPW will also be installing new trail and parking signs at the end of San Francisco Street.
3. Tree Program: Everyone agreed that the current version of the Policy for Resident Requests for Pruning and Removal looks good. Mr. Morettini said we are still awaiting reply from the Town Tree Warden on any comments he may have for the document. Mr. Tanner reported that we will be doing a spring tree planting where fifteen trees will be planted, and that the list of resident tree requests will be updated with all new requests.
4. Pollinator Garden Initiative: Mr. Tanner said that Ms. Freitas has designed a sign for the pollinator garden and stated he will forward her draft of the sign to Commission members for their review.
5. Keep Bristol Clean Effort: Mr. Morettini said that Town Administrator Contente had asked that the Conservation Commission spearhead this year's annual town-wide cleanup, tentatively set for Saturday, May 13. Mr. Morettini also said that he has asked Thrive Outside, the Boy Scouts, and Save Bristol Harbor to partner with us in this effort.
6. Arbor Day Tree Planting: Mr. Tanner announced that there will be a tree available for planting on Arbor Day, Friday, April 28, 2023. Mr. Morettini said we need to identify a location for the planting, to which Mr. Tanner remarked that a school, with student involvement, would be preferable.

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7. Around the Room: Mr. Payson announced that there will be a tree celebration event presented by the RI Tree Council on May 19 at 1:00 p.m. at the RI Veterans Home. Ms. Green noted that the EPA grant application for commercial food composting in Bristol did not happen. Ms. Green shared an article from WBUR.org entitled "Our sewage often becomes fertilizer. Problem is, it's tainted with PFAS". Ms. Green announced that Clean Ocean Access will be at the Mount Hope Farm farmers market on Saturday, April 8 to talk about composting. Ms. Green led a discussion about a possible drop off composting hot spot in Bristol and possible means to fund such an operation.
8. The next Conservation Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.
9. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Jay Maciel*