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TOWN OF BRISTOL
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

Tuesday, June 8, 2021 @ 5:30 pm

JUNE 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

Tony Morettini
Ray Payson
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 5:32 pm.

1. Minutes: A motion to approve the May minutes was made by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Ms. Freitas. Vote: 6-0.
2. Open Space: Mr. Morettini reported that Liam Hartnett, who's Boy Scout service project was performing maintenance at the Children's Grove, has advanced to Eagle Scout. Mr. Fisher mentioned that there seems to be more wildlife at the Children's Grove now, citing more ducks and deer.
3. Tree Program: Mr. Tanner said that forty trees have been ordered for the spring tree planting cycle by Steve Saracino, the Town's Tree Warden, and should be delivered in a couple of weeks. Mr. Tanner also said that he has Tree City USA signs and new "20 Years" stickers for the signs.
4. Food Waste/Composting Initiative: Mr. Morettini said he will contact Chris Parella, Director of Public Works, about placing a food waste drop off hub spot at Minturn Farm Road.
5. Pollinator Garden: Ms. Freitas explained that the meadow at the Perry-Tavares Farm was not conducive to planting a pollinator garden at that spot, citing in particular that poison ivy there would be hazardous to volunteers. She went on to say that there will be a change in location of the garden to Metacom Avenue, near the entrance to the property opposite Fatima Drive, and that this location is a better fit and has greater visibility. Mr. Tanner said that Town Administrator Contente was informed about the site change and was on board with the idea. Mr. Tanner also said that there will be trail maintenance and stone wall work done at the property as a project by a prospective Eagle Scout. Mr. Payson warned that attention should be paid to the ticks there. Ms. Freitas said that she will schedule a site visit there to help scope out the pollinator garden project.
6. Fertilizer Initiative: Mr. Morettini said that he has an upcoming project meeting on Thursday and hopes to have a final draft of the flyer at that time. The next step is to identify the process of getting the information to general public, specifically, how and where to distribute the flyer.

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7. Golf Course Project: Mr. Tanner said that phase II construction of the project should be completed next week. He went on to say that he met with Wenley Ferguson, Director of Habitat Restoration for Save the Bay, who recently directed the planting of 1,600 wetland plants at the golf course. She still has some plants for the north side to be planted when phase II construction is done and that more, follow up planting will be done in September. Mr. Tanner said that on the whole, the plantings done in May by volunteers look okay and that some plants were lowered towards more saturated ground. Mr. Morettini conveyed a heartfelt thank you note from Wenley Ferguson for all the volunteer work done at the golf course.
8. Announcements/Around the Room: Mr. Payson mentioned the passing of Sam Kinder, the Town's former Tree Warden, emphasizing Sam's contributions to Bristol's overall tree canopy, and that Bristol is a better place because of his efforts. Ms. Green said that Nantucket, MA has placed a ban on gas powered leaf blowers. Mr. Fisher mentioned the need for RI Resource Recovery Corporation to develop a strategy to recycle glass, citing the need to separate glass from other recyclables because glass is damaging to their equipment.
9. The next Conservation Commission meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at 5:30 pm.
10. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Payson, seconded by Mr. Maciel. All were in favor and the meeting ended at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Maciel", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jay Maciel