



*TOWN OF BRISTOL
CONSERVATION COMMISSION*

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

Tuesday, July 11, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.

JULY 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

Tony Morettini

Ray Payson

Craig Fisher

Jay Maciel

Staff Present:

Ed Tanner

Members Absent:

Lindsay Green

Glenn Donovan

Lee Ann Freitas

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Morettini at 5:53 p.m.

1. Minutes: A motion to approve the June minutes was made by Mr. Payson and seconded by Mr. Fisher. Vote: 4-0.
2. Open Space: Mr. Tanner said that signs and a trail map holder have been installed at the new entrance to the Perry-Tavares Farm at the end of San Francisco Street. Trail work at the site is also needed, and it was decided to meet there on Friday, July 14 at 9:00 a.m. to perform trail maintenance.
3. Tree Program: Mr. Morettini said that he sent the draft of the Policy for Resident Requests for Tree Pruning and Removal document to Town Administrator Contente, who responded that he would review and get back. Mr. Tanner reported that 22 newly purchased trees are at the Parks and Recreation facility and that he and Tree Warden Steve Saracino will meet to review locations for their planting. Mr. Tanner said that tree cutting is currently going on around Town with the Ash trees infected with the Emerald Ash Borer. Mr. Tanner also mentioned that there was \$20,000 in the budget for tree planting for the new fiscal year beginning July 1.
4. Pollinator Garden Initiative: Mr. Tanner noted that he had been in contact with Ms. Freitas who said she would be available to assist with weeding at the pollinator garden.
5. Bristol Yarn Mill Development: Mr. Morettini said that he gave the Conservation Commission's opinion on the planting plan for the development to Mr. Tanner for submission to the Planning Board.
6. Bristol Community Electricity: Patrick Roche and Allison McNeill from the firm Good Energy were in attendance to provide an overview and update to the Energy Aggregation Plan, similar to a summarization Mr. Roche provided to the Town Council at their June 21, 2023 meeting. Emphasis was made by Mr. Roche and Ms. McNeill on the timeline and next steps of the plan, in particular, that the plan approved by the Town Council in the June 21 meeting will be filed with the RI Division of Public Utilities soon, and that the Public Utilities Commission review and approval is expected within three to four months.

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7. Around the Room: Mr. Payson handed out copies of recent newspaper articles, one entitled Ode to a Beech Tree Forest by Lauren Parmelee in Newport This Week about beech leaf disease, and another, See How Ticks and Mosquitoes Are Carrying Diseases to More of the US in the Wall Street Journal. Mr. Payson also handed out copies of the Town of Bristol's Arbor Day proclamation that offered specific recognition to the Bristol Conservation Commission.
8. The next Conservation Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.
9. Mr. Payson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Fisher, and the meeting ended at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jay Maciel