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TOWN OF BRISTOL
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Department of Community Development
9 Court Street, Bristol, Rhode Island

Tuesday, May 11, 2021 @ 5:00 pm

MAY 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

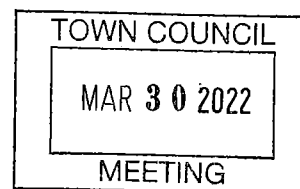
Tony Morettini
Ray Payson
Lindsay Green
Craig Fisher
Glenn Donovan
Lee Ann Freitas
Jay Maciel

Staff Present:

Ed Tanner

The video teleconference meeting was called to order by Chairman Morettini at 5:02 pm.

1. Minutes: A motion to approve the April minutes was made by Mr. Payson and seconded by Mr. Fisher. Vote: 7-0.
2. Open Space: Mr. Morettini provided an update to the Children's Grove Boy Scout service project. Prospective Eagle Scout Liam Hartnett enlisted approximately fifteen volunteers and performed trail maintenance at the site on April 17 and 18, 2021. Mr. Morettini reported that the project went well and the trails look great. Mr. Fisher commented that the property looks the best he's ever seen.
3. Tree Program: Mr. Tanner said he met with Steve Saracino, the Town's Tree Warden, to discuss the tree planting program, which included a review of tree requests made by Town residents. A plan is in place to obtain price quotes from various nurseries and to purchase 30 trees to fulfill both the tree requests and the need for additional trees around Town, especially at the Town Beach. Mr. Tanner said both he and Mr. Saracino went around to look at all of the trees planted last fall and was happy to report that all are starting to bud and leaf out. Mr. Morettini reported that he and Mr. Tanner attended the State Arbor Day celebration in East Providence, and that he, Mr. Tanner, Mr. Payson, and Mr. Maciel attended the Town's Arbor Day celebration at the Town Beach on April 30, 2021 where two eastern dogwoods that came from Kinder Brothers were planted. Mr. Morettini said he started mapping the champion trees in Bristol, as designated by the RI Tree Council, and that some had already been mapped.
4. Pollinator Garden Update: Ms. Freitas said that some plants for the pollinator garden at the Perry-Tavares Farm were back-ordered and will be available at a later date. She also said that DaPont's Landscaping will be contacted regarding the delivery of soil. Ms. Freitas also mentioned that the purchase of a water tank is in the plans.
5. Fertilizer Initiative: Mr. Morettini said that parties involved are very close to having a final deliverable in the form of a tri-fold flyer. Currently, they need to identify the logistics of putting





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- the word out and getting the flyer into people's hands. The flyer is directed at educating homeowners about fertilization, the problems it causes, and what they can do about it.
6. Town-Wide Cleanup: Mr. Maciel reported that the Keep Bristol Clean clean-up effort on May 1, 2021 was an overall success with 120 volunteers picking up 2700 pounds of trash, recyclables, and compost town-wide. Thirteen volunteers made up of Conservation Commission members and their friends picked up litter at the Bristol Golf Course, contributing to a marked improvement at that site.
 7. Announcements/Around the Room: Mr. Morettini called for volunteers to help with the wetlands planting at the Bristol Golf Course that will take place on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week. He said 1700 plants were delivered and unloaded today, and that people were needed to plant them around the water features at the golf course, which will ultimately aid in the filtration and water quality there. Mr. Tanner announced that an ethics training teleconference seminar will take place on May 25, 2021 and all Conservation Commission members are urged to attend. Mr. Fisher drew attention to an online training workshop entitled A Residential Guide to Stormwater taking place on May 12, 2021 that features Lee Ann Freitas as one of the trainers.
 8. The next Conservation Commission meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 1, 2021, at 5:30 pm.
 9. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Payson, seconded by Mr. Morettini, and the meeting ended at 6:09 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jay Maciel".

Jay Maciel