



*TOWN OF BRISTOL
CONSERVATION COMMISSION*

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

Tuesday, September 10, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 2024 MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

*Tony Morettini
Lindsay Green
Craig Fisher
Lee Ann Freitas*

Staff Present:

*Ed Tanner
Member Absent:
Ray Payson
Glenn Donovan
Jay Maciel*

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Morettini at 5:00 p.m.

1. Minutes: The minutes for the May 7, 2024 and June 6, 2024 meetings were approved unanimously with a vote of 4-0.
2. Open Space: There are no new open space applications for consideration.
3. Tree Program: Mr. Morettini discussed the use of various open tree map programs to create a triangle of information between Bristol Tree Warden Steve Saracino, Bristol Town Administrator Steve Contente and the Bristol DPW. Mr. Morettini plans to set up a meeting with Davey Tree Keeper to review their software and suggest an instructor come to Bristol to demonstrate their tree mapping software to him, Mr. Saracino, and Mr. Tanner. Mr. Tanner reported on the Tree Canopy Watersheds workshop which took place in June. Forty-five people showed up at the workshop and are interested in having trees planted in their respective areas. There are 280 spots to plant trees and a request for 90 trees is out for bid.
4. Land Acknowledgement: Mr. Morettini reported on the status of the Bristol Land Acknowledgement that was before the Town Council on August 21. The Council voted unanimously to agree to the concept of the Land Acknowledgment and to refer the matter to the solicitor for a review of the language.
5. Composting Effort: Mr. Tanner reported on the Bristol residential composting curbside pick-up grant application. Rosie Warburton from Black Earth Compost approached the Town of Bristol to apply for a 2-year USDA municipal composting food waste reduction grant to fund a two-year pilot project for residential curbside compost collection. About 450 customers will be targeted. Ms. Warburton and Mr. Tanner wrote and applied for the grant to be decided on in January, 2025. The Town of Bristol and 11th Hour Racing will contribute approximately 25% (\$10K each for each of the two years) and Black Earth Composting will cover the rest. If this service is successful, moving toward commercial composting would be a possible future step along with continuation of residential curbside pick-ups.

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6. Mt Hope High School Master Plan: A Master Plan for the redesign of Mount Hope High School was presented by Mr. Tanner. The architects are Perkins Eastman, Boston. The plans are available for further review with Mr. Tanner's secretary, Melanie Wolfe.
7. The meeting ended at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lindsay Green".

Lindsay Green