



**TOWN OF BRISTOL
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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

Tuesday, April 1, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m.

APRIL 2025 MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

*Tony Morettini, Chairman
Ray Payson, Vice Chairman
Lindsay Green
Craig Fisher*

Staff Present:

Ed Tanner

Members Absent:

*Jay Maciel
Glenn Donovan
Lee Ann Freitas*

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

1. Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the March minutes was made by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Ms. Green. Vote: 4-0.
2. Open Space: i. There are no new open space applications for consideration.
3. Tree Program: i. Tree Management System Demo Update: Mr. Morettini reported there is no update. ii. Infrastructure Bank Grant – Spring Trees Update: Mr. Tanner said that a formal bid has gone out as of today for 91 trees to be planted in the Annawamscutt Drive, Leahy Pond and Sowams Drive neighborhood. Trees will be 1.5-to-2-inch caliper and include 50% larger species and 50 % smaller species. iii. High School Tree Transplanting Survey: Mr. Tanner said that he and Tree Warden Steve Saracino walked the high school grounds on March 19th to assess the quality of the 2018 Arbor Day planted trees which include red and sugar maples and red oaks. 21 trees are in good healthy condition and are in need of new planting sites. BCC members and staff will assist in locating new sites. On March 21st, Mr. Tanner and Ms. Elizabeth Kinder followed up with a cost analysis of transplanting these trees. Ms. Kinder estimated \$900 per tree under 5 inch caliper and much higher for larger size trees. The total cost estimate from Samuel Kinder & Brother, Inc. is \$24,000. After discussion it was determined to get a second estimate. Note: Transplant concerns are a result construction of a new high school complex on site with construction work to begin this summer.
4. Clean Up Day: Mr. Morettini discussed several key points of the planned clean-up for April 19th. Project Manager Jay Maciel is on vacation this week. Poster: 13 options are now available and the final poster is to be determined soon. Sponsors have been determined and are being finalized for the poster. Several locations for clean-up have been determined so far but BCC is encouraged to scout for several more. Grippers: ACE Hardware is providing 30 new grippers at a discount, and of interest 28 of the 35 grippers from last year were returned! Mr. Morettini will notify elected officials. Overall: The clean-up planning is well underway!
5. Gooding Avenue Hotel Planning Board Update: Several residents voiced their concerns against the hotel construction at the March 13th Planning Board meeting. The applicant is still at the concept or pre-application stage, so there will be future meetings.

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6. Composting Grant: The Town did not receive the grant they applied for but 11th-Hour Racing stepped up to cover cost of the Composting Pilot Project. A meeting to discuss the project is to be held on April 23rd. The Pilot Project will be programed for 500 residents for two years.
7. Around the Room: Ms. Green mentioned an interest in highlighting some of Bristol's "Scenic Views." Mr. Tanner announced that work will begin soon on a new Town of Bristol Comprehensive Plan, with work that will run through 2026.
8. Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:30 p.m. by Mr. Payson and seconded by Mr. Fisher. Vote 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ray Payson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ray Payson

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Bristol
CLEAN



The 36th Annual Town-Wide Community Cleanup

Meet at the DPW facility, 111 Mt. Hope Ave.
We'll have refreshments, supplies,
and litter patrol assignments, then
head out to the locations to collect litter

Saturday, April 19, 2025
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



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